



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 @ 3:00 PM



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 3:00 PM (TIME) BY: Vaughn E. Tantlinger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-Present JAMES BROWN-Present SOLICITOR-Present(Jeff Miller)
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-Present SECRETARY-Present(Carrie Moore)
CITIZENS-Emma Brendlinger, Ernie Henderson, Cecila Sisiki, Alex Ashcroft)

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING August 9, 2018: APPR BY Paul 2ND BY Jim UN-Yes 2 Yes/0 No
(V.T.-Abstain /P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)

IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED AUGUST 2018
APPR BY Vaughn 2ND BY Paul UN-Yes 3 Yes/0 No (V.T.-Yes/P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)

V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Penn Dot-Bridge Repairs-There is going to be a briefing held on September 19, 2018 between 3-4 at Ligonier Township Municipal Building. Public display will be available from 4-5:30 same date and place. The purpose of this meeting is to present the final designs plans for Route 259 over Tubmill Creek (bridge between West Bolivar & Bolivar) Emma asked if they were removing it completely, Vaughn is not sure but plans on going to the briefing to get the information. Paul stated that the word on the street is that it is going to be a split process like the project in Ligonier.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: Donna Horner-Wanted to let know that on the temporary Audit that Emma was here from January 1, 2018-July 31, 2018 there was no findings.
Emma Brendlinger-Is here to make sure the Audit was taken care of and would like a copy of the filings. Donna is supposed to get her a copy.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. Antiochian Village-Jeff Miller presented the status of the tax exemption appeal that has been ongoing with Antiochian Village and the Township. It appears that we have finally come to potential agreement on the terms and would like the township to request a motion to approve the agreement. We don't have the agreement finalized but will have a pilot soon. Jeff would like the township to make a motion approving the settlement on these terms-Pilot agreement would run for 7 years commencing in the year 2017 and that annually Antiochian Village would pay to the township the sum of \$3,500/year which would cover all properties owned by Antiochian Village owned in Fairfield Township. Emma then asked would the \$3,500 cover the taxes that would be on all the properties or is the Township taking a loss? Jeff stated that whether or not we are taking a loss is not answerable. The court did not determine what properties were taxable. The \$3,500 is approximately 1/2 of what they would owe if the court determined that all their properties were taxable.. Paul stated that would not happen there is definitely properties that would be classified tax exempt. Jeff stated there is no doubt some properties are tax exempt there is a couple of cemeteries, chapel and surrounding property is exempt but what percentage is exempt is not determined. Jeff feels that this is a fair assessment. Jeff stated that it is his guess that it is fair to say that this is more the 50% of the best result we could have got. Emma stated she remembered we have an amusement tax and wanted to know if there was a charge to go into the museum? Jeff stated that he is under the impression that they do not charge to get in the museum or library. Jeff said the museum is just two cases. Cecila asked how many acres? Jeff stated his guess would be under 100 acres. Paul and Vaughn both stated it is pushing 250 acres. Cecila stated the reason she is asking because she pays \$4000 for two houses. Jeff stated you have two things to consider taking in all your taxes can't compare to what the township gets. Fall taxes are only the school district taxes not a single dollar of your fall taxes goes to the township. The amount the School District will receive from Antiochian Village is \$20,000 and the county will receive \$3,500 if the agreement goes through. Emma then asked if either the School District or the county has provided help with the legal fees. The school district did pay the invoice that

we sent them. Jeff then made a motion to approve the settlement of these terms- Antiochian Village agrees to pay the township the sum of \$3,500 /year for 7 years started retroactive in 2017 on all properties that Antiochian owns

Motioned BY Paul 2ND BY Jim UN-Yes 3 Yes/0 No (V.T.-Yes/P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)

Vaughn wanted to voice his opinion that he was not happy with the agreement but the cost of legal fees to continue and the possibility of going in front of the judge we could come away with nothing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. Res#1-2018 Designating a Depository-Fairfield Township Designating Somerset Trust as the depository for the general fund. Fairfield Township commencing September 13, 2018 the board of supervisors designates Somerset Trust as the depository for the general fund. Township secretary is hereby directed transfer all general fund money into Somerset Trust Company. Motion to approve Res#1-2018 Motioned BY Vaughn 2ND BY Paul UN-Yes 3 Yes/0 No (V.T.-Yes/P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)

2. 2019 MMO-Paul stated that the PMRS Auditor was here and went over the form with Carrie Moore and made sure it was correctly filed out. The Auditor verified the entries to make sure the format was corrected. Motion to approve the 2019 MMO.

Motioned BY Paul 2ND BY Jim UN-Yes 3 Yes/0 No (V.T.-Yes/P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)

3. Ord#1-2018 Increase the indebtedness-Jeff addressed Ord#1-2018, The board has consider the replacement of one of its Plow Trucks. The supervisors went through the costar program and determined that the cost for a plow truck would be around \$175,000. The township then gathered bids for financing and determined that Somerset Trust Company has offered 3.65% for 8 years annually payments. The ordinance that I am asking you to consider is for advertisement only, not for purchase is to authorize the borrowing of \$175,000 and to sell the note to Somerset Trust Company. Motion to approve Ord#1-2018 Motioned BY Paul 2ND BY Vaughn UN-Yes 3 Yes/0 No (V.T.-Yes/P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT Donna Horner –Nothing, Ernie-Nothing, Emma- Wanted to know where the Township was getting the truck from Paul stated we have been talking with Tri County Motors, Emma then asked about the upfits and where the township was looking at and if it was out of Costars also. Paul stated yes they would be from costars and they were out of Eastern PA. Then on the PMRS what was the amount for next year-Paul stated it was \$19,562. Also, on the banking are you keeping the general open until you get all the direct deposits in. Paul and Vaughn both stated everything was taken care of. Also, asked about why 7 years for the Antiochian Village, Jeff stated originally wanted 10 years the Supervisors wanted 6 years and 7 was the compromise. The supervisors were afraid that they were making decisions for the future supervisors. Emma then asked about new properties that are purchased will they be included in this agreement. Jeff stated that all new properties will not be included and the township will have to address each property as it is bought. Cecilia doesn't have anything to report other than that they are considering buying a camera. Paul asked Cecilia if Cindy came to terms with the Tar and Chip and was satisfied Cecilia stated she was satisfied with Fairfield Township. Alex-Now that the approval is voted on what is the next step for the settlement. Jeff stated the pilot agreement will go back and forth before it is signed. Once signed it will be the final agreement.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Motioned BY Jim 2ND BY Vaughn UN-Yes 3 Yes/0 No (V.T.-Yes/P.A.-Yes/J.B.-Yes)
TIME (3:26 PM)

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