

## MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING November 9, 2010 at the Township Building

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

**Guests:** Herb Chapman, Orié Hanley, Paul Harrison, Brenda Harrison, John Single (Centre County Library) Ron Boyles, Tim Weight, and Don Franson

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

Aberegg had a comment on the minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Under New Business #5 Head Roadmaster Report under discussion of the strips on Rt. 26 placed by Penn DOT. Secretary was to write a letter to PennDOT concerning this issue. Chairman suggested the secretary not move forward with that letter. It is a safety issue and PennDOT has been cutting strips on many roads in PA. The letter was not sent to PennDOT. Explanation was also given on the \$300.00 being given to the Fire Task Force. **Roan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with the above note being made. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes Roan made a motion we approve the October 20<sup>th</sup> budget meeting minutes Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes**

### Public Comments:

**Ron Boyles** explained the auto insurance portion of our policy. It is not reimbursed at the dollar value shown on the policy. Replacement value is determined on cash value basis (replacement less depreciation) Comparison to other autos of the same type. Workman's Compensation insurance is based on the payroll and since our payroll was higher in 2009 the premium went up. This is something that the insurance company has no control over. Since it will be lower in 2010 we should be getting a refund on the additional premium we paid for 2009.

**John Single** from Centre County Library gave a presentation on the library budget. They have had a \$100,000.00 loss of funds. Discussion was held on the amount we have donated in the past. Aberegg stated we couldn't give at that level this year. **Gutshall made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Centre County Library and Historical Museum. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** Single stated they are attempting to have the bookmobile made more trips to the rural areas. Aberegg asked how the usage by stop is for Marion Township, Single will try to get this information back to us. Approximately 1/3 (370) of the residents in Marion Township have library cards based on 1,038 persons. Hanley stated he does not feel that \$250.00 is enough to donate. Aberegg stated that possibly a charge will need to be placed on book usage to help raise funds for the library.

**Paul Harrison** wants ideas for his Eagle Scout project to begin next March, 2011. A new flagpole at the Park was discussed. This would be similar to the one at the Township Building. He needs 100 hours to complete the project. **Don Franson** discussed the proposal for Sunset Drive and the application to the County for another grant. Cost is \$50,000.00 to upgrade Sunset Drive. **Aberegg made a motion we accept the proposal at the \$50,000.00 cost and apply to the County for a partial grant for Sunset Drive/Hublersburg Ridge Road Intersection Safety Improvements and Roadway Overlay. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** This item will be placed in the 2011 budget. Gutshall to find out how many children this affects in that area. Patti Hildebrand of Bellefonte Area High School would also be able to give a count of the children this affects. Franson also stated that Don Colburn had contacted him and will give him the information he need to resurvey his property for the pins that were removed. Roan will help Franson if needed.

### Old Business:

1. Stan Wallace responded to e-mail and spoke to Aberegg on the persons from 3<sup>rd</sup> round not compliant with the Septic tank pumping Ordinance. Chad Carver, Jeffrey Hildebrand has not responded. Walter Shay is to have his tanks pumped this week. Secretary will need to send any non compliant to the magistrate if no responses are received by end of the week.
2. Further discussion on the Fire Service Task Force \$100.00 check to be sent to Benner Township. Roan does not agree that we should send \$100.00 directly to Benner Township. He would be more comfortable if all bills were sent to us and we would pay the invoice directly up to our \$100.00. Roan will discuss at the next Fire Task Force meeting. Weather radio was discussed Aberegg has 2 of these. Roan will clarify with McCloskey what he needs or desires the township to have.

