

February 4, 2013

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the board of supervisors to order on February 4, 2013 at 7PM on Hickory Lane. Also present were David Bird, William (Bud) Brown, Sarah Griggs and Ed Scacchitti Esq. Twenty-nine individuals signed the sign in sheet.

The minutes of the past meeting were reviewed. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Jeff Lacoé of the Newton Ransom fire department presented the fire report for the month of January. There were a total of thirty one calls for the month. Jeff advised that the new tanker truck is in service. Jeff thanked the community for their support and the thank you cards he received during his surgery and recovery.

Officer Kreidler presented the police report for the month of January. He noted there was 145.3 hours of services with 2 violations. Dave Weinerth questioned officer Kreidler about the increased traffic on the roads due to the heavy truck traffic in the area. Officer Kreidler advised that the police are aware of this.

Sarah Griggs advised that the township had reviewed the voided checks that were presented at the previous supervisors meeting. The supervisors have concluded that there was no criminal wrong doing. The checks were legitimately voided checks, minor clerical mistakes, or not voided at all.

Ed Scacchitti advised that the supervisors would be changing the way the meetings are conducted. The public comment part of the meeting will now be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Ed advised that this is due to the low attendance at the work session meetings. This allows for the public to comment on the items of the agenda before they are voted upon by the supervisors.

Under Public comment: Bill Auriemma questioned Ed Scacchitti if the charges made by Kathy Zielinski on the townships Lowes credit cards was included in the case against her. Ed replied that yes they were forwarded to the district attorneys office for when restitution is brought up in the sentencing. Bill Auriemma stated that he is happy with the investigation that went into the credit card charges and does not feel that the township needs to go further with it.

Lenay Blackwell questioned where the township stands with the audit into the earned income tax collecting that Kathy Zielinski did. Ed Scacchitti responded that Jack Marx was in contact with Berkheimer. Lenay questioned if there is any findings will she be charged. Ed stated that it would be added to her restitution. Bud Brown stated that the earned income tax records are at the township building and that he is not sure what Jack Marx found in the records.

Bill Auriemma questioned an item on the agenda establishing a five business day deadline to get on the agendas for the supervisors meetings and the planning commission meetings. Ed Scacchitti stated that professionals are being paid by the township for meetings where their services are not needed. This motion will help cut down on this.

Bill Auriemma questioned posting of the townships property as stated on the agenda. Bill questioned which property will be posted. Bud Brown replied that the Greenspace will be posted due to the township being legally advised to do so. Bob Lukasiewicz questioned how the posting will affect the fishing area and the stocking of

the creek. Dennis Macheska advised that the fish commission will not stock the posted area.

Hank Rowinski questioned what is being done about the ice on Snake Road. Dave Bird stated that he would call Dave Maciak at PennDot about the ice issue. Kathy Rowinski questioned Scott Maciak who regulates the flaggers in this area. Scott advised that PPL is in charge of this and it is not his division of PennDot he deals with municipalities. Dave Bird stated that he would talk to PPL to see about getting the ice area fixed. Dave Weinerth questioned the excess amount of salt on the road in front of his house. Dave Bird stated that the township salts that area and we have been salting a lot due to the icy conditions. Dave Weinerth questioned if PPL is going to fix the roads being damaged. Dave Bird stated that he is going to talk to PPL about the matter and that it is already being discussed.

Dennis Macheska read the correspondence on the meetings agenda: The township received a letter of agreement from PPL Electric Utilities Corp. outlining the repairs they will make to our access road and the installation of a new gate on the townships property. The bridge project on Main Street has begun. The township is renting a small area of land to Grace Industries to store their job trailer during the bridge project on Main Street. The trailer will be located on the townships property for approximately six months. The township received a groundwater monitoring report for Alliance Landfill for the fourth quarter. Samples were taken November 5-7. Also received was the engineers status report for December 2012. Due to legal advice given to the township, the township will be posting the Greenspace property in the near future.

Bud Brown made a motion to require a five business day notice to get on the agenda for all supervisors meetings and planning commission meetings. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dave Bird made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis Macheska read the treasury report for the month of January. The treasury report was: general fund \$707,515.51 and Liquid Fuels \$1,202,986.94. Recycling totaled 4.48 tons for January. Februarys recycling dates were Feb 21 &22.

Dave Bird read the road report for the month. He stated that he will be in contact with PPL about fixing the damage they are causing on the roads.

Being there no further business Dave Bird made a motion to adjourn. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs  
Secretary / Treasurer