

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING September 13, 2016 Township Building

Present: Archie Gettig, Herb Chapman, John (Rick) Dillon, and Angel Emery

Guests: Brian McCauley (Tax Collector), Ken Roan, Matt Wensel and Mark Holloway

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

On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to approve August 9, 2016 meeting minutes as presented 3-0.

On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to approve August 16, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as presented 3-0

Public Comments:

Brian McCauley asked Emery to refer to him as tax collector on the agenda and not just "Brian McCauley", as he is here as the tax collector, not a resident of the township. Emery apologized and Gettig opened the floor for Mr. McCauley to speak.

Brian McCauley, tax collector, addressed the letter that Emery was instructed to write to him at the last BOS meeting. Mr. McCauley went over all of the phone calls, emails and letters he has addressed so far this year and stated that he even has people put stuff in mailbox, which is a federal offense. Mr. McCauley felt the letter was threatening and wanted to know what complaints were received. Gettig discussed the complaints that he was aware of, McCauley explained that he took care of them. Emery explained how the complaints came about and clarified that she is not the tax collector secretary but has tried to assist the best she can to help residents get in touch with Mr. McCauley. Mr. McCauley stated that Emery has only wrote five tax related emails to him and he doesn't feel that over worked her but he does agree that she is not the tax collector secretary. Gettig apologized that McCauley took the letter wrong as it was not meant to offend anyone, the township was just trying to make him aware of what was going on. Mr. McCauley wanted to clarify if a letter would be sent if any other employee of the township received complaints about them, Gettig assured him that yes, there would be letters sent if complaints are received about anyone involved with the township.

Mr. McCauley questioned the practice of deleting the recordings of the minutes after the minutes are typed. He wants to know how the Supervisors go back to clarify what went on if they would disagree about something that happened. Gettig told him they go off of what Emery types.

Mr. McCauley told the Board that he was informed that he was criticized quite a bit by the Supervisors at the last BOS meeting, he admitted that it was hearsay but still wanted to mention that if the Supervisors have something to say, they say it to him. Mr. McCauley also wanted to know why on the PSATS discussion board a question was asked about getting rid of the Marion Township tax collector, he said he received phone calls about the discussion. Gettig explained that the township is exploring their avenues. Mr. McCauley asked if residents of the township are allowed on the PSATS discussion group, Gettig told him no but he wasn't sure about the tax collector. Mr. McCauley also said he heard that there was discussion on the thread about decreasing his compensation. Emery explained that she could pull up the discussion group emails regarding the information in question because the questions were asked in

general, not directly about him. Mr. McCauley asked the Supervisors for a copy of last month's minutes, disregarding Emery's offer to pull up the actual discussion. Mr. McCauley stated that if the Board has something to ask or say to him they do it while he's there to defend himself. Gettig explained that information was received from another township that the school district is collecting taxes cheaper than what we're paying and the township is just looking to save money if they can.

Dillon asked Mr. McCauley what he was told was said at the meeting that he's so upset about, he said he doesn't know because he couldn't listen to the tape. Discussion was held about making Mr. McCauley's phone number available to the public, he said he is fine with giving his phone number out. He stated that (814) 625-2877 is an appropriate number to make available and it is published in the phone book as well. Mr. McCauley said Signature Solutions that is requesting tax records is Emery's job not his, Emery explained that since she started here she was told to pass them on to the tax collector. Mr. McCauley said they will not pay for his copies, it has to come from the open records officer. Gettig explained that Emery is going to training on the 29th for the right to know law. Gettig also thanked Mr. McCauley for working with us on the matter.

While Gettig got the key for the tax collector to get in to the building for his tax collection times at the end of September, Mr. McCauley reiterated to Emery that he would appreciate being put on the agenda as tax collector. Mr. McCauley mentioned the office being closed, Chapman told him that Emery is back in the office, she was off on maternity leave. Mr. McCauley stated that he was at the building to drop stuff off and so were residents, Gettig told him that his number is on the door for people to call if they needed anything, he was around to help. Mr. McCauley thanked the board for their time.

Gettig cited minutes from the Planning Commission meeting on July 5th regarding Roan's statement about two supervisors attending the NVJPC meetings being a violation of the sunshine law. Gettig explained that the solicitor clarified that Gettig is the delegate and Dillon in the alternate, they can both be there but only one can vote.

