

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING May 12, 2009 at the Township Building

Present: Jack Aberegg, Archie Gettig, Jr., Ray Gutshall and Ellie Trulick

Guests: Shirley Dolan, Tina McCauley, Herb Chapman, Brian McKinley, Knapka Engineering, Ken Roan, Tom Bowes, Howard Fire Company, Skip Wolf, Howard Fire Company, Bobby DeArment, Howard Fire Company, Lisa Hovies, Tim Weight, Ilene Barner, Orie Hanley, III (arrived at 8:37)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were approved by motion of Gutshall seconded by Aberegg. Aberegg had a date change in Item #30 from 1939 to 1993. Gettig asked about the no cost on Item # 3 under old business. The tree was on Kline's property but was a risk of falling onto the road during an ice storm or huge snowstorm and only cost was our labor to cut the tree down. Gettig also asked if the County had been informed that Dolly Dunlap would not be judge of elections this year. The County is aware and has appointed some one as judge of elections. No other comments **Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes**

Guest/Public Comments:

Brian McKinley from Knapka Engineering had the planning module for the Louise Manginell sub division. Fee-in-lieu must be paid before building. The Ordinance #57 was looked at and it was determined that the form must be completed with the number of homes to be built and the fee paid before the confirmation can be sent to Centre County Planning Board. McKinley will have this information added to the plan and he will instruct Louise Manginell to pay the fee of \$250.00 to Marion Township. Secretary upon receipt will send the confirmation letter to the County. Gettig made a motion that the Supervisors sign the DEP Component I Planning Module. **Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Aberegg in two places as requested signed planning Module.

Tom Bowes, Skip Wolf, Bobby DeArment from the Howard Fire Company discussed the QRS (Quick Response System) and the current memorandum of understanding with Howard and Walker Fire Companies and Marion Township. He passed out the first quarter loan payments account with First National Bank. He also presented all with a listing of the Howard Fire Company current officers. In the future someone from the Howard Fire Company will be attending our meeting to keep us informed of all activity in Marion Township. Brian Hovies from Marion Township will probably be the representative to attend the meeting. He would like to see the proportion be increased from 65% to 75% for Howard Fire Company. Based on the services performed by Howard Fire Company and QRS responses. Bowes explained what QRS costs of \$4500.00 to Marion Township were based on 1/3 of their operating costs split between 4 municipalities. It was explained what QRS is and does for residents. A six-minute response time is critical for any one having a major heart attack. There is no charge for this service it is included with the fire company services. Walker Fire Company does not have QRS to provide any of these services to our residents. Aberegg asked if the Howard Fire Company would be willing to take over the Forest Avenue portion of Marion Township. Bellefonte will continue to cover I-80 at this point. It was determined that Howard would be able to handle this new area. A letter is required to have this change made. **Aberegg made a motion that Howard Fire Company set up a response index for Marion Township in its entirety. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Secretary will write a letter to Howard Fire Company asking for the 911 dispatch center response index for Marion Township is changed as stated above. Workman's Compensation will continue to be paid to Howard Borough and Aberegg would like to know the formula that is used to determine our share to be paid. Secretary will contact Howard Borough to find out this information. Howard Fire Company will work with the other Fire Chiefs to work this out and come back to the Supervisors for the final agreement to be worked out at that time. McCauley asked about our Resolution 2003-4 being repealed for the payments to Howard, Walker and Bellefonte Fire Companies. This will not be done until the Howard Fire Company comes back to us with the final determinations.

Herb Chapman asked why the dirt from the Park was taken to Gutshall's home for free. He had pictures showing the township employee/s and truck with the pieces of concrete that was hauled to Ray's. He felt that someone should have been called to use these concrete pieces. Aberegg stated that in the previous minutes it was noted that the Supervisor's had given the Head Roadmaster authority to make decision about these issues. Gettig stated it depends on what the issue is. Chapman claimed that Gutshall was stealing from the township and he should pay for the concrete chunks. The cost to the Township to take this to the landfill would be \$70.00/ton. (I called and asked about the cost myself.) There were 62.5 tons @ \$70.00 is a cost of \$4,375.00 it would have cost the township to dispose of this concrete. Gutshall requested that if this is the case he would ask for payment of \$2,500 be paid to him for disposing of the concrete and saving the Township money. Gutshall stated that the following of our trucks is stalking. Chapman stated to have him arrested. Gutshall said he might do that. Aberegg said this has got to stop decisions have to be made and a consultation with residents cannot take place for everything happening. Chapman left the meeting with Ilene Barner.

