

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING August 13, 2013 at the Township Building

Present: Ken L. Roan, Jack Aberegg, Herb Chapman and Ellie Trulick

Guests: Jerry McCloskey, Erika Stover, Scott Smith, Richard Lutz, and Tim Weight arrived at 8:30.

Chairman Roan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the victims of the Ross Township shooting in Monroe County.

Chapman made a motion for approval of the minutes from July 9, 2013 BOS regular meeting. Roan 2nd Roan-Yes Chapman – Yes Aberegg- abstained (not present at the last meeting)

Public Comments: Jerry McCloskey, EMA coordinator—Discussed Act 93 for mutual aid agreement between townships. This must be in writing. Secretary is to contact—Porter, Walker, Spring, Howard Borough, Howard Township for the Head Roadmaster to get together to discuss this agreement. Once an agreement is agreed to it will be brought back to all boards for approval. Information on drywall being used for fertilizer or bedding for animals may be causing deaths. An acid is created when it is stirred up. Aberegg will contact Dennis Whitesell at Graymont to determine if he is aware of this issue. Secretary will contact PSATS to see what they know about this issue. Methane in manure pits if bubbling it is a major problem. McCloskey asked about Workman's Compensation; secretary will contact insurance company.

Erica Stover, Two Mile Road---Questions on Noise Ordinance. There have been several incidents of noise coming from neighbors until after 11:00 p.m. Both leave early hours for work and cannot sleep due to the disturbance. One incident woke her at 1:30 a.m. We do not have a Police force in Marion Township to enforce this ordinance. State Police can be contacted for disturbance. Tim was asked about this when he came in and stated he will send a letter to the resident on Beech Bottom making the disturbance.

Dick Lutz- Wants to have the animal ordinance changed for chickens. This will need to go to the Planning Commission for research into the issue. He feels a couple chickens should be allowed.

Old Business: Discussion was held on purchase of new Skid Steer-- Walsh Equipment Total cost \$38,578.00 with \$4,000.00 trade for grader & broom tractor; BOBCAT cost is \$27,066.34 with a trade value of \$3,000.00. Third quote from Cleveland Brothers for \$46,595.00 with \$5,300.00 for trades. Trailer needed for transport cost would be from \$5,500 to \$6,000.00. Aberegg believes that the cab with A/C and heat could be left off to save some money. This item will be carried over till next month's meeting after much discussion of costs and the need to purchase a larger trailer to transport the equipment.

New Business:

1. **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** (NVJPC) – Meeting July 18th at Benner Twp. Roan mentioned that projects for Marion Township were discussed. The high speed interchange and proposed exit at #163 are not wanted by Marion Township. Spring Township and Bellefonte Borough stated they do not want the extra traffic on their roads. Thus throwing the issue back to Marion Township. Exit #163 is shovel ready at a cost of \$80M but no money at this time.
2. **Zoning Report for July 2013** – Lutz was given a letter about the chickens and will discuss with Tim after the meeting.
3. **Park & Rec** – No meeting in July due to lack of quorum.
4. **Planning Commission Minutes for July meeting** – Letter from Hanson Aggregates to Anson Burwell for extension of final plans. This information will be given to the Planning Commission to look into.
5. **Head Roadmaster** – July report. Cost of grader work done for Porter/Walker and Marion Townships \$2,723.37. Previous bid quote for grading only Sand Ridge road \$18,995.00. Twenty seven miles were done in Porter Township. Porter had 5 people, Walker had 3 people and Marion had 2 people working on the grading of the roads. Marion Township did Slaughterhouse, Sand Ridge, Weights Lane and Nittany Ridge Roads. We need mileage for all townships. About 5 days at Porter, 2 days at Walker less than a day in Marion Township. 10 scoops of stone were used. 18 hours today in Marion Township finishing the roads. Aberegg would like to have the cost per mile calculated. All persons requesting fill were contacted for their needs of the fill from this project. A resident on Nittany Ridge hung up on the Head Roadmaster when he called him. All other persons with a fill request received fill. Our 1960 tractor with the broom broke down when sweeping the roads. Clutch broke. Chapman was looking into what repairs are needed and the cost. He did not have the time to do this project yet. Possibly this tractor should be sold or gotten rid of due to the tractor being so old. Pavilion at the Park may need to be held till next year. Chapman does not have time to help until October. If manpower is available to complete it will be done this year. Roan checked prices to rent a skid steer for this project. Grand Rental at \$535.00 and Best Line at \$715.00 for 2 days. Roan has been working with Mike Bloom from the County on Lick Run Bridge it had be #17 on the PennDOT and moved to #140. Roan crawled under this bridge and it is a stage 4 project according to PennDOT. It is now back down to being a lower number on the need for repair. This is a concern due to fire

protection for Marion Township. There is not another easily accessible road to get to Marion Township should a fire occur. Franson states that Sunset Lane should be started this Thursday and completed by Monday. This is allow school busses to go back Sunset Drive. Students will not need to walk out to Hubler Ridge Road. PennDOT will send an inspector for this project. This could cost Marion Township extra money. Slaughterhouse Road, Sand Ridge, Weights Lane pipe in middle of road, Walnut Ridge needs to be done. Walnut Ridge has been done twice. Quotes received were \$8,050 and \$10370.00 both are higher than Marion Township wants to pay. Franson will work how to reduce the costs. Mulch is needed at the Park due to wash out with the rains in the past weeks.

6. Centre County Refuse Report for June & July– **FYI No action needed**
7. PENNDOT July 19, 2013 letter – **FYI No action needed**
8. PENNDOT Newsletter Release – **FYI No action needed**
9. Response from Attorney Bryant on driveway pipe – Marion Township is responsible for any pipes that were not paid by residents.
10. Letter from Attorney Bryant on the Snow Shoe Township vs. PUC, et al. – This relates to the Act 13 funds we will receive. (I have the complete suit filed if anyone wants to read/see it.)
11. Disaster and Damage Reporting Seminar- Jerry McCloskey asked who would like to attend this seminar. Roan stated he would like to attend and Trulick may also be able to attend. McCloskey will notify the Centre County EMA on this.
12. Court notice for Mortgage Foreclosure - **FYI No action needed**
13. **Discussion/ other items of note:**
Bellefonte Borough's article in the CDT will be hiring someone to help with the safety checks to educate people about fires in the Borough. The salary to be at \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year. The Borough will be contacting all surrounding townships for more money if a grant is not received and/or when it runs out. Roan talked with Don Holderman from Bellefonte Borough about the possible increase to our current \$1,500.00 for fire protection. A contract is to be sent to Marion Township. Further discussion may need to be held with Howard and Walker Township as the fire protection money paid comes from the FAT tax and is limited to the 1 mil collected. Act 46 is also an issue with the fire departments. Our workman's compensation will not increase until May 2014 but other townships have had anywhere from 10% to 25% increase due to Act 46 being passed by the PA legislature.

I will be out of the office August 22nd. I will work on Monday the 19th and will post the door stating this information.

Aberegg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills presented. Chapman 2nd Roan – Yes Aberegg- Yes Chapman - Yes

Treasurer's Report: 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 July 9, 2013 through August 8, 2013. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing. Additional checks written after the above dates may be presented for approval at the monthly meetings. The above additional checks will be included again on the monthly listing for approval at the following month meeting.

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

General ---	\$186,635.33	State Liquid Fuels Fund ---	\$15,699.58
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account ---	\$ 9,829.96	State Equipment Fund -----	\$17,547.29

August 13, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with motion by Roan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

Kenneth L. Roan, Chairman

Jack Aberegg, Vice Chairman

Herbert Chapman