

**MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING July 12, 2011 at the Township Building**

**Present:** Jack Aberegg, Ray Gutshall, Ken Roan and Ellie Trulick

**Guests:** Jerry McCloskey, Brian McCauley, and Ori D. Hanley, III

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance

**Gutshall made a motion to approve the minutes from July 12th meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aberegg Aberegg - Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes**

**Public Comments:**

**Jerry McCloskey** asked if the Board wanted him to do the traffic survey as he had requested. Jerry counts the vehicles in various locations to give the township an idea of how many trucks, etc. travel Jacksonville Road. Board asked McCloskey to do the study on Crossroads to Howard, Sand Ridge Road, and at the area around Haranin. (He will get permission from Haranin to sit at their office.) This would be done at no cost to the township and completed by the end of July 2011. Howard crossing and Sand Ridge he will do for a couple hours only from both directions. **Roan made a motion to have Jerry do the study of traffic on Sand Ridge, Crossroads to Howard, area at Haranin coming into Marion Township. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes** See item 8 below for further discussion on where Penn DOT is to be set up for their speed boards.

**Brian McCauley** asked about a Newsletter. Nothing to be done until September. To be approved at the August meeting. Aberegg believes that two Newsletters a year is good.

**Old Business:**

**Permanent Basketball Hoop:** Answer from our Attorney is that the basketball hoop is the responsibility of the owner. It can be removed by the Township is so desired. A letter is to be sent to the resident explaining that a temporary hoop is allowed till fall but nothing can be permanent and the temporary one must be removed by September 30, 2011. Discussion continued on Mail Boxes in the ROW. One on Two Mile Road and one on Beech Bottom made from concrete blocks. Franson recommends since this road is not owned by Marion Township a gentle worded letter should be sent to the resident explaining that the mail box be moved back. Aberegg suggested the Secretary is to send a letter to Attorney Bryant for his recommendation on handling this matter.

**Bid acceptance of Sand Ridge Road project.** Bids were opened at 1:00 p.m. this day and a summary of the bidders and costs ere provided. The winning bid was Eby Paving for a bid of \$18,310.00. Franson was present for the opening and determined that all paper work was proper for this low bidder. **Aberegg made a motion to accept the bid from Eby Paving for \$18,310.00. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes**

**Henry Weight/Stam Wallace-** Aberegg feels it is not the responsibility of Marion Township to do anything on the Weight property. Hold off on this until we have more information from Don Franson with cost, etc and the utility line question of the lines being moved.

**Resident Letter concerning Tax Collector** – Mr. Bud Eckley questioned why his taxes were not being sent to the Escrow Company as it has been done for 13+ years. Brian McCauley, tax collector stated it is not his responsibility to furnish copies to the Escrow Company. It was done as a courtesy and is not being done now, as he is only doing what is required nothing more. Mr. Eckley was trying to determine if his taxes had been received and was unable to get a return call from Mr. McCauley to determine this. McCauley will contact Mr. Eckley to let him know his taxes were paid.

**New Business:**

1. **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** (NVJPC) – CCMPO/MPO meetings were held in late June and Marion Township, Walker Township and Bellefonte Boro were accepted under Option A. All three would go together as one vote and a meeting should be held to determine this. Gutshall stated we need to decide who will be the voting person. If Bellefonte Boro is the chair they will vote their way. Roan stated we need at least two voting persons one for CCMPO and one for MPO. McCauley was asked about his meeting with Walker Township and the question asked of him about contacting other townships with our concerns. McCauley stated he did not know we should go to other townships and give our concerns. Aberegg sees no reason to belong if we can get things done by speaking at the meetings. He does not want to spend any money on belonging to these organizations.
2. **Park & Rec** – Roan said Ori has made plans for the concrete to be in on Monday (July 18<sup>th</sup>) to finish the table/benches, etc. **Aberegg made a motion to pay for the concrete for the Park at a cost of about \$550.00. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – yes Roan – yes.** Discussion on comments from Gutshall that nothing is taken from the General Fund to pay for the Park items. Balance in Park-In-Lieu is \$ 593.14 at present. **Aberegg made a motion we can take \$1,000.00 from General Fund if needed to complete the Park Grant project.**

**Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan- Yes** Gutshall stated he had a complaint from someone (did not say who) that the park was being mowed and work done on Sunday and it should not be done. Roan stated he never mowed on Sunday. Aberegg stated the complainant should send a letter with the times and dates, etc. or attend a meeting and address the issue.