Old Business

1. Gettig stated he always wanted a landline down here. Cell phones are not too feasible. He stated he is not going to be here and will let it up to the other two gentlemen to decide and he will vote however he feels is appropriate. Gutshall stated that the cell phone is not operable out in the shed and Gettig stated that before it

- was pulled out. Landline in there can be used to call out. Secretary does not use the cell phone in the office for her personal use or take it home. Landline would probably be clearer but the cell phone is OK as it is. The change back to a landline would be more expensive and we would need to change phone numbers to go back to a landline here at the office. The phone number change would require all new letterhead or the phone number maybe marked out. **Aberegg made a motion that the Tax Collector, Secretary (Township Office), Chairman of the Supervisors get cell phones and the Zoning Officer, Head Roadmaster be given \$30.00 a month towards high speed internet connection with proof of cost being turned in monthly to the secretary on the cost of internet. Gettig stated he is not interested in participating in Internet service and he already has a cell phone he uses. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes.** Discussion with Tim and input from Lisa Hovies determined that LG is the best phone to go with. Secretary will contact Verizon and set up the new two-year contract.
2. The DEP Permit was to be sent in Monday, May 11th by Franson.
 3. No response on the DCNR Grant at this time

New Business

1. Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) – Letter to the Editor was approved to be sent concerning I-80/I-99. Gettig asked how trucks from the Quarry would get to I-80. He has objections to no access in the Township and they will come out at a later date. **Aberegg made a motion we send this letter to the CDT editor as is. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – NO Gutshall – Yes**
2. Park & Rec April 1, 2009 – Letter to the Editor expressing appreciation to Barry Davis and Hanson for their continued help at the community park was read to the audience. **Gutshall made a motion we send this letter to the CDT editor. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall - Yes** Discussion on the wood to be sold from cutting of dead trees at the park and the money be put into the Park fund. This is to be put into the newsletter for any residents to notify the secretary and it will be on a first come first serve basis. Cost would be much less than regular cost for a cord of wood to the elderly in the township. Guidelines will need to be followed so we do not have everyone showing up to cut down trees or remove wood on their own. Rest rooms are done, lights done, ramp done. Gutshall suggested that a 2 day clean up should be set up. He will donate his tractor/stone rake. Will need approximately 3 guys to help with seeding and cleaning up the area where the pillars were removed. **Aberegg made a motion we hold the cost to \$225.00. Gutshall 2nd. Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes.** Park and Rec will have the information ready for the next meeting on the placing of a soda machine at the Park. Roan will donate grass seed for around the rest room and up the hill. He will need about 5 bales of straw and Gutshall will purchase and donate for this work. Roan discussed the costs to get the scoreboard up and running. Will cost Approximately \$500.00 but may be as low as \$300.00. In discussion with the factory person, he will charges \$75.00 an hour from the time he leaves his office. Location is in Brookville and he is willing to come anytime to help out and he will have it up and running when he leaves. Roan will have him come as soon as Roan has the opportunity. **Gutshall made a motion we have the scoreboard repaired and Roan will be in charge of contacting the company and the contact for Park and Rec Committee. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – yes Gettig – yes Gutshall - Yes**
3. Zoning Report for April 2009 – McCauley stated that Fort Bellefonte has a shed in the back now. Weight will look into that. Aberegg asked about the zoning for Towers in the township. Question on line at top of Ridge if any mining activity. Weight stated that GIS from 2006 showed no activity in Marion Township.
4. Road Roadmaster Report – The next newsletter should have a note to residents about any fill needed to notify the secretary. The fill will be whatever there is and will deliver as is. All complaints should come through the office with name address and phone number and they will be brought before the Supervisors to determine action needed. Gutshall read a portion of previous minutes about equipment being sold by the township. **Aberegg made a motion we develop a procedure to sell items valued at less than \$1000.00 either via classified ad or public auction or by simply posting a notice at the township office as per PSATS guidelines. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Two fuel tanks that may be sold to the highest bidder. Secretary is to contact Richard Ertley to determine if these tanks belong to him and not the township. **Aberegg made a motion if the tanks belong to township we should put a notice on the door and accept bids to be opened at the next meeting. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes**
5. Planning Commission Minutes for April meeting – Resignation of David Catherman from the Planning Commission due to being redeployed to Iraq. **Aberegg made motion we accept his resignation and appoint Tina McCauley as a replacement to complete his term. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** **Aberegg made a motion we adopt the changes Planning Commission made to Ordinance #4. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes (Secretary will check if this needs advertised as an amendment also.)**
6. Info from Nicholas J. Barger, GIS Director - Dry Fire Hydrant project information needed by Barger for GIS mapping. Tim Weight will handle this for the township.
7. County of Centre Planning Community Development letter April 20 Elam & Susanna Stoltzfus and David Porter Replot Plan - No action needed
8. Commonwealth of PA Office of Attorney General letter of April 20 – Home Improvement consumer Protection Act 132. Information is posted on the bulletin board and pamphlets to be picked up. This information is to be put into the newsletter for the protection of the residents. Contractors who perform home improvements for which the total cast value is \$5,000 or more per year are required to register with the Office of Attorney General by July 1, 2009.