Gettig also mentioned Roan's question at a previous meeting about the budget. Dillon briefly looked over the information that shows in 2012 we were in the black \$48,443, in 2013 we were in the red \$20,453 and in the red \$20,489 in 2014. Dillon feels that the matter needs researched more to find how there was such a deficit and how the township went from \$48,443 to -\$20,453 in one year. In 2015 we were in the black again \$15,512. Dillon wants to look into the matter before the budget meeting in October. He asked Emery to run profit and loss reports to see where we're at now. Dillon feels it is beneficial to go back five years to do research of expenditures. Chapman said he believed the T-Tag was purchased in 2015 but wasn't certain. Wensel said the weather also needs to be kept in mind, Dillon agreed but said those are big numbers and he would like them researched more.

Gettig asked if there was any more comments. Roan asked if the roads were being sealed this year, he referred to the cracks, he said he's seen a lot of them in Walnut Ridge development and on a couple of the main roads that are pretty bad. Gettig said yes, they would like to try to do something with the cracks. Dillon suggested contacting Penn DOT about Jacksonville Road up by Shay Lane. Roan said according to the CCMPO meetings, they are not going to do anything from the current interchange to the new interchange until they decide if they're putting a new interchange in or a high speed because of it changing the size of the lights. Roan said that road is falling apart and he feels something needs done with it because something is going to happen there. Roan also mentioned the road in front of Dillon's not being good. Roan said the road from the interstate now to Shay Lane does need repairs but he doubts it will get done. Roan mentioned the Lick Run bridge, Wensel said he believes it's in the planning stages. Mr.

McCauley asked why the state is tar and chipping, he thought they did away with that. Gettig explained just to seal the road then they'll come back in a few years and pave it. Mr. McCauley asked if you can do anything about it chipping vehicles. Roan and Gettig said no there's not really anything you can about that. Roan asked if the township was going to do anything about the driveway going up Weight's Lane. He said as per the driveway ordinance, they have to have it stoned 50 feet back to keep it mud free coming out on to the road. Roan said it's coming the whole way down Weight's Lane to the park entrance. Gettig spoke with the land owner recently. Roan also questioned the new driveway on Sandy Ridge, Gettig said he didn't feel that was a problem.

New Business:

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission- Gettig announced that the next meeting will be September 15th at Spring Township. Gettig discussed the dry hydrants and the pictures he'll be taking to the meeting. He mapped out where the dry hydrants are in the township. Gettig also mentioned that the NVJPC meetings are advertised. Roan said his concern was the new planning commission members going instead of Dillon so that they can learn a little more about what's going on. Wensel replied that he has gone to quite a few but has had prior engagements for the last couple meetings.

Planning Commission- Wensel explained the changes that were made to the draft ordinance regarding the keeping of livestock and beekeeping. The ordinance still needs Tim Weight's feedback about fees. **Dillon made a motion that the ordinance get sent to the township solicitor for review, Chapman seconded and motion passed 3-0.** The supervisors would like a page set up with blanks for themselves and Weight to work out a fee schedule. Roan asked if the ordinance has to go in front of Nittany Valley, Dillon said it doesn't have to but as a courtesy he thinks it should. Gettig said he'll take it along with him to the meeting Thursday night.

Wensel brought up the topic of the resident that temporarily wanted to allow a horse on her property, it was decided that even under the new proposed ordinance, that she still would not have enough land for her pony.

Gettig read a letter aloud from Samantha Brownson thanking the township for keeping the township safe and making the park so nice.

Park & Rec- There were four letters of interest received for the open positions on the parks and rec board. Mark Holloway, Jennifer Weaver, Ken Roan, and Jim Sampsel all expressed interest in the positions. Gettig read all of their letters aloud and asked the board for recommendations of who they would like to appoint. **Chapman made a motion to recommend Mark Holloway and Jenn Weaver, Dillon seconded Holloway and motion passed to appoint Mark Holloway to the parks and recs board 3-0.**

Roan asked why the BOS is only putting up two people when the park board is of five people. Chapman said that it's always only been three, Roan said that's a quorum but the board is for five people. Mr. McCauley said that Chapman was being unprofessional as they thought he held up his middle finger, Chapman showed them that he held up three, referring to the board always being three people. Gettig said he was not aware it was a five person board because it has always only had three members. Roan said it has been a five person board for years. Gettig said we'll appoint two tonight and look into how many members are on the board. **On a motion by Chapman and second by Gettig, motion passed to appoint Jenn Weaver to the parks and recs board 3-0.** Gettig asked Emery to look into the matter of how many people should be appointed and apologized that he did not know it was five member board. Brief discussion was held about the sign at the park entrance.

