

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING December 8, 2009 at the Township Building

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

Guests: Nancy Stover, Centre County Library & Historical Museum, Jack Tobias, Northlands, Inc., Brian McCauley, Tina McCauley, Todd Dolan, and Ken Roan

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Aberegg to approve the minutes of November 10, 2009 minutes. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg-Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall - Yes Aberegg made a motion to approve the budget meeting minutes of November 16, 2009 Gutshall 2nd Aberegg-Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall - Yes

Public Comments:

Jack Tobias from Northlands requested signatures on the final plans for The Woods At Sand Ridge Phase 6 development. The Fee-In-Lieu has been received. Don Franson had sent e-mail that the surety estimate for this project is \$165,698.15. Franson has no issue, as he is the engineer for Walker and Marion Townships. **Aberegg made a motion that the agreement be signed. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Aberegg and Trulick signed the plans.

Nancy Stover from Centre County Library & Historical Museum informed everyone concerning the Book Mobile services to Marion Township. There are now 2 stops and the second is at the Township building. Tuesdays at Walnut Ridge and Saturdays at Township Building (schedules were passed to all) She also mentioned that a common catalog exists with Schlow Library and one can go online and request the item. **Www.Centrecountylibrary.org** is the web site address. She passed out info pertaining to Marion Township. The Historical Museum across from the library has a history of the townships in the county. A donation would be appreciated. Suggestion would be \$1.00 per person.

Jack recognized Archie Gettig for his 25 years of service to Marion Township and he certainly appreciates all the help Archie has given him since he came on board. Ellie thanked Archie for all he had done for her since her employment; Archie was very helpful and certainly very knowledgeable of Township procedures a big Thank You. Gutshall thanked Archie also and asked what his 25 years biggest accomplishment was: Archie said “Serving the public trying to serve the public with the amount of time I had available and the people I had available at the time.”

Old Business:

1. DCNR grant check has arrived. \$79,650.00 Aberegg wants to sit down with everyone, planning commission, park & rec board and interested public to go over all aspects of the grant procedures before anything is started.
2. Don Gallagher was sent to the magistrate for non-compliance of the Septic Pumping Ordinance. Hearing held December 3rd. Secretary attended the hearing Gallagher did not show up. Hoffman letter was received today and he was fined \$500.00 and \$60.00 fees. If he has the tank pumped by December 18th the fine will only be \$25.00 and the costs. Aberegg stated that if he pumps the tank we would basically receive no money for the time and effort. Secretary is to contact Bryant and ask why the Ordinance fees are not being adhered to. Still awaiting action on Glossner property. Awaiting instructions from SEO.
3. Discussion on Bellefonte Fire Company information from Jack Aberegg phone call with Ralph Stewart of Bellefonte Borough. Jack answered each of the questions he asked Ralph Stewart of Bellefonte Borough. The only major concern is the 6 miles of I-80 between #161 and #166. Fire Companies and Ambulance are two different issues. Legally Bellefonte Fire Company’s charter states that there jurisdiction stops at the borders of Bellefonte Borough. A township does not have to pay for fire protection even if they are billed.

Howard and Walker cover Marion Township for fire protection. Milesburg and Bellefonte response time to I-80 is the same. Jack is still waiting to hear about the fee that may/may not be accepted by Bellefonte Fire Company's (meeting was last evening). Is the contract to be signed at this time? **NO** The invoice for \$ 2,052.88 is not to be paid for 2010 services? Bellefonte has been made aware that we do have an agreement with Howard and Walker Fire Companies for service to Forest Avenue. Marion Township believed that Bellefonte was no longer the first responder. Roan stated he has spoken to Bellefonte EMS and knows who covers all 911 areas. Howard and Walker agreement will need to be amended to state that any money paid to Bellefonte/Milesburg to take care of I-80 will be deducted from the FAT money paid to them.

New Business:

1. Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) – CCMPO application for projects for LRTP were filed. Copies of Project #1 (Rt 26 thru to Rt 150) and #3 (Lick Run bridge) were sent to Howard Borough and Howard Twp for their support. Sue Hannegan requested a copy of the Project #1 to take to the NVJPC meeting. This was e-mailed to her. Brian McCauley stated that the forms should have been sent to Walker, Spring and Benner to have them comply with our priorities.
2. Park & Rec November 4, 2009 Minutes – Rest Room doors will be locked on Sunday. They have been left open for hunters. \$101.25 was turned in for soda sold in November and the Coke machine is full. Orié Hanley was approved as a member for the board at the December meeting. Roan requested a listing of when the committee member's terms expire. Secretary will see that he receives this information. Doors still need painted on rest room and the Chinese hats put on.
3. Zoning Report for November 2009 – Weight had a meeting with a non-compliant resident and could not attend.
4. Head Roadmaster Report November 2009 – Gutshall read his report. He also stated that he felt he had a well-rounded crew with 3 CDL drivers now. He appreciates all their hard work.
5. Planning Commission Minutes for November meeting – Bob Stover's term expires in December and a new appointment will need to be made at the reorganization meeting. Applicant's letters are needed in the office.
6. Centre County Solid Waste October 2009 report – Discussion was held on how to handle the dumping of trash in the recycle bins at the Park. Aberegg suggested we put up a camera to catch the persons doing this. Roan stated that if we get a license number he would follow up. Further discussion was held on a camera being installed. Aberegg stated a sign stating **This Park is Under Surveillance** should be placed at the Park.
7. Centre County Planning and Community Development Office letters on Gregory & Shawnie Butts subdivision – November 19, 2009 final plan with items still needed to be completed. **Aberegg made a motion we notify the County that we have no problems with the subdivision. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes.** November 23 letter concerning Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control items. No action needed.
8. Notice of State Police Fines payment - \$513.11 Money was deposited into account No action needed.
9. Decision on any equipment at the home of the retiring Supervisors – **Aberegg made a motion that all equipment being used by the retiring Supervisors be kept and any informational items he may have be turned over to the incoming Supervisor. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall - Yes** Gettig left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. due to approaching snowstorm.
10. Approval of 2010 Budget – **Aberegg made a motion to approve the 2010 Budget. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig - Absent Gutshall – Yes** Discussion on the quote from Noerr's was much more than the original quote from Bradco. Should the white truck be traded in or put out on bids. Aberegg stated he believe the truck is at least worth \$4,000 to \$5,000. Gutshall will see what we can get on a trade for the White truck before a decision is made to bid it.
11. Centre County Planning and Community Development letters – Time extension for U-Design (6th time) No Action needed Time extension for Nixdorf (5th time) **No** action needed McCauley will look into the fees extension being placed in an Ordinance. The County feels that we would be duplicating the fees if we were to do this. McCauley will suggest that the County fees be shared with the Township.
12. Appointment of Parente-Randolph as CPA firm to audit the books ending December 31, 2009 – **Aberegg made a motion to appoint Parente-Randolph to audit the records as of December 31, 2009. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig- Absent Gutshall - Yes**
13. E-Mail from Jon Eich concerning Ag Land Preservation Coordinator Position – Aberegg feels this is an individual item and should not be handled by the Township. No money is available at this time. Ag security is a good idea but tax money should not be spent to continue this. Each person can write to Eich as he feels is appropriate.
14. Letter from Montour – FYI only No action needed
15. DEP letter November 17, 2009 - Concerning Vince Mazzotta property with raw sewage. SEO has sent a letter Bahman Sharif the owner and he is handling the issue. Secretary sent a letter to DEP with the letter from Wallace attached. Wallace notified the Secretary that Mazzotta had called him and will be meeting to discuss options.
16. Just a FUN thing for personal improvement or not? - No action needed
17. Beth Ann Dennis has accepted a position as elected auditor for 6 years. FYI only **Aberegg made a motion we send a letter to Jeff McKinley to be sure he would like to be reappointed for next year. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Absent Gutshall – Yes** Secretary is to send letter to Christian Vinton-Johansen for his willingness to be reappointed to the vacancy Board. Secretary to contact Bob Jacobs to be sure that Marion Township is covered by the Zoning Hearing Board of Centre County.
18. Information received from PSATS on the “What Every Township Supervisor Needs to Know”—Recommended for newly elected Supervisors/refresher for experienced Supervisors also recommend for municipal secretaries. Cost is \$175.00 for both seminars to be held on January 30th and February 6th at Toftrees Resort. Aberegg

suggested that all go except him. He believes that Ken and I should go and Ray again if he wants to attend. \$175.00 per person to go.

19. Boyles Insurance quote for Commercial and Worker's Compensation – Total cost is \$5,943.00. An error has occurred on the quotes. Our new John Deere tractor was not listed on the 2009 policy and thus has not been included in any quotes for 2010. Secretary contacted Ron Boyles and he is looking into this matter. The equipment was listed on the original quoted information. The additional cost will be approximately \$200.00. The purchase of a new truck will, of course, increase the insurance further. Secretary should have all quotes in for the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (DEC 58-60) 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 November 10th through December 3rd, 2009. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing.

**Aberegg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and bills for payment. Gutshall 2nd
Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Absent Gutshall- Yes**

PLEASE NOTE ALL BALANCES BELOW ARE AFTER ALL CHECKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.

General Payroll ---\$135,825.87 (does not include Park \$)	Park \$ in General Fund --- \$499.55
PLGIT General ---- \$33,153.88	State Equipment \$ = \$5,450.09 \$PLGIT State --- \$39,237.89

Meeting held December 8, 2009 adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

Jack Aberegg, Chairman

Archie Gettig, Jr., Vice Chairman

Ray Gutshall