



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2017 (7 pm)



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM (TIME) BY VAUGHN TANTLINGER-- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT(JWM)
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT (EJB) CITIZENS-3

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING 12/8/2016: APPR BY PAUL; 2ND BY VAUGHN; UN: 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER-YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN-YES)

REORGANIZATION MEETING 1/3//2017: APPR BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY JAMES; UNAN; 3-YES/0-NO(V. TANTLINGER-YES / P. ALTIMUS- YES/ J. BROWN-YES)

IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED DECEMBER 2016 SECRETARY IS TO ADD THE 2017 IW COG INVOICE FOR \$100 MEMBERSHIP DUES. MOTION TO APPROVE BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY PAUL; UNAN- 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER-YES / P. ALTIMUS- YES / J. BROWN-YES)

V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. PROCLAMATION REQUEST—SOLICITOR EXPLAINED IT IS A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OR NOT OF SCHOOL CHOICE. IT IS A POLITICAL GROUP IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL CHOICE. VAUGHN ASKED IF ANYONE WANTS TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE REQUEST. PAUL SID HE DOES NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT.
2. QUAKER SALES AND NRG ENERGY CONEMAUGH POWER PLAN-- DOWNSTREAM NOTICES THAT THE TWP RECEIVES ANNUALLY INCASE OF A SPILL OF CHEMICALS STORED ON THEIR PROPERTY. GET A NAME CHANGE ON THEM. **3. WPX ENERGY** GAS WELL CORBETT SOUGH 1-2H, DERRY TWP.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA.—NO ONE

VII. OLD BUSINESS: VAUGHN ASKED FOR DISCUSSION ON SOLICITOR FROM REORGANIZATION MEETNG.

8. SOLICITOR ON A MOTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____, JEFFREY MILLER WAS APPOINTED **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**, AND RETAINING FEE FOR ROUTINE WORK WAS TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR. ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR EXTRA SERVICE AND DUTIES SET AT TO BE ANNOUNCED. MOTION WAS UNAN-3. **2017 FEE SCHEDULE** JEFF MILLER SAID FEES WOULD BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. VAUGHN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE VACANCY BOARD AT THIS TIME. PAUL SAID NONE BY HIM, VAUGHN ASKED JIM—HE SAID NO.

10. VAC. BOARD. ON A MOTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____, **TABLED** WAS APPOINTED TO THE **VACANCY BOARD**. MOTION WAS _____

VAUGHN ASKED ABOUT ORDINANCE OFFICER, PAUL HAS NO IDEAS, JAMES NONE EITHER.

17. ORD. ON A MOTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____, TABLED TO GET SOMEONE TO APPOINT OFFICER AS **ORDINANCE OFFICER** AT THE RATE OF \$ _____ PER _____. PLUS IRS MILEAGE RATE PAID. MOTION WAS _____

VAUGHN SAID TO LET THESE GO AT THIS TIME.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1.RES #1-2017 LINE OF CREDIT-\$50,000 WITH FNB OF PA; PAUL EXPLAINED THAT IT IS A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN IN LIEU OF STRUGGLING WITH FINANCES, THE TWP. WILL HAVE SOMETHING OT FALL BACK ON. IT IS IN EFFECT FOR 12 MONTHS WITH INTEREST RATE OF 1.9% IF USED. VAUGHN SAID TWP. HAS HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND HAVE NOT USED IT YET, BUT THEY GET IT NOW BECAUSE IT TAKES SO LONG TO RECEIVE. IT. MOT BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY PAUL TO APPROVE **RES #1-2017 FOR THE TAN LOAN** AS PRESENTED, UNAN-YES 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER- YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN-YES)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. SUE BARTOW: TCS IS LOOKING INTO GETTING A MOTOR FOR ONE OF THE AERATORS. TO KEEP ONE AS A BACKUP. CURRENTLY THEY HAVE 6. THEY ARE LOOKING INTO DOING SOMETHING WITH THE ROAD. JEFF IS GOING TO TALK TO FAIRFIELD AND POSSIBLY WEST WHEATFIELD TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GIVING A BID TO CROWNING/TAR N CHIP THE ROAD. SHE THOUGHT IF THEY WOULD HAVE THE TIME, THEY COULD BID ON DOING SOMETHING AT THE SEWAGE PLANT. JEFF THE ENTRANCE ROAD INTO THE TCA LOOKING TO GRAD IT OR REPAVE IT. THEY ARE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT TO DO WITH IT. HIS SUGGESTION WAS FOR THEM TO TALK TO WEST WHEATFIELD AND FAIRFIELD ABOUT THE PROPER METHODS TO PUT THE ROAD IN A STATE TO WHERE IT WILL BE MAINTAINABLE AND TO BE IMPROVED OVER A COURSE OF TIME. THE SUGGESTION TO BID THRU THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION. DEPENDING ON WHAT THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE WILLING TO DO. INSTEAD OF THE AUTHORITY GOING OUT AND HIRING SOMEONE TO DO THIS, THAT THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT OR IF GOES BEYOND THAT TO LAYING GRAVEL OR GRADING A ROAD; SOLICITOR SAID PEOPLE WILL SAY TWP CAN'T BECAUSE IT IS PRIVATE, BUT IT IS AN AUTHORITY CREATED BY THEM. AND IT WOULD BE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION WHICH IS ENCOURAGED. EMMA ASKED JEFF IF TWP WOULD BE ASSUMING LIABILITY IF THEY DID WORK ON THE ROAD. JEFF SAID NOT ENTIRELY TRUE, THERE IS MANY MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, IN WHICH THE TWP MAY CARE FOR A STATE ROAD WITHOUT LIABILITY. JEFF SAID EVEN IF IT IS JUST ADVISING THE SEWAGE AUTHORITY OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND MAYBE EVEN PURCHASING THE MATERIAL SUCH AS GRAVEL FROM THE TOWNSHIPS. EMMA THEN ASKED VAUGHN IF THE SEWAGE AUTHORITY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION GRANTS. VAUGHN SAID NOT FOR WESTMORELAND, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF WEST WHEATFIELD PARTICIPATES IN ONE IN INDIANA COUNTY. PAUL SAID IT IS STATE WIDE. EMMA SAID IT IS A WATER STREAM AND VAUGHN AND JIM BOTH HAVE TAKEN THE COURSES. VAUGHN SAID HE WOULD CONTACT ROB AND SEE WHO THE CONTACT PERSON IS FOR INDIANA COUNTY AND HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THEM. EMMA SUGGESTED THAT SUE GO TO A MEETING AT WEST WHEATFIELD TO SEE IF THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRT AND GRAVEL THRU INDIANA COUNTY. SUE SAID SHE THINKS CECILIA AND CINDY WERE GOING TO ATTEND THE WEST WHEATFIELD MEETING. EMMA SAID THEY WOULD NOT KNOW TO MENTION THE DIRT AND GRAVEL GRANTS. PAUL ASKED THE LENGTH OF THE ROAD. JEFF GUESS IS A LITTLE MORE THAN ½ MILE. VAUGHN SAID THEY SEEM TO JUMP ON PROJECTS THAT RUN INTO A WATERWAY.

2. DAN BRENDLINGER 3. ALEX ASHCROFT (ECHO REPORTER)

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JAMES; 2ND BY VAUGHN TO ADJOURN. UNAN-YES 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER- YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN-YES) **TIME (7:15 PM)**

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