

**MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 AT 7:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING – MILLER SHAFT**

Chairman Trimbath opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisor Elwood Selapack – present; Supervisor James P. Kovach- present; Supervisor Kenneth Trimbath - present; Solicitor C.J. Webb- absent.

Public Participation

John Kissell took a hand count from the residents that were in attendance in regards to the Police Protection Agreement. Two residents raised their hands in favor of the agreement.

Linda Alexander presented the Supervisors with a petition signed by over 1,000 residents against police protection at the cost of \$89,000.00. She thanked the residents who signed the petition.

Larry Raptosh said that he did not like the way that the Supervisors went about putting the agreement together. He said that they were secretive. Supervisor Kovach said that the residents asked for a public meeting at the high school and they did not hold one. Mr. Raptosh opposes the cost of the agreement for providing police protection

Bob Koban said that they could always sit down to discuss a cheaper contract.

Patricia Rylke said that she does not want police protection from the Boro, that the State Police coverage is good enough.

Rick Olshavsky said that the Township does not have 1 million dollars in the bank.

Mr. Davis said that the Township needs to down size.

Mike Jubina said that Jimmy shouldn't have been fired.

Andrew Sekarak said that he does not want police protection from the Boro. He also stated that a catch basin washed out and needs to be looked at. He said that the Township is suppose to put a french drain in.

Dave Jones said that he is against the police service agreement and that the Supervisors shouldn't have tried to hide the work they did on it.

Dave Kephart said that Supervisor Trimbath needs to show a little more respect to people. He also stated that Jimmy's firing material is in his personal file and wants to

know why they can't see it. Supervisor Trimboth said that they can't show any employee's personal file.

Mr. Kephart also stated that he is not 100% against police protection.

Tom Rohr asked the Supervisors if they did a background check on Chuck Pavlosky after they appointed him as the EMA director. Supervisors said no. Chuck Pavlosky said that the Government does a background check on him because of his job. Mr. Rohr also asked if the Supervisors would purchase safety signs for when he cleans the roadways. They said yes. He also wanted to know if they would consider letting school kids work for community hours. Supervisors said that they tried that and the school had no one available.

George Benko said he does not want police protection. He also said that they fired Jimmy over Penny Annie stuff.

Jerry Zaman said that when the roadcrew snowplowed the street in front of his house they pushed the snow plow into lawn and a tire pushed the block in and now it is a safety hazard and he wants them to look at it and fix it. He also said that signs on Giggetown road are knocked down.

Brian Zimmerman asked if the Police are allowed to smoke in the police cars. Bob Koban said no. Mr. Zimmerman said that he sees them smoking in the Police cars all the time. Mr. Zimmerman also said that the cul-de-sac that they built on Zimmerman lane caused the Township to knock down trees that were on his property and he wants compensated for it. He does not want Portage Township Employee's on his property at all.

Judy Litzinger said that when the Township had a police force in the 1980's that all they did was harass her. Supervisor Trimboth said that was back then and it wouldn't be like that today.

Heath Lobar said that there was an incident in the morning and no Boro police was on duty and he had to wait 1 hour and 45 minutes. He said that there are four officers on duty now and they can't even do 24/7 coverage.

Bill Offman asked Supervisor Trimboth what he came up with in opening his road. Supervisor Trimboth said that he abstains from it and the decision is up to the other 2 Supervisors.

Brandon and Mary Cum said that they are good personal friends of Jimmy Kovach and that he should not have been fired. They also said that the enforcement officer went on their property and asked if he would stay off their property. They also disagree with the police agreement.

Ken Kissell said that they need protection from Ken Trimboth.

Joe Fox asked if they call the police how much do we pay if they don't show up. Supervisor Trimbath said \$10.16 per hour if there is no coverage available. Mr. Fox asked Bob Koban how much they pay for police. Mr. Koban said \$150,000.00.

Chuck Pavlosky wanted to clarify a comment made early on in the meeting by a resident who was concerned about him not having a background check done. Mr. Pavlosky went on to explain that he provides Portage Township with Emergency Management Services and that the Government does did do an extensive background check on him. On the same note Mr. Pavlosky asked the Supervisors if they do background checks on their employees. Supervisor Trimbath said no. Mr. Pavlosky said that Tom Rohr is a worker for Portage Township and has not paid his taxes in three years. He said that Mr. Rohr is taking money from the residents.

Bill Cooper said that when he was on the school board that the Secretary never went into an executive session.

Reports

The minutes of the 3-02-11 Regular Monthly Meeting was presented in written form. Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March Regular Meeting. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

The Secretary's Report was presented and contained written and telephone correspondence which was included as part of the meeting record. Supervisor Trimbath made the motion accepting the Secretary's Report. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Township Manager Bruce Brunett presented the Roadmaster's report, which included: plowed snow, took down snow fences, helped to build road off Rt. 164, installed pipe, replaced pipe on Frazer Ave., tailgated shell on Ciokota Lane, pre-cut Cemetary Road for pipe replacement, removed sod, put cold patch on Michael Lane, repaired pipe on Winy Road. Supervisor Selapack made the motion to accept the Roadmaster's Report. Supervisor Trimbath seconded. All –yes.

The Enforcement Officer's report included; 1113 Dulancey Drive, bags of trash on front and back porch. It was cleaned up., Al Zimmerman got no permits for garage, he had to pay a fine., Mary Crum, junk in yard. She is cleaning it up, Paul Maul, house not up to code he said he is working on it., 125 Piper Rd., abandoned house with over 30 % damage to foundation. Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to approve the report and Supervisor Selapack seconded. All- yes.

The Township Manager presented his report which includes, went to the Sewer Authority meeting to answer questions about Martindale sewer agreement. Went to Boro to meet

with Bob Koban about police services. Supervisors and manager met with Bob Koban in a workshop to discuss shared police services. Met with Steve Sewalk, Joe Beyer from EADS and Supervisor Trimbath to discuss water project, sewer project and proposed building. Had a committee meeting with Supervisors Selapack and Trimbath, Bob Koban concerning police services. A poll was taken with a 6-5 favor of the police service agreement. Completed the Shady Springs paperwork by having the last of the right-of-ways completed. Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to accept the Township Managers Report. Supervisor Selapack seconded, all – yes.

Expenditures in the amount of \$21,757.88 - General Fund and \$14,797.29 - Payroll #5, #6 and #7 were presented for approval. Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to approve the expenditures; Supervisor Selapack seconded. Supervisor Kovach – yes;

The Treasurer’s Report is as follows:

Treasurer’s Report

March 2011

FUND	BAL. 3-1-11	REC. MARCH	EXP. MARCH	BAL. 3-31-11
GENERAL	805,385.61	86,300.41	36,555.17	855,130.85
STATE	145,639.81	61.45	0.00	145,701.26
<i>ALL</i>	951,025.42	86,361.86	36,555.17	1,000,832.11

Supervisor Trimbath made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Supervisor Selapack seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Trimbath said that the sign in sheet from the last meeting was stolen, and that there is no record of the visitors who attended.

NEW BUSINESS

The Supervisors scheduled the road inspections for April 14th at 2:30 p.m.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to pass a resolution of the Township of Portage authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed of right of way and easement from Bonnie Solarczyk and Alan Shaffranek to the Township of Portage for purposes of installing and maintaining storm sewer collection and distribution system lines on the premises by the grantee for purposes of developing and maintaining a municipal storm sewer collection and distribution system.. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All –yes.

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to pay \$125.00 for the full page ad in the Portage Volunteer Fire Co. 2011 convention booklet. Supervisor Trimbath seconded. All –Yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to purchase the engine extended warranty at the cost of \$3,920.00. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All –yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to purchase the extended front axle warranty at \$382.00. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All- yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to purchase the towing package extended warranty at the price of \$530.00. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to install a streetlight on 157 Govett Street. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion for Richard Shaffer’s tree service to cut trees down on Cemetery Road not to exceed the price of \$1,000.00. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All –Yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to approve the Koval variance on Allen Street. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to advertise the contracted police service agreement. No second after 30 seconds. Supervisor Trimbath repeated the motion. No second motion carried therefore the motioned died.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to abolish the Portage Township Manager’s position effective April 29, 2011. He thanked Mr. Brunett for the exceptional job he has done in the year he served as Township Manager and for all his accomplishments. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to accept Supervisor Trimbath resignation effective April 29, 2011. Supervisor Trimbath seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to advertise for letters of interest to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy of Supervisor. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. and Supervisor Kovach seconded. All- yes.

Those visitors signing the attendance record were: Glen Calderwood, Mark Stefanko, John Waksmunski, Mike Jubina, Dick Rice, Jon Mackz, Dorie Schornack, Butch Kostan, Pat George, Bill Kostan, Roger Sossong, Brett Sossong, Ronald F. Davis, Larry Raptosh, Tom Rohr, Ronald Rodgers, Jerry Zaman, Brandon Crum, Mary Crum, George A. Benko, Cameron Benko, Jean McCabe, John McCabe, Tom Richardson, David Kephart, Charlie Kephart, Todd McCabe, Brandon Baker, John Kissell, Linda Alexander, Kenneth Kissell, Terry G. Seaman, Barry L. Batdorf, Lisa Batdorf, RJ Chappell, Chuck Onder Sr., Chuck Onder Jr., John Nicholson Sr., John Nicholson Jr., John H. Panick, Kevin Crable, David Baumgardner, Glenda Cornelius, Jim Cornelius, Pat Nicholson, Dave Gruse, Mike Jones, Dave Jones, Marshall Jones, Richard Olshavsky, Robert Lutz, Francis Hesel, Bill Offman, George Petney, Mark A. Leturgey, Roseann Shaffer, Paul E. Schmidt, Tom McNally, Tom Kick, Tom & Cathy Krinjeck, Joseph V. Fox, Bob Parks, Jim Price, Michael Scarton, James L. Wills, William A. Richardson, Mary Brunett, William A. Brunett, Melvin Trunk Jr., Kathy Trunk, Blaze Michaels, Barb Michaels, Ned Moore, Paul Letzo, Bill Pinos, Louis P. Wills, Rick Cyran, Bill Nadolsky, Bill Ramus.

Submitted by Lisa Flynn, Secretary.

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