



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM (TIME) BY VAUGHN TANTLINGER, CHAIRMAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT (LATE)
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT (EJB) CITIZENS-2

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING JAN. 12, 2017: APPR BY PAUL; 2ND BY VAUGHN; UN-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 JANUARY 2017: APPR BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY JAMES; UN: 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER- YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN- YES)

V. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE

VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. I-W COG 2017 ROAD MATERIAL BID –AGGREGATE, ASPHALT MATERIAL, BITUMINOUS MATERIAL, BLACK ASH, ANTISKID, DSA, PATCHING MATERIAL, MOT BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY PAUL; TO BID THESE ITEMS THRU THE I-W COG, WHICH THE COG WILL OPEN SOMETIME IN MARCH 2017; UN- 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER-YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN- YES)

2. COUNTY CONVENTION ON MARCH 10, 2017 AT FERRANTE’S LAKEVIEW RESTAURANT IN GREENSBURG; MOT BY JAMES TO PERMIT ANYONE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE COUNTY CONVENTION WITH WAGES/OR CONVENTION FEE PLUS MILEAGE BEING PAID-SUPERVISORS, SECRETARY, AUDITORS, TAX COLLECTOR, SOLICITOR; 2ND BY VAUGHN, UN- 3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER- YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN- YES)

3. EQUIPMENT RENTAL BID—PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL; 2ND BY VAUGHN, UN—3-YES/0 NO (V. TANTLINGER- YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN- YES) PAUL SAID IT TWP DOES A SIMPLE PAVING PROJECT, THEY WILL THEN HAVE THE RATES IN PLACE. SOLICITOR HAS NOT ARRIVED YET, SO VAUGHN WENT TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. ALEX ASHCROFT-ECHO REPORTER. HE ASKED WHAT IS COG. PAUL EXPLAINED IT IS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS A GROUP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT GO TOGETHER TO PUT OUT BIDS AND THEY GET A BETTER PRICE FOR MORE BIDDERS. ALEX ASKED WHAT THE COUNTY CONVENTION WAS—VAUGHN SAID IT HELD EVERY YEAR, WHERE MUNICIPALITIES GET TOGETHER AND BUSINESSES COME TO IT TO PROMOTE THEIR PRODUCTS. VAUGHN SAID HE AND JIM HAVE GONE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEY GET BUSINESS CARDS FROM VENDORS. VAUGHN SAID SECRETARY GOES TO MEETING THAT DEALS WITH SECRETARIAL INFORMATION. EMMA STATED THERE ARE TOPICS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AND THIS YEAR IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE STATE POLICE CHARGING TWP’S FOR COVERAGE. THIS WORKSHOP IS WHERE THE PSATS COMES AND GIVES TWPS ADVICE AND INFORMATION ON CHANGES BEING MADE FOR TWPS. THE PSATS WILL HAVE ITEMS LISTED TO BRING UP TO VOTE ON AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN HERSHEY. SECRETARY SAID THEY ALWAYS HAVE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH SOLICITORS AND ONE WITH REPRESENTATIVES IN OUR AREA. USUALLY HAVE A NICE SPEAKER DURING LUNCH. VAUGHN EXPLAINED THIS IS FOR WESTMORELAND COUNTY ONLY AND YOU HAVE TO BELONG BY PAYING DUES ONE TIME A YEAR.

VAUGHN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN, PAUL ASKED THAT WE STAY A COUPE MINUTES BECAUSE THE SOLICITOR MAY HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE TWP.

SOLICITOR SHOWED UP: SOLICITOR STATED THE ASSESSMENT APPEAL FOR ANTIOCHIAN HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. THEY HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH ANTIOCHIAN AND THEY HAVE MADE PROPOSALS. SOLICITOR ASKED IF SUPERVISORS REVIEWED THEM. HE ASKED THEM TO LOOK AT THEM PRIOR TO THE HEARING NOW SCHEDULED FOR 2/16. SOLICITOR SUGGESTED GOING OVER THEM ON FRIDAY; THERE MAY BE A WAY TO SOLVE THIS PRIOR TO THE HEARING; HE HAS SOME IDEAS FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION BECAUSE IT IS A LEGAL MATTER ON WHAT HE THINKS TWP SHOULD CONSIDER, IF THEY WANT TO CONSIDER AT ALL. SOLICITOR ALSO WANTED A CHECK FOR THE AG SECURE. PAUL SAID IT IS HERE AND HE WILL DO IT NEXT WEEK. PAUL SAID HE TALKED TO SOLICITOR ABOUT RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY SEC/TRES. SOLICITOR SAID HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE TIME OR CIRCUMSTANCES. PAUL SAID IT IS IN RECOGNITION OF DAN AGAIN IN CASE THE TWP GETS CAUGHT AGAIN. EMMA SAID IT WOULD BE #2. SOLICITOR SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO READ THRU AND THERE ARE CERTAIN BLANKS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE FILLED IN. VAUGHN ASKED IF TWP COULD PASS UNTIL THEY FILL IT IN. SOLICITOR SAID TERMS HAVE TO BE WHAT THEY ARE, PROVISION LIKE WHERE IT TERMINATES, AND COMPENSATION. SOLICITOR FEELS IT HAS TO BE IN THE RESOLUTION. PAUL SAID THEY WILL LET THIS SIT AND ACT ON IN MARCH. AND IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN THAT THEY WOULD NEED HIS SERVICES, THEY CAN ALWAYS GO SPECIAL MEETING. EMMA HAD QUESTIONS ON THIS, REMINDED THEM SHE WAS OFF 6 WKS. IN 2012 AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO APPOINT SOMEONE, AND I KNOW I WAS OFF FOR 3 MONTHS AND THEY NEEDED SOMEONE; HOWEVER AS PAUL POINTED OUT—THIS CAN BE DONE AT ANY TIME. AND DO NOT KNOW WHY THIS HAS TO BE DONE RIGHT NOW, AND NOT WHEN OR IF IT IS NEEDED. PAUL SAID SO IT IS IN PLACE FOR PRODUCTION OF THE BUSINESS. EMMA SAID THAT WHEN SHE GOES ON VACATION, DAN HAS DONE THE PAYROLL IN THE PAST WITHOUT THE APPOINTMENT. IN THE 30 YEARS SHE WAS HERE, IT WAS NEVER NEEDED BEFORE. VAUGHN SAID IT IT IS NOTHING AGAINST ME, BUT THEY ARE TRYING TO BE PREPARED. THEN EMMA SAID THEN WHEN AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING, THE SUPERVISORS HAD A VOLUNTEER THAT WAS ASKED BY VAUGHN TO FILL THE VACANCY BOARD. HE WAS NOT APPOINTED AND IT WAS EVEN TABLED AT THE JANUARY MEETING. EMMA THAT AGAIN IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN AGAIN, SHE WOULD LET THEM KNOW THE TIME PERIOD. JUST LIKE SHE DID IN FEB. 2016 WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT I WAS GOING TO BE OFF LONGER THAN WE ALL THOUGH. THEY WERE UPDATED AND INFORMED; AND THEN THEY DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY AT THAT TIME TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS. PAUL SAID TO BE MORE PROACTIVE THAN REACTIVE, THEY HAD TO BE REACTIVE WITH EMMA’S HEALTH CONDITION. EMMA THEN PROACTIVE WOULD ALSO APPLY TO APPOINTING SOMEONE TO THE VACANCY BOARD. PAUL SAID THE VACANCY BOARD ASKED TO SUBMIT A RESUME, AND THEY HAVE NOT SEEN ONE. EMMA STATED SHE FEELS ZACHARY IS NOT GOING TO GIVE ONE, HE INFORMED THE BOARD HIS EXPERIENCE IN COLLEGE IN WRITING PAPERS, DEALING WITH REP. REESE, ETC. THE WAY IT WAS PRESENTED AS NO OFFENSE BUT WANTED SOMEONE WITH MORE EXPERIENCE. JIM ANNOUNCED AT THAT MEETING HE HAD NO PROBLEM APPOINTING ZACHARY, AND VAUGHN IS THE ONE WHO MADE THE MOTION AFTER ASKING ZACHARY. EMMA POINTED OUT

THAT IT HAS NEVER BEEN USED SINCE SHE WAS HERE, AND AGAIN IT IS ONLY TO BREAK A TIE IF THE TWO REMAINING SUPERVISORS DO NOT AGREE. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IN THE 2ND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE IS THAT MUST BE A RESIDENT FOR 1 YEAR AND A REGISTERED VOTER. VAUGHN SAID HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH PAUL ON THE TEMP SEC/TRES. AND HE UNDERSTANDS WHERE SECRETARY IS COMING FROM BUT THEY WERE IN A BIND LAST YEAR AND HE IS JUST TRYING TO BE PROACTIVE, IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS AGAIN. VAUGHN SAYS HE KNOWS IT COST THE TWP A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY BUT IT IS BETTER TO BE PROACTIVE. EMMA SAID THEN AGAIN, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BE PROACTIVE ON THE VACANCY BOARD APPOINTMENT, JUST INCASE SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO A SUPERVISOR. AND IT IS OBVIOUS FROM TODAY WHEN JIM HAD HIS ACCIDENT THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE OF US AT ANY TIME. EMMA STATED TO HER IT WOULD THEN HAVE BEEN PROACTIVE TO APPOINT SOMEONE. EMMA POINTED OUT THAT AS FAR AS HAVING ANY TYPE OF QUALIFICATION TO RUN FOR ANY OFFICE; NO ONE HAS TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION PRIOR TO RUNNING FOR ANY POSITION. THE TWP. HAD A 20 YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT THE POSITION, AND VAUGHN EVEN SAID TWP. HAS NEVER HAD TO USE SINCE HE WAS HERE. SOLICITOR ASKED WHO VOLUNTEERED. EMMA STATED HER GRANDSON ZACHARY HENDERSON, HE HAS WRITTEN PAPERWORK FOR MIKE REESE. AND THIS IS A POSITION ACCORDING TO THE 2ND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE THAT HAS TO BE FILLED. SOLICITOR REMINDED THE BOARD THAT IF THEY GO THRU WITH THE RESOLUTION, THAT PERSON WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE BONDED. PAUL SAID THE TWP. HAS THE PAPERWORK, THE CURRENT ONE RUNS OUT IN MARCH 2016. EMMA POINTED OUT THAT IT IS AN ADDED COST TO THE TOWNSHIP OF \$418. VAUGHN SAID THEY ARE AWARE AND IT WILL BE THEIR DECISION. EMMA SAID SHE IS AWARE OF THAT, BUT AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN ALSO, I CAN VOICE MY OPINION. SOLICITOR HAS NO OTHER BUSINESS.

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JAMES TO ADJOURN; 2ND BY VAUGHN; UN-3-YES/0-NO (V. TANTLINGER- YES / P. ALTIMUS-YES / J. BROWN- YES) TIME (7:20 PM)

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