Zoning Report- Dillon asked Roan if the manure was taken care of, he said it had been.

Head Road Master Report- Gettig reviewed the Head Road Master report and read the letter from Phyllis Rupert requesting buggy warning signs be put up between Jacksonville and Howard. **On a motion by Dillon and second by Chapman, motion passed to talk to Mr. Brown about putting buggy signs up at the intersection of SR 26 and 1010 3-0.**

Discussion was held about buggy warning signs on township roads. **On a motion by Gettig and second by Dillon, motion passed for township to erect buggy warning signs 3-0.**

Gettig brought up the issue of trees hanging on Weight's Lane and Sand Ridge. It was questioned whether the township road crew should do it or contract someone to do it. Walker Township has a chipper so a lift would be the only thing the township would have to rent. **On a motion by Chapman and second by Dillon motion passed for road crew to rent lift and cut trees 3-0.**

Wensel mentioned trees laying on wires in the township. He was told that they won't do anything about it.

CCATO Fall Convention- Convention is September 29th at CPI with a \$15.00 registration fee. Archie Gettig Jr., Herb Chapman and Gloria Sampsel all wish to attend. Rick Dillon is not sure if he can make it yet. Gettig said he can register at the door if he doesn't have an answer by the time the registration is due. Angel Emery and Linda Neff do not wish to attend. The tax collector cannot attend due to his hours in the township building collecting taxes. Mr. McCauley mentioned that he did not see anything on it, said that the secretary is supposed to pass the information along, Emery informed him that she just received the information that day. **On a motion by Gettig and second by Chapman motion passed to send check and registration to the CCATO for the people who wish to attend 3-0.**

TruGreen- Fall recommendations were received from TruGreen, Gettig feels it's a lot of money. Wensel asked about putting it out for bid to see if the township could get a cheaper price. Discussion was held about NVLL helping maintain the field like they did before. Emery was asked to send an email to Nate Barnhart for keys and to ask if they are still going to help pay to maintain the field. Wensel asked if it would be more cost efficient for the township to reseed themselves. It was decided to send it in to NVLL and see what their input is and ask for a response and the keys be returned by the next meeting on October 11th.

PSATS- **On a motion by Gettig and second by Chapman, motion passed that Marion Township cast their ballot for Michael Keller for election to the board of trustees of the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust 3-0.**

Hanson- We received a letter from Hanson regarding a continuation certificate and increase certificate for their Traveler's Surety Bond. **On a motion by Gettig and second by Chapman, motion passed to send letter to Hanson confirming that we received the information regarding the surety bond 3-0.**

Other Discussion Items:

Office will be open by appointment only on September 29, 2016 due to Emery being in training for the current right to know laws.

Gettig received an ADT (Average Daily Traffic) for Slaughterhouse Road which was 508 vehicles a day.

Gettig mentioned that Roaring Spring Water is charging \$9.70/5 gallons of water for the water cooler, he called Nastase and can get it for \$6.00/5 gallons. He figured since they go to Bellefonte for parts already, they could just get water when they are already in town. Mr. McCauley recommended checking Culligan Water. **On a motion by Dillon and second by Chapman, motion passed to buy water where is most frugal 3-0.**

Gettig mentioned that while Emery was out, the back hoe was purchased out of the general account and now that money needs transferred from the state fund to the general. Emery emailed Matt Knepp and he stated no resolution needs done, the monies can just be transferred. **On a motion by Dillon and second by Chapman, motion passed to transfer \$13,774 to cover the expense of the back hoe from the state account to the general account 3-0.**

Roan reminded the supervisors to check their by laws regarding their parks and recreation board. Roan recommended that the four people who submitted letters of interest be the ones appointed to the board. Gettig assured him that they will look into it.

On a motion by Gettig and second by Chapman, motion passed to pay bills as presented, approve treasurer's report and adjourn meeting at 8:39 p.m. 3-0.

Treasurers 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 August 10, 2016 through September 13, 2016. 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 months meeting.

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

General--	\$167,231.58	State liquid fuels fund--	\$55,923.35
Park Fee-In-Lieu	\$4,311.75	State Equipment Fund--	\$22,029.31

Archie Gettig Jr., Chairman

Angel Emery, Secretary/Treasurer

Herbert Chapman, Vice Chairman

John R. Dillon, Supervisor