

## MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING April 12, 2011 at the Township Building

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

**Guests:** James Bryant, Esq., Edward Poorman, Dave Hollenbaugh, Herb Chapman, Archie Gettig, Greg Baney, Raymond J. Trexler, Randall Kellerman, Nicholas Kellerman, Brian McCauley, Orie Hanley, Tim Weight

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

**Roan made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011 as presented. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg-Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes**

**Public Comments:** None

### **Old Business:**

**Attorney Bryant** read the letter sent from Randall & Darlene Kellerman concerning issues with the animals of a neighbor and other issues. He then read his letter to the Township stating that the Second Class Township Code does not allow the Supervisors to address any of his claims about animals. The one exception may be the junk vehicles. Dogs and other animals are not allowed to roam freely and are at their own peril. The problems are to be handled with a civil suit. Edward Poorman the neighbor stated he had fixed the deer when his cow had knocked it over. Discussion ensued on the placement of a shed on his property by the Kellerman's and if he removed the shed Poorman would put up a fence. A civil action may be needed to resolve this matter. Attorney Bryant left at 7:20 p.m.

**Roan** discussed the Fire Company meetings and progress to date. The only fire companies not self-sufficient are the Logan and Undines who are supported by the Bellefonte Borough. Next meeting is at Howard Fire Company. Undines do pay for some of their equipment through the Undines Club. Pleasant Gap is a class act fire company and are very self-sufficient. Howard and Walker Fire Companies agrees to allow Marion Township to take the fees charged from Bellefonte Borough from their shares of the FAT tax.

**Brian McCauley** handed out a procedure for Newsletter to be sent out. We would need to have the Newsletters ready for mailing with taxes by February 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. Secretary/Treasurer stated these two dead lines might be hard to comply with due to January and June being busy months to get letters out. **Roan made a motion we do a Newsletter and have it ready by July 15<sup>th</sup> to go with McCauley and be approved at the June BOS meeting. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes**

### **New Business:**

1. **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** (NVJPC) – Roan discussed the CCMPO and MPO meeting attendance to date. Bellefonte Borough letter states they would like to have Option A for the Marion Township membership in the CCMPO/MPO. E-mail was sent from Tom Zilla that Walker Township wants to meet with us. **Aberegg made a motion we meet with Walker Township, Bellefonte Borough, MPO representative/s and Marion Township. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** Secretary/Treasurer will contact the entities and set up a meeting that will attempt to suit all. Gutshall stated he preferred 6:00 p.m. Gutshall stated he has a problem with having Bellefonte Borough as a prime member in this as they are a large entity and Walker and Marion are smaller entity.
2. **Park & Rec** – March minutes. A listing was passed out from Marion Walker Little League about the concession stand. Any equipment put into the concession stand by the MW LL would belong to Marion Township. Insurance certificate will be received by end of this week. Aberegg asked the Secretary/Treasurer to look up the past 3 years electric bills from May-September for kilowatts used. If the increase in electricity is substantial the township will be reimbursed. The MW LL may donate a PA system to Marion Township. The element of thievery at the concession stand was address. A dead bolt lock can be put in. **Roan made a motion we get the locks key in/key out by Vernon Monsell. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg-(temporarily out of room) Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** Ray Trexler from MW LL thanked Marion Township for the use of the field and the work that has been put into keeping the field up. Ken stated Greg Baney is the field coordinator for the softball league and is doing an excellent job. Discussion of keys missing from the key inventory. **Aberegg made a motion we change the locks of the buildings missing keys. Steiner shed, White tractor shed and the dead bolts as discussed above. Need 6 keys to white shed and 2 keys to the Steiner shed. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes** Discussion on trashcan lids needed for 55- gallon drums. Cost estimate is \$217. No motion made. Ken stated he needs mulch to spread. **Roan made a motion we purchase mulch from Capparelle at a cost of approximately \$80.00 Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes.** The septic tanks will be pumped on Thursday. We need to know where the additional water is coming from that is filling the tanks. Hanley and Roan are going to investigate this matter. Aberegg wants an answer by next month's meeting. Steiner needs to be serviced. Roan stated it might cost from \$500 to \$700 at Dotterer's. Roan will look into repairs being done by the Township employees. Roan reported on the repair of fence bids. Belcher Fencing \$1897.00 and RR Fencing \$1300.04. Both bids are comparable. RR is giving some free work and materials. Park & Rec Board recommend we take the RR Fencing bid. **Aberegg made a motion we accept the RR Fencing. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan - Yes** Park & Rec Board are looking into getting some in kind service for the path that is

included in the Park Grant Funds. They are getting a bid for the path construction. Concrete tables (that can not be stolen) would cost approximately \$2800.00 +/- Franson will be helping to set the grade for the path. Gettig asked about the money spent from General on the Park it amounts to \$6000.00 + for labor and an additional \$2600.00 for a stone removal. Discussion on the pavilion enclosure; bids were opened. Orie has already determined that the YBC bid is correct. Bids were: YBC \$7,907.09; Triangle \$8,273.63; 84 Lumber \$8,884.35; Lowe's \$11,584.60. Further discussion determined that the doors should be 11'. **Roan made a motion we accept the YBC bid of \$7907.04 adding the cost of the 11' doors the cost would be no more than \$8273.00 Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes.** Hanley and Roan saw where a new pavilion could be put in beside the existing pavilion would be 60' x 19'. This could be an Eagle Scout project if so desired. Orie stated the cost is approximately \$3800.00 for materials only. **Aberegg made a motion we do the new pavilion now at the material cost of \$3800.00. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes.**

3. Zoning Report for March 2011 – Question on mud on township roads. Weight stated that the Ordinance states: must be 50' of stone at the end of a driveway.
4. Planning Commission Minutes for March meeting – No minutes received by 4/7/11 @ 8:30 a.m.
5. Head Roadmaster – Head Roadmaster Report of current road activity. George Bartley, Jr. resigned. Letter to Attorney Williams explaining the issue of 3.5 hours payment. The Secretary/Treasurer per request read this letter in full. (The letter will be included with the minutes) Discussion of complaint on Walnut Ridge Road due to the snow plowing done this winter. Approximately 10' to 15' that needs repaired. Pipe at Sunset Drive was torn up during snow plowing and it will need to be repaired. Mailbox was torn off and was replaced by the Township. Sand Ridge Road has about 500' of roadway needing repair. Discussion on F550 truck: lights disappear when the snowplow is put up. A bracket at a cost of \$3.73 each can be used to correct this problem. **Roan made a motion to purchase these brackets. Gutshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg – yes Gutshall – yes Roan – Yes** Temperature mirror has the sensor in the wrong place and has been recording incorrectly. We can get a Road Watch Temperature Sensor #3 at a cost of \$797.00. Gettig explained that this is what PennDOT uses to get the road temperature accurately and when to apply an application of material to prevent freezing. The mirror is under warranty now and we should take the truck to Ford Motor Co to have it checked out. F-350 is not worth repairing. GMC truck floorboard are rotted out and many other items that need to be repaired. Listings were passed out from Wesley Evey, a licensed mechanic now working for Marion Township explaining what items need repaired for all the equipment. Aberegg suggested we replace the F350 and the GMC by getting a value for trade in on a new truck. Gettig stated an F350 or F550 should work for the Township a larger truck is not needed if the plowing is done correctly. **Aberegg made a motion that Roan visit all truck vendors at the PSATS convention next week and find someone to come and look at GMC and F350 trucks and give us a value for trade in for anything over a ton. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – Yes** Roan asked Gutshall about the sign inventory. What signs have been replaced to date and what still needs to be completed? Roan requested the sign information from Gutshall and he would like to have it as soon as possible. Gutshall stated he would look for the information. Question on the bridge height sign. 14' 4" Gutshall stated Chris Many was to put the signs up on the bridge but has not been completed.
6. Centre County Solid Waste Authority February report – FYI
7. Letter answering items to Anson Burwell for Eddy S & Cheryl Watkins subdivision. FYI
8. County Planning & Community Development Letter of March 16, 2011 – 6<sup>th</sup> time extension for Nittany Farm Subdivision. FYI
9. HRI, Inc. letter of February 28, 2011 – Aboveground storage tank information FYI
10. FEMA letter to Aberegg approving our Centre County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with suggestions for 2016 review plan attached – FYI Tim is handling this.
11. ParanteBeard information received on Audit – Letter printed on our letterhead and returned to ParanteBeard LLC FYI
12. PSATS info – On proposed By-Law changes – Roan should vote yes on the dues increase. Resolution info on Local Government week, April 11-15, 2011 FYI Proposed PSATS Resolutions: Aberegg suggests: Ken vote support on the a 11-9; 11-21 can not really break this apart to eliminate the board of auditors, etc.; 11-44 make the person pay Oppose this one; 11-63 increase bidding requirement Support. Roan will be discussing these Senator Corman, Rep Conklin, Rep Hanna and Benninghoff.
13. Notice of Liquid Fuels Funds to be paid \$26,800.03 – FYI
14. Seven Mountains EMS letter March 30<sup>th</sup>. – FYI
15. Moshannon Valley Council of Governments – Equipment Show and Training Day in the past Township employees were paid both wages and mileage. Gutshall stated it is a show worth attending. Aberegg stated that whoever goes will be paid for their time and mileage.
16. Employees hours worked for March – FYI
17. County letter dated April 4<sup>th</sup> on West Nile Virus. – FYI
18. Roan asked about Jeffrey Hildebrand's pumping of the Septic Tank due on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It is to be turned over to the Magistrate if not complied with.

**Roan made to pay the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report. Aberegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Yes Roan – 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 March 8, 2011 through April 7, 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 —	\$ 94,212.73	State Liquid Fuels Fund —	\$49,114.28
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account —	\$ 1,703.49	State Equipment Fund—	\$5,360.01
Park Grant Account—	\$ 3,815.18		

Roan made a motion to adjourn the April 12, 2011 meeting at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Trulick  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Jack Aberegg, Chairman

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Ray Gutshall, Vice Chairman

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Kenneth L. Roan