

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING June 14, 2011 at the Township Building

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

Guests: Herb Chapman, Jerry McCloskey, John R. Dillon, Don Franson, Brian McCauley, Tim Weight, Archie Gettig, Jr.

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

Gutshall made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 10th meeting as presented. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes

Public Comments:

Old Business:

The Howard Volunteer Fire Company request for contributions (held over from May meeting). Will wait till the EMS bill is presented in the fall. No action to be taken on this request.

Gutshall Lane/Farmdale Road complaint from Ben Mellott at last month's meeting. Letter was sent to Fred Henry on this matter. Sign has been changed at Gutshall Lane. Roan asked about Mihalik driveway coming onto Nittany Ridge Road instead of Farmdale Lane. Entrance should be shut off to Nittany Ridge Road and put onto Farmdale Lane. Gutshall was in to see Anson Burwell about the signage for the lots for sale. The sign is not according to the approved plans. Franson stated that he has not looked at the sign at this time and it is not an official map. He is due to have a meeting with Ameron and he will talk with them about the driveways, and what is planned for the next six weeks or so. Work is to be completed by July but the fee-in-lieu must be paid and the county approval received before any lots may be sold.

Tax Escrow Account question from Herb Chapman – Herb stated that McCauley did leave him a message; Herb called back and had to leave a message, which was not returned to date. Copies of information from Brian McCauley stating that a tax collector does not have to send to an escrow account but it is a courtesy to residents to do so. Chapman asked why it had been one for the past 6 years and was not this year. Aberegg asked the Secretary to make copies of the information from McCauley and give to Chapman. McCauley stated escrow companies do not use them, and will get them from the homeowners. Stated he did not have time to get the info in the Newsletter due to him not checking his e-mails. Roan stated there was at least from the 15th to the 24th to get the info for the Newsletter.

Permanent Basketball Hoop: Tim responded we do not have an Ordinance against it at this time. **Aberegg made a motion to contact the solicitor to determine what we need to do. Resolution or Ordinance may need to be made about temporary/permanent basketball hoops. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan- Yes**

New Business:

1. **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** (NVJPC) –Roan stated we must make a decision to be in the CCMPO/MPO. Bellefonte meeting was that they would go with Option A. McCauley was at Walker Township and they voted for Option A also. Aberegg doesn't fee we should be in this as our needs are so different from Bellefonte or Walker. He feels we accomplished just as much by attending meetings and expressing our concerns. Gutshall suggested we do Option A and have one vote between Bellefonte Borough, Walker Township and Marion Township with the County paying for it. We would need to get together with the other two to decide who can vote. **Gutshall make a motion that Bellefonte Borough, Walker Township, and Marion Township will have one vote (Option A) and the county will pay the fees. If the county refuses to pay Marion Township will not belong. Roan 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** (Secretary to send a letter to Tom Zilla stating the above decision.) PennDOT meeting held June 7th. 34 persons signed in and 27 were Marion Township residents. 52 letter were sent to residents in the affected area. 52% of residents attending and completing form recommended Option #2. Discussion on the Non-Conformity letters given to Snyder's does not have anything to do with PennDOT. Option #1 was 11' lanes with 4' shoulders. Option #2 was 11' lanes with 2-4' shoulders. Option #3 was 12' lanes with 6' shoulders. Roan was the only Supervisor present to talk with residents. **Roan made a motion the Secretary send a letter to PennDOT to request a site review of the conditions, evaluate the speed to 35 mph and install a 30- day digital speed-read out. Also that Option #2 was approved at the meeting in accordance with resident's recommendations. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - yes**
2. **Park & Rec** –May and June minutes. Path is completed to playground. Don Franson, Herb Chapman and Ellie Trulick were thanked for volunteering their time on June 4th for this project. Sixty- two hours were volunteered including the hours of the Jeff Courter, his skid steer and dump truck. Roan's tractor and roller were used along with the township equipment. We are not close to the 2000 hours of volunteer time that was written into the

grant. Roan was disappointed that more people did not help. Steiner broke down PTO clutch needed. Steiner was taken to Dotterer's for repairs after all BOS were contacted of the emergency breakdown. Gutshall wanted to not do the repairs and get more estimates. Repair cost estimate is \$ 1,015.97. Supervisor Roan is willing to use his personal tractor till this one is repaired at no cost to the Township except possibly gasoline. Quotes for rental of mower for a week is \$408.85 and for a month \$855.75. Not feasible to rent the equipment and obtain further estimates. Roan stated the picnic tables, benches, and trash containers have been ordered. Gutshall e-mailed he does not want to take any extra money over the grant funds from the general fund. The previous minutes show we have over \$1,200.00 in the park in-lieu dollars. Nothing will need to be taken from the general fund to pay any overrun for the completion of the grant. Playground, path, picnic tables, benches and trash containers should all be here by June 30 and possible even installation completed. John Earl (grant coordinator) will be contacted for a short extension is needed.

