

## MADISON TOWNSHIP

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### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The September 9, 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, Angela Miguehz, Jay Brown, Harry Watts, Jonathan Swank, and Peggy Long.

#### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Michelle Densberger reported they met with Bradley Harvey to consider hiring him as a part time officer.

Jay Brown, Madison's EMA Officer, said he had heard Madison Township might be considering going with Hemlock Township Police Force. He would hope the Supervisors would not go with Hemlock but consider joining with Pine, Greenwood, and Millville as a regional department. These four areas are also under the EMA Group, which would make it much better in a disaster situation. The four areas work as a group during emergencies. Michelle Densberger stated the Supervisors are going to take their time in considering the police department.

Jay Brown reported on NIMS compliance, explaining the supervisors must have higher training in order to be eligible for funding in the event of a disaster. Most of the training is now done on line and some are several hours long, but must be taken. The State Emergency Operations Center requires local jurisdictions complete a survey by no later than Friday, September 27, 2013.

Michelle Densberger explained Larry Labuz had attended the Planning Meeting and is requesting permission for PPL to make modifications to the East Branch Recreation Area as discussed last at last month meeting. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to approve the PPL Project conditional on them receiving approval of the storm water run control and approval from DEP. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of August 12, 2013 meetings. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to accept the minutes of August 12, 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, but take out Matthew Covington for \$18.00. Bills paid from General Fund were \$3,907.09. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$9,705.44. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$568.51. Bills paid during the month from Liquid Fuel Fund totaled \$606.50. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### POLICE REPORT

Harry Watts asked how much a mil of tax brings in. Michelle Densberger explained for every \$1,000.00 of assessed value the Township get \$1.20. Mr. Watts felt we should pay more in

taxes. Harry Watts does not want to be associated with Millville Police Department. He would still like to sit down with Hemlock Township. He noted when taxes are low we are not getting the police service we need. Greenwood Township has a \$35,000.00 police budget Michelle Densberger reported she spoke to Mike Van Dine about it. Hemlock does not want to merge, they would take over, the equipment and vehicles would be sold. If six months down the road things didn't work out, we would have to start all over. She also told him that we only have a \$14,000.00 police budget. Van Dine would have to work up some figures. They will be working on their budget. Michelle noted we are still looking into the police department and will not rush into anything at this time. Bradley Harvey will be available to work during the day. Jonathan Swank does not want to work forty hours for Madison. Mr. Watts would like to see police coverage at the 500 block. They is a lot of speeding there. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to hire Bradley Harvey as a part time police officer, at a rate of \$11.25 per hour. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Michelle Densberger noted at one time we did have a vas car unit. They don't know where it is now. Perhaps Ted Stout got rid of it. We are looking into purchasing a v-net machine. Mr. Watts asked how much other equipment is missing, who does the chief answer to? Michelle Densberger said he answers to the three supervisors. She noted we would have to spent hours going through old records, which would cost more in time then a new unit. They run less than \$200.00. In the future there will be a list of equipment kept.

#### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

Nancy Welliver reported Darnell Holloway & Jarrod Swartz still owe sewer bills, the next step is to put a lien on their property. Nancy noted there are two sumac trees as the pump station that need to be cut down. She could use help to cut them down.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

We are still waiting on for the Jerseytown Real Estate Subdivision approval.

#### **TRANSFER TAX REPORT**

(4 - \$3,429.75)

#### **SEO REPORT**

(0)

#### **PERMIT OFFICER REPORT**

(1)

#### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

None

#### **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

Glenn Titman noted the motor is out of the grader. We still haven't heard back on a price to install a different motor. Glenn Titman reported they have been working on the Gillaspay Road grant project. He would like to know how much stone has been used for the project so far.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Andrea, from First Columbia Bank couldn't attend the meeting tonight but is willing to meet with the supervisor to go over any questions. Claire Swartz would still like to know how much more interest we will be getting.

It was noted the deficiencies were corrected, as requested by Larson Design Group on Valley Road over Mud Creek and the signed form was returned to them.

Secretary is still working on getting taxes paid to Liberty Utility returned.

Nancy Welliver showed the supervisors the driveway that has washed at the Community Center. She asked if it could be graded. At present time the grader is not available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Penn Dot advising of new bridge restriction and advising they are offering their services to assist local government to meet the challenges.

A letter from EMA to advise of temporary bridge closure on TR-536 in Greenwood Township the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> for repairs.

A letter from Columbia County Board of Assessment Appeals noting a hearing was scheduled to hear an appeal on the assessment value of Emanuel Dutch Hill Bible Church on October 11, 2013. Supervisors are alright with the assessment change.

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

Michelle Densberger noted Nancy Welliver got a grant for the Community Center to replace the door and a handicap ramp will be installed. She thanked Nancy for going after the grant.

A donation of \$2,000.00 was received from Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Sheatler to be used as needed for road repairs. A thank you was sent to them.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Michelle Densberger made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long  
Secretary/Treasurer