

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING May 10, 2011 at the Township Building

Present: Jack Aberegg, Ray Gutshall, Ken Roan and Ellie Trulick

Guests: Edward Poorman, Herb Chapman, Orié Hanley, III, Ben Mellott, and Tim Weight (arrived at 7:40p.m.)

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

Roan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011 meeting as presented. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes

Public Comments:

Herb Chapman – Asked why his taxes were not sent to the Escrow account as has been done in the last 6 years. He is now required to pay a penalty due to not being paid on time. Aberegg made a recommendation that the secretary contact Brian McCauley, tax collector to have him call Mr. Chapman and resolve this matter. It does not seem fair that he should be responsible when the taxes have always been sent to his escrow account in the past.

Orié Hanley, III – Asked about the FAT tax paid to Howard and Walker Township. Roan explained how we pay 75%/25% approximately \$25,000.00 to these entities. The amount is dependent upon how much tax is collected in the year. Roan explained how the Fire Committee is doing in the individual companies.

Ben Mellott – 1030 Nittany Ridge Road had a complaint about Gutshall Lane and Farmdale Road. He stated that the road used to be blocked off and he is concerned that someone could get into accident. Gutshall stated the fence is not up now. Developer is Michael Lorenz and the contact would be Fred Henry who did the plans, etc. The developer has requested a temporary fix till the road is completed and dedicated to Marion Township. The road drainage problem currently is the responsibility of the developer. Mr. Mellott mentioned previous drainage problems and how his property had been dug up and replaced with 2RC which when it rains washes into the inlet and pieces of his previously amesited area is plugging up the inlet. Secretary is to contact Fred Henry and ask him to correct the drainage issue and send a copy to Mr. Mellott. He wants a phone call from Fred Henry. Phone number was provided.

Second question was what zone it is. Aberegg stated it is conservation. About 19 years ago when he built it was not legal to clear cut the area. Clear cutting is now going on and that is legal. Previous agreements or covenants are only legal for a given amount of time and then the Ordinances of the Township are to be followed.

Old Business:

Jeffrey Hildebrand septic tank has been pumped. There are still over 100 residents to be completed for June 2011 for the current round. Letters will go out in June for the next round to be completed by June 2012. **Roan made a motion that we give the current round of residents to July 1, 2011 due to the wet weather before the reminder letter is sent out. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - yes**

New Business:

1. Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) – Meeting is to be held here on May 19, 2011. Ray will take care of getting the food.
2. Park & Rec – April minutes. Materials are here for the new pavilion. The materials received for the previous bid from YBC is not correct. The doors were to be \$180/each or \$360.00 for both. Paint was not received according to the bid. Roan will handle this issue with McCauley. Bid was to be no more than \$8,273.00. Brian said he didn't have the color of the paint to send it. Color is to be gray. Nothing has been unpacked and determination will be made to keep or not after Roan talks with McCauley. The new pavilion will be completed by July 16th. For the birthday party request. Fence has been completed. The PA system is installed. Windows are theft proof. Water is running over the lids and Roan/Hanley will try to trench it to Lick Run. Franson is aware of the problem and will look into it. ADA parking spots are marked off. Path will be done, Franson has it set up. Will be 2" up and down 4" total. He will give in kind service. It will be accessible for wheelchairs. Two 4" pipes will need to be put in. The Grant must be completed by June 30, 2011. Picnic tables will be around \$2500 to \$3000.00 for 2 ADA tables. We may only need to have 1 ADA and 1 regular. **Aberegg made a motion the Park & Rec Director be given authority to purchase 2 picnic tables at least 4' in diameter at a cost up to \$3800.00 for both tables. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes. Aberegg made a motion to furnish the man giving the in-kind service building the path be given fuel to fill his tank for the work he is doing for us. Roan 2nd Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes Little League has purchased 2 trashcans, and will furnish the plastic bag liners; and will empty their own garbage now. Vending machine is doing well. Electrical bills have gone up only about \$15.00 - \$20.00 a month due to the vending machine. Gutshall wants to know what has been planned between the ball field and the playground. Roan stated a basketball court. Tennis court may not be able to be put in due to not enough space. Gutshall asked about flooding that in the winter for ice-skating. Roan stated that is not in the plans at this time as Howard has had trouble with contracting/expansion and it would be the same here.**
3. Zoning Report for April 2011 – Roan asked what type of sign is being requested for the I-80 sign. Weight stated the resident has not given him an answer as to what is to be advertised. Question on acreage needed to house horses. Residents must have at least 5 acres to have horses.

4. Planning Commission Minutes for April meeting – (March minutes were never received by this office) No action needed.
5. Head Roadmaster – Head Roadmaster Report and Tree on Two Mile Road issue. Gutshall stated Two Mile Road was not snow plowed by Marion Township past the top of the road. Discussion of sale of F350 and GMC trucks. The GMC will need approximately \$5000.00 to repair. Both trucks have less than 35,000 miles. **Gutshall made a motion we put both trucks out for sealed bids. Minimum bid on the F350 is to be \$2,500.00 with all equipment attachments; and GMC with plow, spreader, and stone conveyor (almost new) minimum bid to be \$4,500.00. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** Supervisors will write up the bid information.
6. Centre County Solid Waste Authority February report – FYI
7. DEP letter for Eddy S & Cheryl Watkins subdivision Component I approval. **Note: Privy use prohibited for lots in this development.** FYI
8. Howard Volunteer Fire Company – Request for donations. Table till next meeting when the amount of donation has been determined that was given last year.
9. Commonwealth of PA Game Commission letters dated March 31 and April 19, 2011 – FYI
10. Comcast notification of new office address effective May 23, 2011 – FYI
11. Centre County Farm Bureau letter – FYI (each supervisor to make their own reservations to attend if desired.)
12. Discussion of the accusation that decisions are being made outside of the meetings – Gutshall was asked what decision he was referring to; he stated have any been made. Roan stated no. Gutshall had no further comments.
13. Time being paid for April 2011 – FYI (It is not necessary to keep handing this out.) Gutshall wants to see what hours Roan is paid for as a laborer and as a Roadmaster. Roan stated he is the only employee that has split his wages this way. All others in the past have been paid as Roadmasters even if they were mowing grass or cleaning the building or painting, etc. Gutshall wants a report form for mileage to be paid.
14. Ken's Meeting Attendance and mileage report January-April 2011 – FYI
15. Secretary will be out of the office in June – FYI June 21, 22 and 23 I will be attending the PA State Rebekah Assembly meetings in Harrisburg. I will come into the office on Friday, June 24th to catch up on things.
16. Gutshall stated that a basketball hoop has been permanently installed on Sunset Road cul de sac.
17. The electric bill has been reduced from \$163 to \$134. The propane use in the garage has also been greatly reduced saving more money.
18. Gutshall does not look at his e-mails every day and wants a phone call if something important/drastring comes up.

Roan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills including the additional ones paid today. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – Roan - Yes

Treasurer's Report: (MAY 27-29) 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 April 12th, 2011 through May 5, 2011. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing.

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

General ---	\$134,218.31	State Liquid Fuels Fund ---	\$49,151.99
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account ---	\$ 1,223.68	State Equipment Fund---	\$5,360.01
Park Grant Account--	\$ 3,815.18		

Aberegg made a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2011 meeting at 8:12 p.m. Gutshall 2nd All in favor!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Aberegg, Chairman

Ellie Trulick
Secretary/Treasurer

Ray Gutshall, Vice Chairman

Kenneth L. Roan