3. Zoning Report for May 2011 – Aberegg asked about the right of ways on Marion Township roads, can the township do whatever is necessary to control water run off. (i.e. mail boxes, fences, poles, etc.) Franson said Marion Township has a right to do work on property and any obstructions can be removed. Franson will get the state law info on this to the Township office. Roan asked about the property that was burned out having a double wide put in. Weight stated he had given the resident 30 days before another permit would be needed and the cost does not exceed \$25,000.00.
4. Planning Commission Minutes for May meeting – No action
5. Head Roadmaster – Roadmaster #1 read his report. BH/Front Loader will need to go back to Valley Ag & Turf for more repairs. Was not greased properly in the past and must be washed after each use to keep from freezing up again per the serviceman at Valley Ag & Turf. Work is to start on Monday on the pavilion at the Park. The resident who wanted to use it in July has not gotten back to the office. Discussion of replacement truck vs. repairing the current ones. (Items needing repair per Wesley were in the April packets.) Gutshall said he could get the GMC repaired for \$1500.00 previously. Roan asked if he had any estimates and who would do the work. Gutshall stated he had not done anything on this. Roan had taken the list of repair items to W.W. Engine & Supply, Inc. who gave us a letter stating that replacement parts are obsolete and not available. The truck should be replaced. F-350 has a list of repairs needed and the itemized cost estimate on that is \$8,620.99 from Confer Ford. Both trucks are not feasibly repairable. Roan spoke to Bradco on some of the parts on the GMC and Wayne Yearick stated Bradco would not want any of this and should be sold with the truck. Archie Gettig suggested the spreader be sold separate from the 1997 Ford F-350. All bids should state the Supervisors have the right to reject all bids. Minimum bid \$2,000 on the F-350 and spreader for \$1,000.00. 1987 GMC for \$4,500.00 with everything included. Sealed bid ad info on trucks for sale will need rewritten. Mirror Assembly on the F-550 was not put on correctly. Sunbury Motors sales manager stated he informed Gutshall that this mirror assembly was not appropriate for this truck. Bradco will be doing warranty work on F-550 in July. Yearick stated he had told Gutshall that after plowing for 2 weeks the plow bracket needed to be retightened. It was never done and the right side was loose and bent due to this. Bradco will repair the bent area. **Roan made a motion that we purchase the road temperature gauge #3 for \$798.00 when the truck goes to Bradco in July. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg- yes Gutshall – yes Roan - Yes**
6. Centre County Solid Waste Authority April report – No action needed
7. Centre County Planning & Development letters – May 19th on reclassification of Eddy & Cheryl Watkins property. Letter of May 18 making null and void the U Design Construction proposal. Letter of May 9th for Gregory & Shawnie Butts. No action to be taken on these items.
8. R. S. Services letter dated 3/1/11 - No action needed
9. Bulleting from YBC – FYI on price increases
10. Howard Borough Council May 31 bill – Worker's compensation billing for May 2011 thru May 2012. Bill for \$1,537.77 was paid.
11. PennDOT letter May 27th - Highway related improvement projects for Centre County. No action needed
12. PSATS Info on Retirement Plan – FYI only No action taken
13. Engineer's Report – Don discussed Sand Ridge Road from I-80 south to Walker Twp line 11 areas be cut out 19mm binder be put in this year. Amounts to 300 SqYds with a cost of \$17,500.00. Level Sand Ridge estimate is another \$30,000.00 and tar & chip is \$22,500.00. All of Sand Ridge road to level only is \$69,000.00 to tar & chip would be \$52,000.00. Recommends he get a bid package together, send to secretary to advertise for the repairs only and then open at the July meeting. No charge for this bid package. **Roan made a motion that Franson Engineering prepare bid package for work on Sand Ridge Road. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg- yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes** Roan asked, since we have \$50,000.00 in the budget for Sunset, which will not be completed this year, if we can use some of the funds to do this project and the portion of Sunset being worked on this year. To level Sunset cost is approximately \$20,000.00. The intersection only is approximately \$10,000.00. Don had a map for the Sunset Road repairs he recommends which he showed to the BOS for their input. Discussion was held on how to divert the water. He needs permission for a HOP for Sunset Road work. **Roan made a motion to have Franson Engineering move ahead with this design and apply for the HOP from PennDOT for Sunset. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes**
14. June 6, 2011 letter from DEP on final re-subdivision for Gregory & Shawnie Butts (Hickory Knob) – No action needed
15. Henry Weight/Stan Wallace easement for Sunset Road/Sand Ridge Road – Stan will not need signatures at this meeting. He is hoping to get the input from the engineer, solicitor and the County before final signatures are required. He wants any information the BOS may have on this issue. Don Franson will send his proposal to Stan Wallace on the Henry Weight easement. No action taken on Stan Wallace proposal at this time.
16. Sign Inventory – Roan asked Gutshall if he had found the sign inventory he had done previously. Gutshall said he had not. Roan stated he would start over then.

Aberegg made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, sign the checks and approve the bills. Gutshall 2nd
Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - yes

Treasurer's Report: (JUN 48-) 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 May 10th, 2011 through June 9th, 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 ---	\$124,835.31	State Liquid Fuels Fund ---	\$49,188.40
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account ---	\$ 1,208.32	State Equipment Fund----	\$5,360.01
Park Grant Account--	\$ 3,374.84		

Aberegg made a motion to adjourn the June 14th meeting at 8:30 p.m. Gutshall 2nd All in Favor!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Aberegg, Chairman

Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

Ray Gutshall, Vice Chairman

Kenneth L. Roan