

## **MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING April 10, 2012 at the Township Building**

**Present:** Jack Aberegg, Ken Roan, Herb Chapman and Ellie Trulick

**Guests:** Jack Shultz, Bellefonte Fire Dept., Collin Alterio, Howard Fire Dept., Orié Hanley, Pat Corman, Walker Twp Fire, Jerry Huntington, Walker Twp Fire, Nathan P. Black, Walker Twp Dept., Brian McCauley, John Wataha, Paul Vonada and Robb Kimble

Vice Chairman Roan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance  
**Chapman made a motion to approve the Minutes from March 13, 2012 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aberegg Aberegg- Yes  
Roan- Yes Chapman - Yes**

### **Public Comments:**

**John Wataha, Centre County Conservation District,** gave a very informative presentation on CAFO-CAO- AFO's along with the fact that a manure management plan needs to be in place for farm operations. The County will help with this preparation if needed when they are working with a farmer, but a farmer can write his own plan or have a private party write the plan. Question was asked "What qualifies as a stream for application of manure." A road ditch with water is a stream; No water in road ditch it is not a stream. Buffer zone is to be 35' from the stream bank. Various questions were asked concerning implementation of the new regulations and John answered all questions. There is a five-year implementation plan and we are now in the second year. Marion Township farmers will be notified when the County Conservation District will visit them. No dates are available at this time. Anyone with questions should contact the Centre County Conservation District Office. 355-6817

**Collin Alterio – Howard Fire Company; Jack Schultz, Bellefonte Fire Co; Nate Black, Walker Twp Fire Company** discussed the fire boxes and how Marion Township will be affected by the bridge being closed by PennDOT on Forest Avenue. Several bridges on Forest Avenue are to be closed over the next two years by PennDOT. **Collin Alterio** passed out information showing the area for Forest Ave in Marion Township is #1412 and the various fire companies who will respond with what equipment. All fire companies are assigned a company number. Walker Twp is #16, Howard Twp is #14 and Bellefonte fire companies are #'s 1 and 2. **Nate Black** stated that Walker Twp Fire Company had plans to put a brush truck on the Marion Township side as at least 8 of the firefighters are on Marion Township side of the bridge. **Jack Schultz** stated that Bellefonte will be responding to any fire just as they had before. Marion Township will have coverage if any fire should break out in the area referred to as #1412 by Howard, Walker and Bellefonte Fire Companies. All companies are going to work together and cover the area as in the past. Collin stated nothing really has changed due to the bridge being out. Chapman would like to have the boxes go back to Bellefonte being first responder to the #1412 area. This is a decision that will need to be discussed at a later time as all fire companies still come to all calls.

**Brian McCauley** – Wanted to be sure that the door would be opened for him during tax collection hours. Orié, Herb or Ken will be sure the doors are opened.

### **Old Business:**

**Ordinance #29-** Mud on Road Ways Franson Engineering wrote a letter to Mr. Stoltzfus addressing this issue. Franson will be handling.

**HOP/Hydrant** – Approval of changed HOP Addition of hydrant distance from driveway 10'. This will be sent to be placed on the website with the addition of this information.

### **New Business:**

1. **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** (NVJPC) – CCMPO request for who needs to receive the information via e-mail. All supervisors, Tim Weight, Rick Dillon and Brian requested he also receive this information from the CCMPO. Updated list will be sent back to Lyssa Cromell.
2. **Zoning Report for March 2012** – Zoning officer not present.
3. **Park & Rec** –March minutes. Director Roan discussed the parking problems at the Community Park. People are driving across the ADA path. It was suggested to close the upper egress area with poles and a chain across closing this entrance. The other entrance would have some concreted poles for 2-4 cars to park closer to the rest rooms. Estimate for completing this around \$300.00. Soda being sold by the ball teams was discussed. If they purchase Coke products the same as our machine it should reduce the cost of product to Marion Township. This reduction will help to cover the electric costs of the concession stand, etc used by the ball teams.
4. **Planning Commission Minutes for March meeting** – Aberegg asked about the motion made by Dillon in the minutes of the Planning Commission. This was approved earlier.
5. **Head Roadmaster** –March report showing the equipment painted, road worked on park items and building area items completed. Junk collected brought in over \$200.00 from McGhee. HRM had a complaint on drainage pipe on Walnut Ridge Road that was replaced a couple years ago. He had pictures of the problems. One side was concreted and the other side was cement blocks falling in. Permit is available for both Walnut Ridge and Slaughterhouse Roads. Work is able to be completed on this area now. Building procedures wording was approved to be posted on the website. HRM will set up a "Work to be Done" listing, all signs new and old in the garage are inventories and listed on the computer. HRM would like to attend the Equipment Show held in Clearfield. **Aberegg made a motion that the Head Roadmaster and 1 or 2 others employees attend this trade show. Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes, Roan – Yes Chapman – Yes.** Also on April 19<sup>th</sup> a Unique Cold Patch

