

MADISON TOWNSHIP

Post Office Box 620 Millville, PA 17846

570-458-0224

E-mail: madisontwp@pa.metrocast.net

MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2015

The March 9, 2015 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Michelle Densberger at 7:00 PM. Attending were, Claire Swartz, Michelle Densberger, Glenn Titman Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Jon Swank, Jim Keller, Tom Killian, Ronald Evans and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Jim Keller lives on Lyons Road but would like to discuss Christy Hill Road. He noted the drifts have been really bad. If the men would plow the drifts to the left it wouldn't drift so badly. Glenn Titman said that is not one of the roads he plows but he will have the men plow both directions and then do an extra pass to the left again.

Ronald Evans lives on Dug Road. The water has been running from up the hill. Today he came home and there was a dirt pile in his driveway. He couldn't get in his driveway and his wife can't get her car out. Glenn noted there are big stones in the pipe blocking the pipe. Ronald said he does clean it out. The road is pitched away and the water comes down the hill. Glenn noted when the silk comes down it does block up the stone and pipe. Michelle noted the water was coming across the road from his pipe. Ronald noted it is coming from uphill and is also running across in many other spots. Ronald said his problem is he can't get in his driveway and his wife can't get out. Glenn Titman said if he gets his pipe open then they will come and remove the dirt. He noted the water can't run across the road it becomes a hazard and damages the road. Glenn was called there. Ronald asked what will happen if there is an emergency tonight and emergency vehicles can't get in his driveway. When Ronald gets the pipe open he should call Glenn and he will come and remove the dirt. Michelle noted the pipe is the property owned responsibility. Chief Swank said he is concerned that Ronald is being closed off. If there is an emergency and they can't get in, it could come back on the Township. Could the pile be lower? Nancy Welliver had the same concern about blocking the driveway.

POLICE

Chief Swank is incurring some expense for the new hires with psych and physicals exams. He doesn't think it will run more than \$500.00.

He has been in touch with Mike about the computer. Mike is looking into it.

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of February 9, 2015. *Claire Swartz made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2015. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills were reviewed.

Glenn Titman made a motion to approve the financial reports and to pay bills as presented. Bills paid from General Fund (including Liquid Fuel bills) were \$8,664.47. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$207.78. Bills paid during the month from the Liquid Fuel Fund totaled \$48.00. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Had a meeting, but there was any business. There are some delinquents that letters will be going out to.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Michelle Densberger reviewed a subdivision for the Beck property. The sewer module has not been approved yet. They would like us to approve pending approval of the sewer module. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to approve the subdivision, pending the approval of the sewer module and necessary signatures. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(3 - \$5,171.73)

SEO REPORT

()

PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

()

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Lots of snow work. Jim Keller thanked the guys for all their work plowing. Glenn Titman noted the roads are terrible. We know the roads are muddy and we will be working on them. We will need good stone, sub base or 2B.

Gary Williams asked if we are gaining or losing on the tar & chip roads. Michelle Densberger said a little of both. Some roads may need to be torn up and some may be saved. If the road and crown is good enough we will fix and put on another coat. We are going to try to maintain. We only have so much money. It helps when people pay for tar & chipping. Claire Swartz noted Crawford Road looks good. Michelle said that was the one we got grant money for and repaired last year. Glenn Titman noted the roads should have two coats of tar & chip before we put a seal coat.

OLD BUSINESS

Bridge inspection corrections. Michelle noted they seem to be the same. We will check the last 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Densberger made a motion to hire Ed Koser, Dean Seidel, and Randall Robbins for part time road work on an as needed basis. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to hire Ed Koser, Dean Seidel, and Randall Robbing as part time road workers on an as needed basis. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Glenn Titman noted if we are going to do any seal coating we will need new brooms. Will get some prices.

Michelle spoke to Nancy Corbin about the Dirt & Gravel Grant. The first funding deadline is April 15. They want a lot of new information. We have to relook at Cross Road from last year, Swartz Road, and 3 or 4 different roads. County received \$500,000. Grants will be given by rank.

Columbia County Liquid Fuels Grant Assistance Program must have some type of non-county funding and non-maintenance. We don't have a lot of funds to put in. They will look into further.

Penn Dot has requested that Millville Borough get written letters from surrounding township giving their approval for possible detours for the Millville Borough Fireman's Parade. A letter of approval will be sent.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Penn Dot advising of planned resurfacing for 2015.

A letter from Penn Dot addressing critical structural bridge deficiencies and advising if we don't have the bridges inspected and corrections made Penn Dot will and we will be billed. Larson Design inspects our bridge.

A letter from Larson Design advising they will be inspecting the bridge sometime between March to May of this year.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Gary Williams asked about the new police officers, what are their credentials. Michelle Densberger said they are both right out of the academy. Gary asked what good are they, what training will they need. Michelle said they are licensed when they come out of the academy. We know a lot of times they come for experience but when a full time position comes available they move on. Sometimes they will stay for a while. The other thing is we don't pay what other department pay. This is something we have to deal with as a part time police department. We were looking into possibility merging or co-oping last year, but that fell apart. We may look into it again this year.

Glenn Titman asked when the audit will be done. Secretary noted it is done. Michelle asked if they audited Connie Crawford for the 2 years. They did have her come in but Secretary didn't know if they did both years.

Glenn Titman asked about the Conference. No one had received packets. They will look to see what the programs will be.

Nancy Welliver noted the Community Center will be holding another Benefit Dinner on May 2nd. There are still a lot of project that need to be done; leaking pipes and the flowerbeds. Eagle Scout Tyler Hintzelman will be working on the pavilion, paint tables, cleaning up the spring animals, new mulch, and maybe new swings. He hopes to raise some money for his projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Titman made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer