

MADISON TOWNSHIP

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MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2012

The May 14, 2012 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Glenn Titman at 7:00 PM. Attending were, Glenn Titman, Claire Swartz, Michelle Densberger, Nancy Welliver, Brian Poust, Link Johnson, David Cooper, Erin Diehl, John C. Diehl Sr., Carl Stauffer, Janet Samsel, Linda DeMott, Dwayne Wynings, June Pennypacker, Harold Pennypacker, Steve & Terry Swartz, Matthew & Kimber Patt, Keith & Heather Roberts, Sean Levan, Roger Strout, Gary Williams, Josh Hawkins, Mindy Hawkins, Gene Meek, Joyce Meek, Ron Sweeney, Rob Densberger, Jarrett Swartz, and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Sean Levan, Montour Conservation, contacted Penn Dot pertaining to set back for Lincoln Johnson. Tom Parr verbally stated the setback is only 33 feet. His next step would be to contact Chris Bower for a development permit. Plans were reviewed by the Supervisors. Supervisors have no problems with the plans.

Mr. Dave Cooper is representing neighbors on Deihl Road from Rt. 44 to Derry Road. The residences are very concerned with the condition of the road. Pot holes, pot holes, pot holes. They propose the road be tar and chipped. Glenn Titman said the problem is not enough money. He will be meeting with Greg Dibble, Municipal Service Specialist, from Penn Dot, to review several roads to see what can be done and what the expense would be. One problem is running water. If we run a pipe it could run water over someone's land. One resident noted there is a drain pipe there. Glenn Titman noted the men use to get a call and would run out and fill the pot hole, then run back. This is wasting both time and gas running back and forth. We now have a plan and we will work our way over to you.

Dave Cooper review township budget and finances. You do have money to repair roads. Glenn Titman stated is we spend all the money on Deihl Road we wouldn't have money for any other roads. Glenn Titman reported he spoke to Mary Wagner and she advised him to file for a Dirt & Gravel Grant. He also spoke to David Millard, who said he would try to help the township. Mr. Cooper stated Deihl Road has a high density of homes on it and a lot of traffic. Glenn Titman said year ago he heard a supervisor state "yes but I didn't raise your taxes." Other areas have steadily raised taxes and repaired their roads. Madison did not raise their taxes as we go along and the roads did not get fixed. Mr. Cooper said other Townships borrow money or raise taxes. He said he only pay \$38.00 a year, he put more money in his gas tank. He would be willing to pay more taxes if it gets the roads fixes. Michelle Densberger noted we raised the taxes this year. But they haven't been raised in twenty years. You can't raise the tax from ½ mil to 12 mils all at one time. We are looking at different ways to save money. In the past we jump from one road to another to fill pot holes. This is using tons of fuel, wear and tear on the equipment, and repairs. Tires alone this year were \$11,000.00. One resident felt the taxes should be raised, noting she has had a lot of wear and tear on her personal vehicle traveling the bad roads. Michelle Densberger also noted she has also had vehicle expenses. Another resident asked what is the plan for Deihl Road? The road needs to be properly prepared. Why has this been allowed to go on so long? Michelle