### New Business:

1. Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) – No action needed
2. Park & Rec – Roan passed out Minutes of November meeting the following items from those minutes were discussed. Coke machine; we have made \$600 + since July 2009. If we move to the next level (Silver) we would see a \$1.00 per case reduction in price for soda/power aide and \$.60 per case for water. We must add Coke Zero to move to the next level. The 10 case minimum order would still be in effect. A price increase is due in February 2011. **Roan made a motion we renegotiate our contract with Coke and move to the Silver level. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes** Roan will renegotiate and sign the contract with Coke. Gutshall application for membership on Park & Rec Board. Gutshall withdrew his application. Playground should be completed tomorrow. Signs will need placed but will not be erected until Spring 2011. The perimeter will be

- completed in the next week or so. Bathroom will be closed completely the day after deer season.
3. Zoning Report for October 2010– Weight left a blank zoning permit at the Hildebrand property for the construction of the garage being built. He was unable to reach any one by telephone.
  4. Planning Commission Minutes for October meeting – No action needed
  5. Head Roadmaster Report – Aberegg read his report. Brian Hovies acceptance of Roadmaster position if approved by the Board. Secretary will send Mr. Hovies a letter with several questions to be answered prior to the next meeting. Gutshall asked several questions concerning how Hovies was approached. Aberegg stated he had been hearing many rumors concerning employees leaving and he wanted to be sure we were covered for the winter season as was his job as Head Roadmaster.
  6. Appoint of CPA for the 2010-year audit was advertised for this meeting. Aberegg made a motion we appoint Parente Beard as the 2010 auditors. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes Resolution will be presented at the Re-organization meeting.
  7. Spring Township Police Department letter of October 14, 2010 – Aberegg made a motion we give \$150.00 to DARE program. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes
  8. Juniata Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America – Food drive—No action needed
  9. Penn State letter of October 20 concerning tobacco free Parks. No action taken on this matter. BOS does not feel this is needed.
  10. Invitation to Logan Fire Company No 1 banquet – Each to check schedule and respond
  11. Howard Volunteer Fire Company Emergency Service Fee Letter & invoice - Marion Township 25% portion is \$5,600.00. Aberegg made a motion to pay this amount. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes
  12. Borough of Bellefonte 2011 Fire Protection billing & information – Roan made a motion we pay the \$1500.00 to Bellefonte Borough Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes Hanley asked about any Ordinance we have for fire companies to be reimbursed for I-80. Marion Township does not have such an Ordinance. This has not been mentioned at the Fire Task Force. Roan will ask at next meeting.
  13. Letter from TruGreen with 2011 contract – Aberegg made a motion we sign the contract for 2011 with Tru Green and pay the fee with the 5% reduction. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes
  14. Payroll sheets for October - FYI only. Do not need to copy the time sheets from now on.
  15. Discuss Budget for December approval. Budget was discussed. Aberegg has several questions: Account 430 what is in that number? It is all items for highways. Skid loader of \$ 15,000 will be dropped from account 430.70. Aberegg feels we do not have the money to purchase this right now. Acct. # 438.35 will be increased to reflect to \$50,000 for the Sunset Drive project discussed above. Acct. # 454 Park salaries will be increased to \$8,500 to include the \$5,000 of laborer to enclose the pavilion at the Park and 454.45 will be reduced to \$9,000.00 to reflect the enclosing of the pavilion. Acct. #454.25 is repair to fence and the new pavilion. With the new cost of \$6,700 it may be dropped until next year. Leave the \$3,550.+ as it is. Acct. #454.47 Park Grant materials may be spent in 2010 when the playground equipment is paid for. We will have approximately \$6, 000 or \$7,000 left for completion of the project next year. These changes will be made to the budget and sent to the board for final adjustments and adoption at the next meeting. Proposed budget will be advertised 20 days before the next meeting.

**Roan made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, approve and pay the bills including Gutshall’s internet service billing. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg – Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** Gutshall asked about being paid for internet service for September and October. Secretary was not sure about his high-speed Internet connection as copies of various items were requested the past two months. A copy of his high-speed Internet billing should be presented for payment as do the others receiving this payment.

**Treasurer’s Report: (NOV 37-39) 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 October 12th through November 4th. 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.**

Jersey Shore General —	\$120,927.00	Jersey Shore State Fund —	\$38,089.76
Jersey Shore Park Fee-In-Lieu Account —	\$ 1,584.17	Jersey Shore/State Equipment —	-0-
Jersey Shore Park Account—	\$28,632.23		

**Roan made a motion to adjourn the November 9, 2010 meeting at 8:55 p.m. All in favor, meeting closed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jack Aberegg, Chairman

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Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

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Ray Gutshall, Vice Chairman

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Kenneth L. Roan