

MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING March 10, 2009 at the Township Building

Present: Jack Aberegg, Archie Gettig, Ray Gutshall and Ellie Trulick

Guests: Orié D. Hanley, III, Herb Chapman, Susan Winck, Jim Winck, Jr., Ken Roan, Paul Harrison, Brenda Harrison, Brian McCauley, Tina McCauley, Lisa Hovies, John r. Dillon, Randy Neff, Linda Neff, Tim Weight (there was one other guest who did not sign in.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Aberegg made a motion to accept the February 10 minutes. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – yes Gutshall - Yes

Guests/Public Comments: Chapman had a question on the comments made at the last meeting. Neff when making his public comment was told he had never appeared at a meeting before. Chapman stated that anyone should have the right to make comments or speak at a meeting as a taxpayer whether they ever attend a meeting. Aberegg agreed that is correct. At the last meeting no comments were to be heard concerning the discussion that took place in the Executive Session. Neff's comments were going over items not to be discussed further. Aberegg mentioned the anonymous letter and phone calls that were received were very disturbing to him. Other guest comments were made about the bus turn around and not the issues dealing with the Executive Session.

Lisa Hovies questioned the plowing that was done this year and asked if it would be the same next year. The roads were miserable. She feels that the persons responsible for the roads are not taking care of them properly. She stated that she had followed the trucks and they were loaded with salt but they were not salting the roads. Gutshall read a letter from Brian Hoy stating that he felt the roads were very well taken care of this year. Hovies then asked about the park being mowed more than once a week. Aberegg asked if she was concerned about too much money being spent on the Park and did she want to see the work records. Roan stated that he mowed the park no more than once a week. Roan also stated that he has done a lot of work without pay. Aberegg stated that the Township is under budget for January and February. Hovies then mentioned the work done on Sand Ridge road. About ½ of the road was covered with piles of stuff and she almost hit a sign. Better signage was needed. Aberegg asked is she was an expert on the roads. Gutshall stated that Publication 213 is being used. Neff said we did not follow the guidelines for Pub 213 at the time he also went over Sand Ridge Road and the township could be open for a lawsuit if an accident were to occur. Gutshall stated they recognized the problem and did correct it. Hovies said she had gotten two versions of a story here. Hovies stated that her husband resigned in March at the same time as Gettig. Aberegg asked if the roads were well taken care of prior to March while Archie Gettig was Head Roadmaster? Aberegg also asked if they have not been taken care of since Gutshall has been Head Roadmaster? Hovies stated that is what she was saying. Aberegg stated that you sound like you have been coached. Hovies asked by whom? Aberegg pointed to Archie Gettig and said by him.

Old Business

1. Progress on Posting of roads. Gutshall will have the roads posted per information received from PennDOT.
2. Further discussion on telephone and inter-net connection. Held over for future meetings.
3. The bus turn around that was mentioned at the last meeting by Rodney Lose and Jonathan Light was addressed by Gutshall. He stated George Bartley, Jr. had on two separate occasions was set up a meeting with Patti Hilliard of Bellefonte Area High School and no one showed up except Bartley. Aberegg stated we had people come to a public meeting and voice a concern. Meetings were set up to address the problem and neither resident showed up. McCauley stated that Rodney Lose could not make it tonight and would like to have the speed limit sign moved closer to Hublersburg Ridge Road, the sign is clear at the end of Sunset Drive and traffic goes too fast. Aberegg directed the Head Roadmaster to put up a second speed limit sign on Sunset Drive closer to Hublersburg Ridge Road.

New Business

1. Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) – McCauley discussed the CCMPO meeting for the high-speed interchange vs. the local access exit. Rt. 26 must be improved before PennDOT begins any work. Repairs should be made from I-80 thru Howard on Rt. 26. Aberegg asked questions on the letter proposed to be sent to CCMPO from Marion Township. Gutshall responded to all questions. Gettig recommend the letter will be sent to Marion Township Planning Commission for their comments before it is sent to the CCMPO. Dillon asked the Amish community about any buggy accidents occurring in our township. He stated that he was told that most accidents have occurred on Rt 64. He also stated that as we widen the roads, straighten the roads and take the bumps and humps out of these roads we are going to promote faster and faster speeds. Some of the things that do slow larger vehicles down are knowledgeable people knowing that when they are