Densberger explained there has never been a policy manual in place. We have sent to the Solicitor an Employee Handbook and Policy Manual for his review that we want to pass. This will spell out procedures and disciplinary actions. Glenn Titman will meet with Greg Dibble, from Penn Dot, to go over the road to see what needs to be done to fix the road correctly. Michelle Densberger noted Cross Road is also a very bad road it is not just Deihl Road that is bad. The goal is to get one road done, than go to another. Greg Dibble will come out to review the road and advise a course of action. One resident noted there isn't a road in this township that has a crown; the water has nowhere to go. Claire Swartz said they have talked to other township and have learned there something they are doing that we weren't aware of. There are possible funds available, if we are not too late. Steve Swartz noted too that Deihl Road is really bad, and what other road has the density of housed on it. Many of the residence are will to pay to better the roads, but they want the roads prepared properly some their money was not wasted. Steve Swartz noted there are some soft spots and springs that should have been dug out and fixed. Roads need to be prepared before tar and chipping. Steve Swartz questioned why the tire road did not continue. Current Supervisors don't know. Glenn Titman asked Nancy Welliver if she knew. She noted money was an object and had to do with the lay of the land. Steve thought there was supposed to be enough money to do the whole thing. Michelle note it is holding up beautifully however, we are no longer allowed to use the tires. Linda DeMott questioned who the road master is and does he live in the township. Joe Benner is the road foreman, not the road master, and he does not live in the township. Linda Demott asked who gives these guys the orders for what they need to do each day. Glenn Titman said he passes the word to them. Michelle Densberger noted the Employee Hand Book and Police Manuel will address these problems. Michelle Densberger said she will enforce it. She said we got a sample from PSATS and made some changes for our Township. We just need approval from the solicitor. Glenn Titman said we are having Greg look over Deihl and Shultz Roads. Steve questions if Greg would look over the roads then give his recommendations and you will take his recommendations and try to put into some type of financial format. Michelle said he will let us know what ultimately would be the best plan of action. He will give us an estimate of the cost to do the work. If we can't come up with the money or a grant, he can make other recommendation. His service is free, he doesn't us anything. Glenn Titman talked to Rep. Millard about help for a grant. Millard said he will do whatever he can to help up. Claire Swartz noted two years ago there was discussion of tearing up all the oil and chip roads, we are not looking to do that. There is some money set aside for emergency. Deihl Road may be the emergency. Linda DeMott asked once the Hand Book is in place will they fire someone and then advertise for a new employee. Michelle Densberger said maybe. We presently have several part timer that were hired in January, they would be given the first opportunity to work full time. Glenn Titman asked how many residences are interested in tar & chipping this year? Steve Swartz doesn't think there will be many if the roads aren't fixed first, it would be a waste of their money. Glenn Titman stated the road will be fixed before any tar & chipping is done. Teri Swartz asked if there will be a limit how much the residence can purchase. Michelle Densberger said that is going to be discussed tonight. In past years residences were to pay 50% of the cost. They have never really paid the 50%. We didn't require POs, but now they will have to get POs for permission to make purchases. Glenn Titman stated supervisors are working to correct a lot of the problems and thanked residence for coming out. There was a lot of discussion how to decide how a resident could purchase and where. Claire Swartz asked what percent you are willing to pay. Some residence won't be able to afford it. Janet Samsel stated she pays for her tar & chipping, she wants it done again and will continue as

long as she can afford it.

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of April 9, 2012 meeting.

Claire Swartz made a motion to accept the minutes of March 12, 2012. Michelle Densberger 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 \$1,747.58. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$6,040.02. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$88.56, Debit Account (MC) 52.86. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The MC Account is now listed and will show the balance. Michelle Densberger advised secretary to keep \$500.00 in the account.

POLICE REPORT

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Nancy Welliver noted the authority is still reviewing how to save money. A letter will be sent out to Customers with their next billing advising of conditions and options. Michelle Densberger asked who would police if the pumping and being done. She doesn't want to see us get into legal cost. Nancy Welliver said Riverside Borough does it that way.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Michelle Densberger reported the Planning Commission has approved the subdivision for Carl L. Dildine/Deborah D. Smith pending notarized signatures. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to approve sub division for Dildine/Smith, pending notarized signatures. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(1) \$156.80

SEO REPORT

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PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

(2)

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

None

ROAD MASTER REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

The door for the Community Center was ordered from Bloom Glass & Mirror in the amount of \$3,740.95.

Last year cost for oil was \$3.05 and this year is \$3.63 per/gal. After discussion it was decided

to try to get closer to the 50%. Claire noted past policy limited residence to 300 feet. Nancy Welliver said once you start the tar & chip process you need to continue for several years or it will be for nothing.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to charge the residence for the first 100 feet to 300 feet will cost \$200.00 per 100 feet (45%), then 400 feet to 600 feet will cost \$275.00 per 100 feet (60%) 700 feet to 900 feet will cost \$350.00 per 100 feet (75%), over 900 feet will cost \$450.00 per 100 feet (100%). You must own a residence on that road to get these rates. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Handbook will be tabled until next month.

Central Tax Bureau advised they will be automatically deducted their commission from our EIT payments received.

Michelle Densberger said there are places that will donate used computer to student that do not have one. She will look into it further. *Glenn Titman made a motion to give the Townships old computer to student that does not have one. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Millville Borough has installed an emergency generator for the EMA. They are asking for a 4 way split for the installation cost with Millville Boro., Madison Twp., Pine Twp., and Greenwood Twp. Supervisors would like more information for next month meeting. Dewberry-Goodkind Inc. has informed us that Penn Dot intends to file an application for a waterway obstruction permit with DEP for a bridge replacement project over East Branch Chillisquaque Creek.

CORRESPONDENCE

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Nancy Welliver noted the flower beds at the Community Center are in bad condition.

Secretary reported we have signed up with Career Link for occasional help. They will check with John Nichols, the scout leader.

ADJOURNMENT

Michelle Densberger made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 PM. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer