

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011 7:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING – MILLER SHAFT

Chairman Trimbath opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Kissell addressed Bruce Brunett about the previous month's Manager's Report where Mr. Brunett said that Marcellus Shale would be using trucks to haul water in and out of the Township. Mr. Kissell asked the Supervisors to resind their motion to allow use of Frankstown Road where a batch plant to be placed on Larry Raptosh's property. Supervisor Trimbath said that when they made the agreement he had to think of the residents that lived near. He said that there was a possibility that the batch plant would be running through the night. Mr. Raptosh said that he would like to go to the stoning company and talk to them about that issue and he would also like to talk to the residents. Mr. Raptosh asked the Supervisors if he does this would they consider resinding the motion. Supervisor Trimbath said he would consider it. Bruce Brunett said that he would set up a meeting with Mr. Raptosh .

Glen Calderwood wanted to know what the rumor is that they are going to change Allen Street. Supervisor Trimbath said that they are not changing Allen Street. Mr. Calderwood asked about Fowler Lane. Supervisor said that they are not going to touch it until the water and Sewer Company is done digging there.

Bill Cooper suggested that the Supervisors set up a public forum about Police Services in the Township at the school so all residents could voice their opinion. Supervisor Trimbath said that they would consider it.

Larry Raptosah asked the Supervisors if they would consider video taping the public meetings and posting it on the website so that the residents could know what is going on in the Township. Supervisor Trimbath said that he would have to find out if it is legal.

Tom Rohr asked if the advisory committee has to answer to the board.or report to Mr. Brunett. Bruce Brunett said that they have a workshop to discuss issues in the Township.

REPORTS

The minutes of the 1-3-11 Reorganization Meeting were presented in written form. Supervisor Selapack made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Kovach seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the 1-3-11 Regular Meeting were presented in written form. Supervisor Selapack made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Trimbath 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 Selapack made the motion to accept the Secretary's Report and Supervisor Trimbath seconded. All- Yes.

Roadmaster's Report includes; plowing and anti-skidding roads, maintenance on all equipment, pot hole patching on Pump Station Road, went to Somerset to check on new plow truck.. Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to accept the roadmasters report. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All- yes.

The enforcement officer reported took care of issue on Krisko Lane and went to look at a garage that was built on Zimmerman Lane. Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to accept the Enforcement Officers report. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All –yes.

The Manager's Report includes; met with Bob Koban to discuss terms of proposed contracted police services, met with the Solicitor concerning police services and sewer authority agreement, went to sewer authority meeting to discuss agreement, had a phone conference with Harry Englehart from Highland water and agreed to limit their truck traffic 7a.m. to 9 p.m., held workshop with Steve Sewalk to discuss proposed building plans, held an advisory committee meeting to discuss new building and police services. Supervisor Trimbath made the motion to accept the Manager's report, Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Expenditures in the amount of \$27,295.72 – General Fund and \$10,235.35 – Payrolls #1 and #2 were presented for approval. Supervisor Trimbath made the motion to approve the expenditures. Supervisor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2010

FUND	BAL 1-1-10	REC JAN	EXP JAN	BAL 1-31-10

GENERAL	890,851.18	26,658.81	37,651.07	879,858.92
STATE	145,503.84	67.97	0.00	145,571.81
ALL	1,036,355.02	26,726.78	37,651.07	1,025,430.73

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Trimbath explained to the residents that Denny Squillario could not serve on the school board and act as Portage Township Auditor at the same time. Therefore he needed to resign.

Bruce Brunett explained to the residents that a loan for a building through USDA with a 40 year term on a mortgage at 3.75 would end up getting more money on CD's.

Supervisor Selapack told the residents that auditors from the state came to perform an audit on liquid fuels. He said that the auditor told him that Lisa Flynn's audit was perfect, and to the penny. He said the auditor told him that the Secretary's records were perfect.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to accept Denny Squillario's resignation to serve as Township Auditor. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to appoint Matt McCoy to fill the auditor vacancy. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to advertise the no parking sign ordinance signs on Knox and Springhill Road. Supervisor Trimbath seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to enter into an agreement to approve sewer agreement resolution. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to reappoint Richard Rice to serve on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All – yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to advertise the new driveway ordinance. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All – yes.

Superviosr Trimbath made a motion to hire Cohen Law Group to negotiate the cable t.v. franchise agreement with Com Cast conditioned upon 5 Municipalities participating which is;

1. Cresson Boro
2. Cresson Twp.
3. Nanty Glo Boro
4. Patton Boro
5. Portage Twp.

Cost to hire Cohen Law Group- \$5,530.00

Grant from ComCast- \$3,985.00

Net Cost for Portage Township- \$1,545.00

Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. All – yes.

Superviosr Trimbath made a motion for the Secretary to get 3 quotes from local banks to renew the \$100,000.00 CD that will come due on 2/21/11/. She will go with the highest rate. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All –yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to purchase a new spreader at the cost of \$3,624.75. Supervisor Selapack seconded. All –yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to allow the Portage Fire Company to change the alarm cards as necessary. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All –yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to approve Angel Coal Trust Subdivision contingent the questions be answered. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All- yes.

Supervisor Trimbath made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Supervisor Kovach seconded. All –yes.

Those visitors signing the attendance record: Glen Calderwood, Chuck Pavlosky, Dick Rice, Pat George, Sherman Miller, Tom Rohr, John Waksmunski, John Kissell, Mike Jubina, Matt and Ray, Ashley Watt, Larry RaptoshWilliam Cooper.

Submitted by Lisa Flynn, Secretary

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD.

Those visitors signing the attendance record were: John Kissell, Don McCabe, David Smith, Richard Olshavsky, Phil Zdunczk, Mike Nicholson, Mark Stefanko, BranBaker, J. Cikota, Mike Cikota, Bruce Brunett, Sean Ference, Pat Black, Kevin Crable, Bill Cooper, Myrle Baum (Juniata Township), Portage Fire Department (24), Ray Kargo

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