- driving to fast makes the conditions unsafe. Speed limit 45 is closer to 50. Many cars will line up behind you going a little over the speed limit on the 2 miles of Jacksonville Road. McCauley stated that Howard Township and Howard Borough are now involved in this we are not alone. Hanley asked why the widening of the road from Shay to the super interchange is all PennDOT wants to do. Aberegg stated due to money. Toll Booth would create more traffic in our Township. Aberegg applauds the Planning Commission for doing what they should be doing. McCauley states there is no funding right now anyway. PennDOT has not looked at Jacksonville Road or Rt 26. Winck asked if contacting our Representatives would help. Any communications would help but attendance at the CCMPO meetings is beneficial. Next meeting is in April.
2. Park & Rec February 4, 2009 – Aberegg asked for clarification on the estimate presented for the accident repairs at the scene of the accident at the Park. Estimate is \$1703.50 and Gutshall is satisfied that it is satisfactory. All paper work including the accident report just received will be sent to Bobby DeArment. Roan listed various items needed in the rest room at the Park: toilet paper holder, paper towel dispenser/holder, wastebaskets, hand sanitizer, two of each item. **Aberegg made a motion that we give authority to Park & Rec to handle these items. Gutshall 2nd** Discussion was held on stainless steel towel racks. Dillon stated these could be proprietary. **Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall - Yes** Roan mentioned the pitching runs and fence needs leveled up. Build up of topsoil and need two gates on them. Gettig stated two gates are behind the building. Raise the post and level it up is best way to do it. W. A. Fencing will not come back. Gettig stated that fencing is there that was pulled out of the pond and could be used for this project. Mulching needs to be done around the trees. Get it done. Jerry Watson to get the keys back to us tomorrow and pick up their equipment. Marion Walker Little League wants back and they need keys. Roan will make up a key agreement and Mr. Mathieu is very good Vice President and he will work with us to get the score board completed on a gentlemen’s agreement. He will send a copy of their insurance. **Gutshall made a motion that Roan has the permission to tell Marion Walker Little League they have permission to us our field. Gettig 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall- Yes** Roan stated that rest rooms will need to be opened soon. The MWLL will probably need to use the field this weekend. Neff asked if it will be open 24 hours a day or closed up at night. Aberegg stated he feels we should install a motion detector light on the doorway that anything coming up will light up the doors. Hovies stated vandals would get in if they want in. Hanley stated that they could dent up the stainless steel toilets and do nuisance stuff. **Aberegg made a motion we install motion detector flood lights on rest room doors, concession stand and on the pavilion south end towards the tractor shed. Gettig 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Roan asked about the lawn care quotes. Have any been received back yet out of five being sent. Lawn Doctor quote has been received for \$884.00 now. Next meeting should have more quotes to vote upon. It really needs to be done by May 1st. Discussion was held on doing it ourselves. Cannot be done to kill the bugs and grubs, etc because it is a public place and we cannot apply it. Also need the road repaired from Weights Lane. Many potholes need 2A stone to do the road. 20 Tons should be enough to do it. Concrete pillars can we get rid of them. Gettig said these went down about 10 feet and may need to be blasted out. The Supervisors will look over these repairs to the road and the pillars and have them removed, etc.
 3. Zoning Report for February 2009 – **Aberegg made a motion we accept the zoning report. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Planning Commission will also be looking at the Fort Bellefonte land purchase. **Aberegg made a motion we adopt Ordinance #2009-62 amendment to Ordinance #11. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig- Yes Gutshall - Yes**
 4. Road Roadmaster Report – **Gettig made a motion we accept the bid from Hanson Aggregates. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Hovies asked what the mention in the agenda was concerning letters from Bryant to State Police and Maderia. Aberegg explained about the township solicitor was requested to be present at an Executive Session held at the last meeting to handle a dispute. Gutshall discussed the propane use in the shop from 2007 thru February 2009. 2007 was 1,081 gallons 2008 was 902 gallons and to date 2009 396. Cost was \$1.43 per gallon on the last purchase of propane. In February the bill was \$750.00. Office to be built in the shop will help to save the cost of propane fuel in the shop. Quote for materials was approximately \$800.00 and the labor being done by employees will be approximately \$800.00. Office will be insulated and have electric heat in it. The heat can then be turned down further in the shop. Neff asked question - why not put the office in this building. Heat is off in the meeting area all day and to heat the area would be more costly. Office will be 10’ 6” by 10’. Tim stated no building permit is needed for this office. Keystone Inspection should be contacted to see if we need a permit from them. Aberegg believes we will save at least 50% of the propane cost. **Aberegg made a motion we accept the materials bid and the labor cost will not exceed the material quote. Cost is not to exceed \$1,600.00. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Gutshall then discussed the need for another storage bin. This is due to the fine salt we received this winter and the moisture getting into the salt and making it extremely difficult to work with. No quote or bid is available at this time. Gutshall is to get the man-hours that were used to break up the salt this past winter to present to Supervisors at next meeting. Gutshall stated that the brush cutting requested by Neff at the last meeting has been taken care of. Don Franson is working on permits for tile replacement on the culverts of Slaughterhouse Road and Walnut Ridge. Cost to the township for these tiles will be approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 and probably no grants will be received. Aberegg stated this must be done and we budgeted for this expense for 2009. Franson needs permission to get the permits from DEP to place these tiles. **Gutshall made a motion we sign the permit when Franson presents it. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg – yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Franson is marking the boundaries of Park and will try to do that tomorrow and mark the place for the holes to be dug down 5’ to determine top soil depth.
 5. Planning Commission Minutes for February meeting – No action Bob Stover is getting better and up and moving and Kay takes him out for walks. He had heart problems.

