



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2016



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 PM (TIME) BY: PAUL ALTIMUS, VICE CHAIRMAN; **VAUGHN TANTLINGER WAS NOT HERE/HE CAME IN DURING THE MEETING.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING 9/8/2016 MOTION BY PAUL; 2ND BY JAMES; MOTION CARRIED (V. TANTLINGER-ABSENT / P. ALTIMUS-YES /J. BROWN-YES)

IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 2016: MOTION BY JAMES; 2ND BY PAUL: MOTION CARRIED (V. TANTLINGER-ABSENT / P. ALTIMUS-YES /J. BROWN-YES)

V. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE

VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. 2016 HALLOWEEN TIMES-SECRETARY CHECKED OUT SURROUNDING AREAS AND THE BOLIVAR VFC PARADE 2 PM ON OCT. 30TH; BOLIVAR BOR. TREATING IS OCT 30 FROM 4-6 PM. WEST WHEATFIELD TREATING IS OCT 30 FROM 3-5 PM: MOTION BY PAUL TO SET FAIRFIELD TWP TRICK/TREATING DATE/TIME WILL BE OCT. 30, 2016 (DATE), FROM 4-6 PM (TIME), 2ND BY JAMES, MOTION CARRIED. (V. TANTLINGER-ABSENT / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN-YES) ** VAUGHN TANTLINGER NOW PRESENT AT THE OCT 13, 2016 MEETING. PAUL CONTINUED TO CHAIR THE MEETING

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP PAUL SAID IT IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN TWP STARTS LOOKING INTO EXPENDITURES AND INCOME FOR NEXT YEAR. SECRETARY DOES A LOT THRU THE COMPUTER. SECRETARY LIKES TO HAVE IT IN PRIOR TO THE REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING-NOV 10, 2016. SECRETARY STATED IT HAS TO BE TENTATIVELY ADOPTED ONCE AND THEN A FINAL ADOPTION. PAUL ASKED IF NOV 7 WORKS TO HAVE IT IN PAPER FORMAT, SECRETARY STATED YES. MOTION BY VAUGHN TO ADVERTISE BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR NOV. 7, 2016 AT 3:00 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, 2ND BY PAUL; MOTION CARRIED (V. TANTLINGER-YES / P. ALTIMUS- YES/ J. BROWN-YES)

3. FOREIGN FIRE MONEY-MONEY SUPPLIED BY STATE OF PA, FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THIS MONEY IS BASED ON 50% POPULATION AND 50% ON MARKET VALUE OF THE REAL ESTATE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES. IT WAS DIRECT DEPOSIT IN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT ON 9/20/2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,119.65. **RES #7-1988** STATES THAT FAIRFIELD V.F.C. RECEIVES 85% (**\$12,001.70**) AND BOLIVAR V.F.C. RECEIVES 15% (**2117.95**). MOTION BY VAUGHN TO DISTRIBUTE THE FOREIGN FIRE MONEY – ACCORDING TO RES#7-1988 FAIRFIELD V.F.C. RECEIVES 85% (**\$12,001.70**) AND BOLIVAR V.F.C. RECEIVES 15% (**2117.95**) 2ND BY PAUL; MOTION CARRIED (V. TANTLINGER-YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN- YES)

4. STATE AID FOR TWP PENSION FUND. PAUL STATED IT HAS BEEN DIRECT DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,498.58 ON 9/23/2016; IT IS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE PENSION PLAN(S) BY THE TREASURER OF MUNICIPALITY WITH 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT.

5. AG SECURE RESOLUTION #6-2016 FOR SAMUEL AND BETH MENZIE. PAUL ASKED SOLICITOR J. MILLER TO EXPLAIN. MR. MILLER SAID IT IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AG SECURITY AREA DESIGNATION FOR CERTAIN PARCELS TO RECEIVE FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT. DISCOUNT IN REAL ESTATE AS A RESULT OF DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES SUCH AS FARMING, RAISING LIVESTOCK, OR TIMBERING, ETC. SECRETARY ASKED IF THE TWP WAS GOING TO BILL THE AG SECURE AMENDMENTS. SECRETARY PROVIDED AN INVOICE FOR THE LAST ONE FOR WELSHONS WHICH INCLUDED ATTORNEYS FEE, RECORDING THE PROPERTY. SECRETARY FEELS THAT IF THEY ARE GETTING A TAX BREAK. AS A TAXPAYER OF FFTWP, SHE FEELS THEY SHOULD PAY THE TWP COSTS OR ACQUIRE THEIR OWN ATTORNEY TO DO THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK AT THEIR EXPENSE. PAUL SAID THEY ARE ALSO A TAXPAYER. SECRETARY SAID AGAIN THAT THEY ARE GETTING THE TAX BREAK. PAUL SAID AS A TAXPAYER ON YOUR BEHALF, HAS THERE BEEN ANY SERVICES SUCH AS SUBDIVISIONS. SECRETARY STATED THAT SHE IS THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE IN THE TWP, IF THERE WAS A FEE; WHICH THE TWP. DOES NOT CHARGE ANY; SHE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXEMPT— SHE WOULD ALSO HAD TO PAY ANY FEES CHARGED BY THE TOWNSHIP. PAUL SAID SUBDIVISIONS GO TO THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. SECRETARY STATED TWP DOES NOT CHARGE ANYONE FOR THE SEWAGE REVIEW. SECRETARY FEELS THERE MAY BE MANY MORE THAT DOES THIS, AND SHE FEELS THE PROPERTY OWNER SHOULD PICK UP THE TAB. PAUL STATED IT WOULD BE A DECISION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO BILL THEM OR NOT. SOLICITOR SAID HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY STATUTE THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE TWP FROM PLACING THE ADMINISTRATION COST UPON THE PROPERTY OWNERS. SOLICITOR DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED BEFORE; WHETHER IT WAS SAID TWP WOULD DO THIS OR NOT. BUT HE ALSO IS NOT AWARE OF ANY THAT WOULD NOT PERMIT TWP TO CHARGE THE FEES TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. VAUGHN ASKED IF TWP ATTORNEY FILED THESE. SECRETARY STATED YES, AND YOU INSTRUCTED ME (SECRETARY) TO MAKE UP THE INVOICE. SOLICITOR STATED HE PREPARED THE RESOLUTION AND FILED THE PAPERWORK AT THE RECORDER OF DEEDS. WHICH MEANS HE PUT THE DOCUMENT IN A RECORDABLE FORMAT WHICH PERMITS IT TO BE FILED. SECRETARY PAID THE RECORDING FEE. VAUGHN ASKED WHY DOES THE TWP HAVE TO PAY. WHY DON'T THEY HIRE THEIR OWN ATTORNEY? PAUL STATED BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE TWPS RESOLUTION. PAUL ASKED WHEN IT FIRST STARTED, WHAT HAPPENED THEN. VAUGHN SAID HE THINKS THE TWP MAY HAVE PICKED UP THE COST. SOLICITOR SAID THAT IS A GUESS, HE WAS JUST STARTING HERE WHEN THAT WAS BEING DONE AND IT WAS STARTED BY ATTORNEY SUSAN WILLIAM. THERE WAS SOME ISSUES ON WHETHER SHE FILED THEM OR NOT. HE DOES FEEL CONFIDENT IN SAYING THAT THE TWP WILL DO THIS CONTINGENT UPON THE PAYMENT UPON THE DEPOSIT. PAUL SAID THE ORIGINAL FILING WAS ABOUT 30 PARCELS. VAUGHN ASKED IF SECRETARY COULD TRACK. SOLICITOR SAID TWP MAY LOOK AT THE INVOICES. SECRETARY SAID THE TWP AHS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING RID OF FILES THAT ARE APPROVED OF BY OPEN RECORDS MANUAL AT THAT TIME. PAUL SAID REGARDLESS WHETHER THE TWP INVOICES THE PROPERTY OWNER, TWP STILL NEEDS TO ACT ON THE RESOLUTION. MOTION BY PAUL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #6-2016 FOR AG SECURE FOR SAMUEL AND BETH MENZI PROPERTY, 2ND BY JAMES; MOTION CARRIED (V. TANTLINGER-YES/ P. ALTIMUS-YES/ J. BROWN-YES) VAUGHN SAID TWP WILL HAVE THE TOTAL COST OF THIS ONE AT SOME POINT JUST LIKE THE LAST ONE. SECRETARY STATED SHE WENT THRU SOME OF



SOLICITOR'S BILLS FOR THE LAST ONE LIKE YOU INSTRUCTED ME TO, AND I FOUND WHAT I COULD TO GET THE INVOICE. AND ON THE NEW BILL THERE IS A FEE FOR THE MENZIES AG SECURE RESOLUTION.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: **1. MAUREEN BLON--VAUGHN** WELCOMED THE BLON'S BACK. MAUREEN ASKED WHO WOULD HAVE CUT THE TREES ON THEIR PROPERTY. VAUGHN SAID THE POWER COMPANY. SHE ASKED IF THE POWER COMPANY CAN COME ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY TO CUT TREES DOWN. VAUGHN SAID THERE IS A RIGHT OF WAY. PAUL BELIEVES IT IS 25 FT. ON EACH SIDE OF THE WIRE. PAUL SAID AS MAINTENANCE, IF IT IS OUTSIDE THEIR 25 FT, AND IT IS A POTENTIAL HAZARD SUCH DEAD TREE THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR LINES, THEY CAN ALSO ELIMINATE THAT PROBLEM. MAUREEN SAID IT IS NICE TO SEE EVERYONE.

2. TOM BLON 3. DAN BRENDLINGER

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY VAUGHN TO ADJOURN; 2ND BY PAUL; MOTION CARRIED (V. TANTLINGER-YES/ P. ALTIMUS-YES/ J. BROWN-YES) TIME (7:20 PM)

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