

## MADISON TOWNSHIP

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### MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2014

The May 12, 2014 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Claire Swartz at 7:00 PM. Attending were, Claire Swartz, Glenn Titman, Michelle Densberger, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Tom Killian, Joe Lyons, David & Cassandra Hoover, Michael Miguelez, Jon Swank and Peggy Long.

#### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Joe Lyons and a few others have done the leg work for the AG Security for night security and harassments. Signs were never erected. Greenwood and Pine Township do have signs. He noted they have done all the procedures and it was recorded and it is still good. It is in Book 528, page 908. There are three of them on the committee; two must be farmers and one a non-farmer. Maybe someone new would like to be on the committee. Michelle Densberger suggested do it during reorganization. Joe would like to see the blue & white AG Security signs where entering the township. Claire Swartz said they are good for seven years. Michelle suggested Joe have names for next meeting.

#### MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of April 10, 2014. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to accept the minutes of April 10, 2014 (with name spelling correction), Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills list were reviewed.

*Michelle Densberger made a motion to approve the financial reports and to pay bills as presented. Bills paid from General Fund were \$2,207.64. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$9,361.39. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$1,619.50. Bills paid during the month from the Liquid Fuel Fund totaled \$2,812.83. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Nancy Welliver reported there are three customers that are behind in their sewer bills and claims will be filed with the magistrate. There are ten customers that were listed to be pumped.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

No business

#### TRANSFER TAX REPORT

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#### SEO REPORT

(0)

## **PERMIT OFFICER REPORT**

(3)

Secretary reported a complaint was received concerning a property with a lot of rubbish, noting rats are coming from the property. Chris Bower was informed and he called Steve Bilski. Steve said he can do something and will go look at the property. Steve also said there is a rubbish ordinance we might want to consider.

## **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

None

## **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

Glenn Titman said the grader is now being used. He noted we have a good pile of cinders but we will continue to stock more as they become available.

Claire Swartz said Joe Benner called him and gave him a two week notice of resignation. Secretary would like a resignation in writing. Michelle asked Glenn to ask Joe for something in writing or Peggy could type one up for him to sign. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to accept Joe Benner's verbal two week resignation. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion carried.*

Michelle Densberger questioned if we want a full time or part-time workers. Michelle suggested we advertise for part-time road crew. Flex hours to be established. Resume will be accepted until May 29, 2014.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Michelle Densberger noted she gave OIC Swank the list of missing equipment and he was able to go through the office and cars. OIC Swank spoke to Ted Stout and his verbal answer to Jon was there are some items Ted has. There is a black hock holster, an end plate adapter, a 4 arm clip sight, and a mini weapon laser. Ted has indicated he will return these items or pay for them. We have no guns that these items fit. OIC Swank noted we do not have any long guns. Michelle said if he is willing to purchase these items at the original cost, she'd have no problem with that. OIC Swank said he didn't know if you are going to get him to do that. Many of the items were purchased years ago. Swank said if it comes to a civil suit Stout's attorney will ask for a depreciated value. Nancy Welliver noted Stout had use of these items all these years. Swank said because of the case with Millville this is what his attorney wants. We did find several items. Swank noted there was a black hock holster (page 3) that Swank thought was his, which he had paid for and has, but another one was found in the safe at Millville. There were two radios found. One the SWAT Team has and will return to us. The other one he is trying to get the serial number for. Keystone is looking for the serial number. If they find it the SWAT will return the second radio. Part-time departments are not members of the SWAT. Ted said a lot of the items were left in the Millville office. Without serial numbers we don't know who they belong to. Michelle noted there were USB drives that we paid hundreds of dollars for and there is not one to be found. The list has been narrowed down. Do you want Stout to pay for the items at the original price or have Stout return them? Glenn Titman questioned the four guns from surplus. Swank said we have all of them, there are about eleven. Glenn asked about the registration. The guns are registered in Ted Stout's name. Swank is sure he will sign them over to him but hasn't had time yet. Michelle asked if they can be signed over to the Township. Swank was not sure, he is looking into that. Michelle said as far as the guns, one was sold but we don't know where the money for it went. The 12 gauge shot gun, Stout said was left in the office. Jon Swank and Jon Yaskiewicz do believe the two shot guns were purchased at the same time in 1993. The serial numbers would have been very close. They think the guns could have