6. Centre County Solid Waste January 2009 Report - No Action needed
7. Walker Township notice of Volunteer Fire Meeting – Aberegg and Gutshall want to attend this meeting. Secretary will send in their reservations.
8. County of Centre Planning Community Development letter February 18 Nixdorf – No action needed
9. County of Centre Planning Community Development letter February 18 Maslov – No action needed
10. Stan Wallace acceptance of SEO position for 2009- No action needed
11. Centre County Township Association of Township Officials letter and Dues Schedule – **Gettig made a motion we give \$50.00 to the CCTATO scholarship fund along with paying our dues. Aberegg 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – yes Gutshall – yes**
12. DCNR information on Grant Application for projects deadline is April 22, 2009. – Secretary discussed Grant and the letter received stated that we probably could receive about \$80,000 of non-matching funds for the community Park. Aberegg has given me the GIS map I need. Gutshall and Roan will need to help me do the costs of each item. Anyone wanting to help can. No narrative is really needed at this time. The project is to be titled Youth and Toddler Playground. Franson will need to get us some costs also, permits, etc. Aberegg wants all Supervisors to look at this grant when it is completed. The application should be completed by the April 10th meeting.
13. Bellefonte Area High School letter February 2, 2009 – **Aberegg made a motion we give the \$100 savings bond to the highest scholastic student from Marion Township. Gettig 2nd Aberegg- yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes**
14. Bellefonte Area High School letter February 4, 2009 – No Action needed
15. Letter to Jeff Kreger concerning alternate SEO– **Aberegg made a motion we appoint Jeff Kreger as alternate SEO for Marion Township at the same payment schedule as Stan Wallace. Gutshall 2nd Aberegg – yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall – Yes** Secretary will send him a letter to notify him.
16. PA Local Government Ethics Seminar to be held in State College on March 17, 2009 – Seminar has been cancelled due to low enrollment.
17. HRI, Inc. Letter of February 23, 2009 – No action Needed
18. Planning and Community Development Letter February 26, 2009 – Discussed above in the zoning report.
19. PEL News & Views January/February 2009 – No action Needed
20. PEL Activities Update January 2009 – – No action Needed
21. PSATS February 27, 2009 Court Decision Info – No action Needed
22. PSATS – No action Needed
23. S & R Repairs Invoice for Accident at Park – Discussed above with Park & Rec items. Clean up and Reconstruction \$1,703.50
24. DEP letter February 25, 2009 – Application from Hanson Aggregates for Surface Mine Permit Information given to Tim Weight

Treasurer's Report: (MAR 60-63) 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 February 10th through March 5th, 2009. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing. Aberegg asked about the check to Computer Technology Specialist check. It is the yearly fee for our website. Aberegg wants the permits added to our website as a motion was made previously.

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

General Payroll ---\$101,531.36	(does not include Park \$) Park \$ in General Fund --- \$ 750.00
PLGIT General ---- \$38,729.67	SPLGIT State --- \$38,440.27

Aberegg made a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report and the list of check to be paid or paid. Gettig 2nd Aberegg- Yes Gettig – Yes Gutshall - Yes

Gettig turned in his Visa and AT&T credit cards; road permits issued his copies, blank road permits, and some sales tax exemption forms.

Aberegg made a motion we adjourn the March 10, 2009 meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Aberegg, Chairman

Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

Archie Gettig, Jr. Vice-Chairman

Ray Gutshall