3. Zoning Report for June 2011 – No action needed
4. Planning Commission Minutes for June meeting – No action needed
5. Head Roadmaster – Roadmaster #1 June Report Much work has been done on roads. Right front wheel came off the New Holland Boom Mower and took the bearings completely off. Dotterer's equipment gave Roan a quote to have this fixed for \$750.00. Both front wheels should be done at the same time. **Aberegg made a motion for the purchase of parts only from Dotterer's for a total of \$750.00. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes** The work will be completed to Dotterer's specs this time. Signs have not been completed on SR 1010—Hublersburg Ridge Road—Rt. 26 –Walnut Street and Forest Avenue. Roan has completed all others now. Roan is contacting PennDOT to have them tell us exactly which signs belong to Marion Township and which belong to PennDOT. He has some sign items available but not enough. **Roan made a motion to purchase 6 bundles of 5 breakaway post bundles. Cost is approximately \$74.54. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes** Resident issue with Mr. Collier's dog walking on the Marion Township ROW. Aberegg suggested we measure and see what the exact area of the ROW is belonging to Marion Township. If the grass is brown on the ROW it is not a problem with the other resident. Ken will call Mr. Collier and discuss the matter. This is an issue between neighbors and not a Marion Township Board of Supervisors issue to be handled. **Aberegg made a motion that the unapproved expenditures per month for the Head Roadmaster and the Park and Rec Director be increased. HRM to \$1,500.00 and P/R Director to \$1,000.00 Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall- Abstained Roan - Yes** Water valves at Two Mile Road and Beech Bottom were discussed. Bill Shaffer suggested the road had settled. Franson thinks it may have settled also. Aberegg wanted to know if the road is at grade level and the pipes are lower. Roan and Aberegg will meet with Shaffer to discuss this. Hanley asked why the road needs to be cut when the pipes should only need turned to lower the pipes. Bid were opened for truck sales: Mr. Gary Springmom from Montoursville won the bid for the 1997 Ford F-350 at a bid of \$6,102.00—Mr. Mike Veneziano from Bellefonte won the bid for the 1987 GMC at a bid of \$5,102.00. The spreader was not sold, as the minimum bid was not reached. Roan will handle the transfer & title work with the winning bidders. Roan stated we need to look into purchasing another truck. Aberegg wants Sunset Road, Sand Ridge and Park Grant completed before we talk about another truck.
6. Centre County Planning & Development letters –June 29<sup>th</sup> letter on the Henry W. Weight, Jr. plan. Review/Comments response sheet will be marked as comments. Planning Commission reviewed plans dated 9/13/10. Changes have been made on the current plan dated 6/28/11 and the Planning Commission must review the current plans before the Planning Commission and then Marion Township Board of Supervisors approves it. **June 24<sup>th</sup> Nittany Farms** time extension Gutshall spoke to Anson Burwell about Farmdale Road and the plan must stand as they are. No easement to his new property unless he requests it on a separate plan. Cannot sell any lots till he has final approval on this plan. **Roan made a motion for the Secretary to send a letter to the County Planning and Development requesting no more time extension be granted on the Nittany Farm subdivision. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes** Letter of June 22, 2011 for Gregory & Shawnie Butts no action needed.
7. Thank you note from Cassi Poorman for Marion Township Scholarship – No action needed
8. PennDOT letter June 29th – Speed display boards to be placed on Rt. 26. Discussion was held on placement of the speed board. Signs should be placed around KOA campground to watch the speed in the township. These boards do not record the speeds for future use. No data is retrievable from them. Ken will contact Mr. Carlson and instruct him where the speed board is to be placed.
9. PSATS Info on adopted resolutions at PSATS Convention – No action needed
10. June 8, 2011 letter from County Conservations District – Review of Butts Subdivision NPDES permit application. No action needed
11. Letter to Honorable Jon Eich & certificate – Reclassification of Centre County to Fourth Class County. FYI only

**Roan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, sign the checks and approve the bills. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - 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 is being presented for signatures at this meeting.) Checks listed above are from June 9th, 2011 through July 7th, 2011. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing.**

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

General ---	\$131,905.89	State Liquid Fuels Fund ---	\$49,224.83
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account ---	\$ 593.14	State Equipment Fund---	\$5,360.01
Park Grant Account--	\$ -0-		

**Aberegg made a motion to adjourn the July 12, 2011 meeting at 8: 40 p.m. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor!**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Jack Aberegg, Chairman**

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**Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer**

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**Ray Gutshall, Vice Chairman**

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**Ken Roan**