breakfast will be held at the Ramada Inn in State College. Roan will attend to see what the newest item may be. Garage door at new shed will only go up ½ way and needs repaired. This is the spring that was purchased from YBC and repaired by them. It still does not work properly and was not the fault of the installer of the doors. CCATO Spring Convention had Sue Hannegan presenting information about the new Act 13 for Marcellus Shale. Marion Township may receive approximately \$ 8,300.00 . Awarding of bid for Sand Ridge Road. Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. was the only bid. For both the grading and the fiber mat of Sand Ridge Road the bid was \$69,980.60. The fiber mat cost was \$50,985.60 and the grading was \$18,995.00. **Roan made a motion to award the bid to Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for the fiber mat only for \$50,985.60. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Roan – Yes Chapman – Yes** Midland and Matt Kenepf will be notified. Grading can be done later. Aberegg suggested we get rid of the grader and tractor and rent a skid steer with an option to purchase. Could possibly receive \$8,000.00 for these items and use that towards the purchase of the skid steer.

6. Real Estate Tax Issue: How do we get the Homestead Act money? – E-mail response from Brian McCauley. Homestead Act money only goes to the school district only.
7. PENNDOT Letter March 12, 2012 - Response to our letter on the bridge being replaced in Walker Township. No action needed. Two bridges will be done on I-80. Lick Run bridge could be moved up on the list to be redone.
8. PSATS Letter of March 20<sup>th</sup> and Proposed By-Laws Change – PSATS resolution to increase dues for 2012 to be voted on at the Convention in May. Increase for Marion Township would be from \$499.00 to \$519.00. Discussion for voting Yeah/Nah at Convention.
9. PENNDOT Liquid Fuels Payment – Marion Township received \$30,718.93 on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
10. Beavertown Block Co letter of March 19<sup>th</sup> –Letter of March 27<sup>th</sup> Nature’s Cover Letter March 26<sup>th</sup> No action needed
11. Info from DEP for Hanson Aggregates PA, Inc. – FYI No action needed
12. County Planning letter April 3, 2012 - West Nile Virus Surveillance and testing of dead birds. **Important FYI** When PennDOT and Jim Coslo from Centre County were at the Park it was noted that the water is stagnant but it cannot be cleaned out due to it being a Cold Water Stream. This area could draw mosquitoes and cause the West Nile Virus.
13. Discussion Items: Sunset Drive meeting with Franson and Kenepf will need a bid to repair/replace the pipe Franson is working on this; Planning Commission minutes to McCauley, he will contact Biancuzzo to receive these minutes via e-mail or fax. Fire Task Force appears to be DOA. Roan will attend the next meeting to let them know Marion Township’s position. A request was made to Roan about a project for an Eagle Scout. We have two possibly: Flag pole at the Park needs repaired and a wall around the front of the concession stand. McCauley stated the wall should be tiered around 18’.

**Chapman made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and pay all the bills presented. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Roan – Yes Chapman – Yes**

**Treasurer’s Report: including the list of checks written to date for approval with Treasurer’s Report. (Some checks were mailed and the balance are being presented for signatures at this meeting.) Checks listed above are from March 13, 2012 through April 5, 2012. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing. Additional checks written after the above dates may be presented for approval at the monthly meetings. The above additional checks will be included again on the monthly listing for approval at the following month meeting.**

**PLEASE NOTE ALL BALANCES BELOW ARE AFTER ALL CHECKS LISTED IN ABOVE REPORT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.**

General ---	\$97,675.58	State Liquid Fuels Fund ---	\$65,745.74
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account ---	\$10,722.49	State Equipment Fund ----	\$11,503.80

**Aberegg made a motion to adjourn the April 10, 2012 meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

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Jack Aberegg, Chairman

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Kenneth L. Roan, Vice Chairman

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Herbert L. Chapman