

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting June 10, 2014

Business meeting held on Tuesday June 10, 2014. Chairman Dennis Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Knowlton, second by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Mr. Searle made a motion to pay bills except Clifford Auto and Clifford supply, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Searle made a motion to pay Clifford Auto and Clifford Supply, Mr. Marcho Abstained, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho abstained due to potential conflict of interest.

Old Business: Mr. Searle reported that Penn DOT knows about the sand bar in the creek and is keeping an eye on it and at this point it is not a hazard. One need EPA's permission when removing the sand.

Mr. Searle made a motion to except the Act 537 plan. Mr. Marcho seconded it. All in favor.

Mr. Marcho made a motion to allow the Montrose Area Adult School hold three classes in the Municipal building this fall. Genealogy, starting September 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Pickelball, starting September 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. and Casual Card starting October 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Mr. Knowlton seconded if a certificate of insurance is submitted. All in favor.

Mr. Clementoni announced that the rod and gun club stocked the creek with 300 species of trout.

New business: Mr. Marcho reported that about 80% of the road work was done and about 50% of dust control has been done. Mr. Searle ask if they are planning a second treatment later in the summer. Mr. Marcho said the guys on the trucks said they don't do that very often unless it is a heavy traveled road but will see how the summer goes.

Mrs. Dempsey came to the meeting just to thank the supervisors for the work that was done on Elkview Drive.

Clifford Township Fire Dept. ask the Supervisors for permission to hold the Annual Picnic on July 24, 25 and 26th and to serve beer. Mr. Knowlton made a motion to approve the picnic and selling of beer. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Mr. Searle propose that an ordinance be written up to have anyone wanting to move into an abandoned house that has not been occupied for a year or two first obtain an occupancy permit. Township Solicitor, Joe McGraw, will look into the matter.

Mr. Searle made a motion to buy a new Lawn mower for \$7000.00 and under. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton as long as he can see the tractor before it is purchased. All in favor. Mr. Marcho, after explaining that he was about \$3000.00 under budget for attachment for the new Kiot tractor, would like to buy a finishing mower to go along with the brush hog for around \$1500.00.

Diane Bidwell presented a letter by the Lake Idelwild Association about a property that was remodeled without a permit, adding a bathroom without a septic. The SEO and constable will be notified to look into the situation. Mrs. Bidwell also reported that the old Eddie Jones property was turning into a junk yard. Mr. McGraw will get in contact with the code enforcer to issue a notice of violation. Mr. Bidwell also reported that a proper owner on the lake wants to build closer to property line. She just wanted to make sure that the neighbors were made aware of this before they get permission.

Mr. Knowlton made a motion to look into buying a new truck. Mr. Searle seconded. All in favor.

Tax collector reported he collected \$2770.00 in real estate tax and \$230.00 in fire protection for the month of May. Outstanding amount is \$37136.00 in real estate tax and 395.00 in fire protection.

Fire Co.: Mr. Turner reported that there was 13 fire calls and 23 medical for a total of 36 calls for the month of May. The total for the year is 198 in all. The fire company ordered a new ambulance. They normally order a new one every ten years with about 30 thousand miles on the old one. The ambulance they are about to retire is 9 years old with about 60 thousand miles. Mr. Turner also spoke about the advantages of KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System in the event of an emergency or fire. It saves on forcible entry. The cost is \$50.00 to \$200.00.

Parks Commission: Just had their 2nd meeting and will have meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. 6 out of 7 attended.

Alliance: Mr. Phillips reported the alliance bought 7 new flags for out in front of the Community Building replacing the 4 year old ones. They also put a new flag on the flag pole along with a new state flag and replaced the flag out at the ball field. The Alliance also bought a new flag pole and eagle for the meeting room and Phil Price donated the flag.

Advisory Committee: Sally Roberts reported that they are working with the Parks Committee and grants for the parks expansion.

Historical Society: Sandy Wilmot reported that the historical society was working hard getting the museum ready to the Endless Mountain Heritage Region meeting on Wednesday June 18th. They been in operation for about 18 years and this is the first time they came to Clifford for a meeting. They been working on a black smith shop in the museum. Representatives for Sandy Majors and Lisa Bakers office will also be attending. Sandy asked permission to use the kitchen and gym to serve a lunch to the attendees. The Historical Society has Kevin Treat coming to the fireman's picnic every night carving things from wood using a chain saw and his sculptures will be auctioned off the last night of the picnics by Michael Lopatofsky with all the proceeds going to the Fire Co. Sandy asked if the Township would pay for half cost for the ceiling in the hallway, total cost was \$991.72 with Townships part being \$495.00. Mr. Searle made a motion to pay half the cost. Mr. Knowlton seconded. All in favor.