9. Seven Mountains Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. Letter of April 21—EMS Week May 17-23, 2009 Proclamation Signing– No action taken.
10. Gypsy Moth Newsletter – FYI Only
11. PA Local Government Investment Trust – Proxy for annual election should be marked to vote for all nominees as listed and sent back to PLGIT.
12. DEP Letter dated April 17, 2009 – Money will not be received from DEP until money is available. NO action needed.
13. Letter from Louise Biancuzzo dated May 5 – Biancuzzo faxed a letter stating she has a problem with drainage on her property on sunset Drive near Dennis Burris's. Gutshall has taken care of the problem with her and Burris's driveways. Gutshall sent a letter back to Biancuzzo stating what had been done to correct problem.
14. Information from Kish Bank on Municipal Investments – Must have determination on cost of checks written monthly before we will consider.
15. Information on the H1N1 influenza from Pa DOH - FYI only
16. Notice that Allegheny Power monthly bill will increase. - FYI only
17. E-Mail answer from Attorney Bryant on new petition signatures – Petition may not be done as Gutshall has a meeting with Commissioner Eich Thursday morning and he wants to see what happens at that meeting.
18. Thank You from Tammy Coakley - FYI Only
19. I will be attending Rebekah Session June 21- 27 - I will not be in the office on June 23 and 24 but if all goes well will be in on Thursday, June 25. Session is in State College this year, so if something comes up call my home and leave a message and I'll call back as soon as I can. FYI only
20. **Aberegg made a motion we transfer \$50,000.00 from Payroll General account into PLIGT General account. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes**
21. **Aberegg made a motion we accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills presented. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes**
22. Secretary stated that we billed Walker Township for approximately \$3200 or \$3400 based on the number of miles that we plow for them. This money will go against the payroll for snow plowing. Aberegg wants to know exactly what we do for them and what they do for us. Sand Ridge and Nittany Ridge area are a wash between the two Townships.

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 April 14th through May 7th, 2009. 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 HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.

General Payroll ---\$110,051.97 (does not include Park \$)	Park \$ in General Fund --- \$ 750.00
PLGIT General ---- \$31,296.90	State Equipment \$ = \$5,450.09 \$PLGIT State --- \$59,273.95

Aberegg made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Meeting held May 12, 2009 adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Aberegg, Chairman

Ellie Trulick

Archie Gettig, Jr., Vice Chairman

Ray Gutshall