been mixed up at that time. Madison had Millville's serial number gun and Millville had Madison's serial number gun. Swank reported Ted Stout said the two hand guns were traded at D & R, but were also on Millville's list. Michelle spoke with Beverly and she showed her the list with serial numbers and they were not on Millville list or the list of guns that were removed from Stout's house from the PFA. Claire Swartz asked "What do we do." Swank said you can file with the District Magistrate's Office for small claims, up to \$12,000.00. It would probably be moved to another Magistrate that was no affiliated with Stout. Michelle asked supervisors what action they want to take. She noted we can't report the guns as stolen or missing. OIC Swank stated if they are put in the system as stolen, but were legally bought, and that person was pulled over and a check was run on the gun, it would come back as stolen. That person could be arrested. Once it is proven they legally purchased the gun, they could sue the Township. Michelle noted we know the guns weren't stolen. Cassondra Hoover asked how do you know they weren't stolen. Michelle noted technically we don't, we left it in the hands of our Police Department. The police department never told us any of the guns were missing or stolen. OIC Swank noted that was Chief Stout, not him. David Hoover asked what if that gun turns up in a crime somewhere? OIC Swank suggested we talk to our Solicitor for advice to protect the Township. Personally, Swank thinks Stout traded the gun, he was constantly trading guns. Nancy Welliver asked, then why didn't the bills indicate that in lieu of compensation? Michelle noted there were lots & lots of bills without a trail. OIC Swank feels the Township has to sue Stout for the guns. He has to give an explanation so there is a public record from him. You have then done your part. Michelle questioned how much taxpayer money do you want to spend. Cassondra Hoover feels in some manor we do need to make Stout be accountable. Michelle would like to ask the solicitor if we could have some kind statement on record to show previous leadership did not have knowledge or where the guns are. OIC Swank feels we have to sue Stout to get him to tell where the guns are. Michelle said Stout had told Swank, he didn't know where they were. Cassondra suggested if you force him, he may tell. Swank also feels if a Judge is involved he may force Stout for an answer. Michelle thinks if we go after him it should be for the guns and some of the other items. Cassondra question if there is a statute of limitation? Claire Swartz said we need to contact the Solicitor to see what can be done. Michelle has called the DA three times, but has never received a call back. She has also been in touch with the ATF; they are also working with Millville. OIC Swank would like to get the name of the person who purchased the gun to see who he purchased the gun from. Glenn Titman feels we need to make an appointment with Barry Lewis to discuss matters. OIC Swank noted it might be a conflict of interest. Barry Lewis is a very good friend to Ted Stout. Lewis gave Ted his first job. Claire Swartz said we will call or go see the solicitor. Michelle will try to call the DA again. If she doesn't get him by Wednesday, she will call Barry Lewis. Nancy Welliver suggested we ask Barry if this will be a conflict. Michelle we can get another attorney but we should ask Barry first. Almost anyone around here has had some contact with Stout. Claire Swartz noted we will call the solicitor and move on. Michelle has some information for the grant, but will need to sit with Glenn to come up with time for equipment and labor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Audit report was given to the Supervisors. Auditors would like to have all requests for payment to the secretary in writing. They would like better records for the CD interest. Secretary has had problems from when the State Auditor was in. He wanted interest balance as of December 31, 2014, as does the Township Auditors. Secretary called Pauline at the bank and she didn't understand the problem. The only way to have a December 31st balance would be to take close the CDs and reopen in January.

Michelle checked on the truck payment, it is due in May 12, 2014. Secretary noted when doing reconciliation for the State Fund, she questioned by we are not getting any interest. It was not set up in the correct account. Michelle will check with Pauline.

Michelle noted we budgeted for a \$10,000.00 truck loan payment. She would like to include this year's interest so we could pay off the loan in four years. *Glenn Titman made a motion to pay the truck loan in the amount of \$10,937.44. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

## **POLICE**

Michelle Densberger asked OIC Swank for the employee manuals.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

EMA training for Elected Officials Training. Michelle questioned if this is for the required training of the 100, 300, &700 classes. Claire Swartz said he will talk to Jay Brown about it. An email from Don Free concerning sign maintenance. Inventory of signs should be done by June 13, 2014, but the other deadlines have been dropped. Michelle is working on the inventory. Letter was received from Penn Dot approving the Hidden Driveway Sign for the northbound direction. The church will pay for the sign. A form must be signed and returned when the sign has been erected.

Gary Williams questioned if we will be advertising for road oil. Glenn Titman did not attend the COG meeting when it was bid. He noted some of the other townships are going to do their own. They will get some numbers around for next month.

Insurance inspector was here to inspect the playground. Secretary sent a letter stating we checked with the company for a retro fit handles. There are not any available. Letter informed we had put on rubber handle on last year. We will put new ones on. Glenn Titman noted he was told we should take down the section near the spring toys. That was not in the letter of findings. Michelle has information on grants that are available for playground and asked Nancy to look into. There is nothing there for the kids.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP**

Nancy Welliver noted the Community Center had the pig roast and it was just awesome, so exciting, and so many people came out to support. They had a great turn out. They cleared \$5,714.00. The help was great. The Scouts also came out to help.

There is a gentleman from the area that has offered to match up to \$10,000.00 from fund raised to help with the Community Center expenses. As yet no deadline has been set, we have about \$8,000.00. Nancy noted on Election Day they will be selling food. Homecoming will be June 8, 2014, 12:30, bring a covered dish.

Glenn Titman noted when workers are on the roads they should be wearing reflective vest and helmets or they can be fined. Michelle noted PSATS sells the vest for \$11.00. Glenn will be attending the Hughesville Equipment Show on May 21<sup>st</sup> and will see if he can get some prices. Nancy noted bridges that are not 20' do not require an engineer to work on them. Michelle said there are package grants coming for bridges that we could get in with other municipalities and get done at the same time. Claire Swartz noted in the Township News, under Act 89 there will be a lots more money. Michelle noted this is one we are trying to get in this round. A second round will be awarded in July, so if we don't get the first round we will be first in line for that one.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Michelle Densberger made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Glenn Titman seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long  
Secretary/Treasurer