

MADISON TOWNSHIP

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2013

The October 14, 2013 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, Mary Shade, Larry & Sally Allbeck, Harry Watts, Jonathan Swank, and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of September 9, 2013 meetings. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 2013, meeting. 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 \$28,128.83. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$13,554.08. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$10,314.63. Bills paid during the month from Liquid Fuel Fund totaled \$409.98. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

See below.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

No meeting

PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for reissue of permit for the Millville Transfer Station will be filed.

Michelle Densberger advised they have gotten approval from DEP for the Jerseytown Real Estate Subdivision. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to approve the Jerseytown Real Estate Subdivision. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Michelle Densberger reviewed subdivision plans for Larry Allbeck. *Glenn Titman made a motion to approve subdivision for Larry Allbeck. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michelle Densberger made a motion to sign a waiver for Allbeck's subdivision. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(4 - \$3096.31)

SEO REPORT

(0)

PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

(0)

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

None

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Glenn Titman reported the township has been using Franklin Township's grader and driver. He has been doing a great job but will be finished on Tuesday.

Mary Shade said since the men have been working on Engle road, there aren't any pot holes. She really appreciates the fantastic job. Glenn Titman noted there is still work to be done, but it is better.

OLD BUSINESS

Michelle spoke to Pauline, at Frist Columbia Bank, and she will put a report together to show what we earned, and what somebody else earned during the same period, with approximately the same amount of money, so we can see a comparison.

NEW BUSINESS

Copies from Larson Design Group of the recent inspection of the bridge over Mud Creek were given to each supervisor. There were some deficiencies that need to be address now and others later on. Claire Swartz reviewed the findings and their cost. We will add these to our work schedule.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to set the workshop session for Thursday, October 24, 2013 and Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 PM, at the Millville Borough Office. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary received a call from Steve Puzio, DEP. He was checking to see how often we pump both the Jerseytown and Hilner sewer customers. Jerseytown does do ten or so properties every year. We also sent out a survey to see how many people live at the property, to help us see who might need pumped more often. He advised properties should be pumped ever three years. The Hilner customers have not been pumped since 2009. We are already over what was budgeted for Hilner 2013. Michelle Densberger noted no money had been budgeted for pumping this year. Supervisors will hold off pumping until 2014, so they can budget money to pump.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Joan Davis, Dept. of Transportation, advising there are three stop signs missing on SR 4023 Spruce Run in the area of Ridge Road. It is the Township's responsibility to maintain. Glenn Titman said they will take care of the signs after the grader work is done.

Fax from Columbia County EMA and PEMA advising of training classes for G-191 ICS/EOC Interface and G-146: HSRRP. These are not the classes they need for NIM qualifications.

Michelle Densberger said you have to have 100 and 700 before you can take any of those calls. She does have 100 & 700. Claire and Glenn do need to take the 100 & 700 classes.

American Power & Gas contacted the Secretary about signing with their company for electricity. We presently pay .8552, they offer 6.7 cents and would pay our early out charge. Nancy Welliver asked how long the rate would be good for. The fax did not state how long the rate was good for nor did it state they would pay for our buy out. Secretary will call for more info.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Harry Watts said he is surprised no one wants to talk about the status of the Police Chief. He still would like to consider Hemlock Police Department but knows that would cost too much. He still thinks we should budget more money for a police department. If Greenwood Township can do \$35,000.00 for police, so should Madison. If you work with a limited budget, you might as well shut it down. There is no patrolling on Fifth Street. Michelle noted we have had coverage during the day now and the police have been seen. We do not have any equipment to do speed checks. We are looking into a device. Claire thanked Harry for his concerns and said we are working on it. Harry asked if the police could write up a report like the road master does. Michelle noted that would take more time from the police. The road master does not write the report. Glenn Titman does it on his own time. Glenn Titman said he does it before work or after. Harry still feels we should raise the mills to help fund the police department. Michelle Densberger said many of the Township residence could not afford higher taxes. There are some residences that feel more money should be spent on the roads. It's a no win situation. Harry said Millville will be acting on Stout's resignation on Tuesday. He asked if Madison has heard from Stout yet. Michelle said she has not. Glenn Titman said he heard a rumor that Jonathan Swank has the resignation from Ted Stout but has not seen it yet. Nancy Welliver said to add to our workshop advertisement and any other business. Secretary said she does advertise it that way. Glenn Titman noted we need a ladder put on truck #4, mud flaps moved, and a new blade. The loader still is not repaired. It is in good shape. Claire has not received a quote for the repairs yet. The Backhoe is in very bad shape. He almost went over a bank today. The brakes have been repaired but still don't work. It is a 1973. Joe Benner said it is not safe to operate. Michelle has said all along the backhoe is the first equipment that should be replaced. We can look for a replacement. Claire reported the engine is still available for the grader. It would cost \$4,500.00 and probably that much more for labor. They do not think it is worth putting that much money into it.

POLICE

Claire Swartz noted we had put off the police report until OIC Swank could get here from his other meeting.

OIC Swank presented Supervisors with a letter of resignation from Ted Stout. OIC Swank had planned to come with his budget to ask to move some money around to get some equipment, a radio for the Crown Vic, however he has been sick and just got back to work. He asked when the supervisors would need his budget. Michelle noted they will have the work sessions on 10/24 and 10/29. He will have it for them. Claire noted he needs a communication radio for the Crown Vic. Swank feels the Crown Vic should be used more, in the summer you do not need the four wheel drive. Swank will look around for a radio; it will have to be programed by Keystone Communications. Michelle asked how he made out with the V-Spec unit. Swank was told, by the man who certified the stop watch, a used Vascar unit would probably run around \$500.00 to get it and have it installed. He will send a quote to Swank. Glenn Titman noted truck #4 also needs a radio. Swank will check on that also.

Harry Watts asked if the Supervisors were going to accept the resignation from Ted Stout. Michelle Densberger said we should wait until we speak to the solicitor to get his recommendation. Secretary read Ted Stout's resignation. Claire Swartz noted in the beginning we were going to wait and follow Millville's lead and advice from the solicitor.

Nancy Welliver was very glad to see we are partnering with another township for the use of a grader. She feels this is the only way small townships are going to survive. Greenwood has more growth. PPL and Game Commission have a lot of land in Madison Township. Swank said

Greenwood would love to share. Glenn Titman noted a grader is used almost every day. Claire said when there are bad wash outs; all the townships need the graders at the same time. Michelle Densberger agrees we must be open- minded about co-op sharing and do when you have the ability to do not just when you want to do. Nancy asked if at the end of the year, we would know how many hours we have put on the equipment. Michelle said yes, they logged the millage at the beginning of the year.

Nancy noted there are a couple of guys have agreed to clean out the spoutings on the Community Center. The ladies of the Church bought lights for down at the square and need help to put them up. Renting of the building has been changed. The rent does not cover light and heat. Nancy suggested putting information in the newsletter. Michelle agreed and said anyone that wants something in should let her know. Nancy would like to see some of our history put in. The new generations don't know the history.

ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Titman made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 PM. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer