



**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2010**



**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM BY VAUGHN TANTLINGER, CHAIRMAN.**

**II. ROLL CALL:** PAUL ALTIMUS--PRESENT    JAMES BROWN--PRESENT    SOLICITOR--PRESENT  
 VAUGHN TANTLINGER--PRESENT    SECRETARY--PRESENT (EJB)    CITIZENS-5

**III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2010:** APPR BY PAUL , 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES(3)

**IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 2010:**

	General Fund	State Fund	Road Fund	Fire Hall Fund
BEG BAL	\$83,400.32	\$184,041.17	\$915.46	\$803.90
INCOME	6,904.23	7.64	.04	.03
EXP	<u>49,075.03</u>	<u>30,686.69</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
BALANCE	\$41,229.52	\$153,362.12	\$915.50	\$203.93

APPR BY VAUGHN, 2ND BY JIM, UNAN-YES (3)

**V. CORRESPONDENCE:** **1. SENATOR WHITE** LETTER ON HB2431 REGARDING MAKING COUNTIES THE BASIC UNIT OF GOVERNMENT. SENATOR THANKED TWP FOR COMMENTS, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT SUPPORT IT IF IT WOULD MAKE IT TO THE SENATE. **2. QUAKER SALES NOTICE**-YEARLY DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION WITHIN 20 MILES DUE TO THE ASPHALT PLANT **3. CME ENGINEERING**—PAUL EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS WAGNER QUARRY NOTICE APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO DEP ON BEHALF OF A LAND OWNER BY CME ENG. THEY DESIRE TO OPEN A LARGE NONCOAL SURFACE MINE TWP IS ASSUMING IT IS FOR ROCK. IT HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TWP TO SEE IF WE HAVE ANY ZONING ISSUES, OF COURSE THERE IS NO ZONING IN FAIRFIELD TWP. TWP WILL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY, THEN THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SUBMIT TO DEP FOR THE PROCESSING FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THIS STONE QUARRY—THEY ARE CHASING LOYALHANNA LIMESTONE. THIS IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SR259 BETWEEN YEAGER HOLLOW AND PATTERSON ROAD. SECRETARY ASKED HOW THEY PLAN TO GET IT OUT. PAUL SAID THAT HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED YET. MAP IS HERE FOR VIEWING. BOUNDARY ACTUALLY TOUCHES SR259. TWP WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR. COVER LETTER STATED THAT PUBLIC NOTICE WILL BE IN BLAIRSVILLE DISPATCH 4 TIMES. **4. PARKER SURVEYING**-VAUGHN SAID NOTICE OF XTO PROPOSING A 24" GAS PIPELINE INSTALLATION, ALONG WITH 4 STREAM CROSSINGS IN FAIRFIELD AND ST.CLAIR TWP. PERMIT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR AND APPROVED BY PA DEP FOR 17,680 FT OF 24" STEEL NATURAL GAS PIPELINE; THIS IS FROM FLICKINGER WELL TO ECKELS WELL. **5. XTO EMAIL** CONCERNING THE PIPELINE INSTALLATION WANTING PERMISSION TO BURN BRUSH/STUMPS/ SMALL TIMBER AS LONG AS WESTMORELAND COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A BURN BAN IN PLACE. THEY WILL TAKE ALL SAFETY MEASURES AND HAVE A WATER TRUCK ON SITE. PAUL SAID THEY ARE ASKING FOR PERMISSION FROM THE TOWNSHIP. PAUL SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO GIVE HIS APPROVAL, IF THEY WANT TO BURN, LET THEM BURN—BUT HE IS NOT GIVING HIS APPROVAL. PAUL DOES NOT WANT ANY LANGUAGE STATING THE SUPERVISORS PERMITTED IT AND IF THE FIRE TAKES OFF IN A FARMERS FIELD AND ENDS UP IN A FARMERS BARN. **6. WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**—PROJECT NAME IS HENDRICKS CREEK—FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT STRUCTURES, DOWN ALONG MIDGET CAMP THEY WENT IN THERE AND STABILIZED THE BANK, PLANTED GRASS, PUT SOME LOGS AND STONES; THERE IS GOING TO BE ONE MORE BY WHERE PEOPLE GET THEIR DRINKING WATER. VAUGHN SAID IT HELPS THE EROSION. DEB GAWLAS SAID IT WAS GOOD, SHE ALSO SEES THE ZOO DOING THEIR TAGGING.

**VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NO ONE**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:** **1. RES. #2-2010- RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE** PREPARED BY TWP SOLICITOR. SOLICITOR SAID TWP SHOULD KEEP A COPY OF THE MANUAL WITH THE RESOLUTION. SOLICITOR SAID THE ADOPTION RES. 2-2010 MAKES MENTION IN NEW RESOLUTION THAT THE OLD RESOLUTION WOULD BE NULL AND VOIDED. MOTION MADE BY JIM, 2ND BY PAUL, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #2-2010; UNAN-YES(3). **2. UPDATE ON GRAVEYARD HILL**—PAUL SAID LIGONIER CONSTRUCTION INSTALLING PIPE AND ARE REACHING THE HALFWAY POINT. PAUL SAID FOR NEXT 30 DAYS DO NOT USE GRAVEYARD HILL UNLESS YOU WANT TO WAIT. **3.** TWP RECEIVED LETTER OF **INTENT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE TCSA**, LUCKY GARLAND GAVE IT TO THE TWP, THEN HIS BROTHER LANE GARLAND SUBMITTED A LETTER TO FILL THE VACANCY. FRITZ MUNDORF WAS OUR REPRESENTATIVE WHO PASSED AWAY, THE TERM IS GOOD TILL JAN 1, 2014. SUPERVISORS HAVE REVIEWED THE LETTERS. VAUGHN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LUCKY GARLAND TO THE VACANCY ON THE TCSA UNTIL JAN. 1, 2014; 2ND BY PAUL, UNAN-YES(3). SECRETARY IT TO NOTIFY LUCKY GARLAND ON TWP LETTERHEAD. **4. SOLICITOR GAVE UPDATE ON TAX** COLLECTION COMMITTEE, STARTING JAN. 1, 2012 THE NEW TAX COLLECTOR WILL BE BERKHEIMER AT RATE OF 1.65%. IT WAS NOT THE LOWEST, THE RFP COMMITTEE FELT THEY WERE MOST RESPONSIBLE WITH THE TECHNOLOGY USAGE, THE COMMITTEE BELIEVED THEY WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION NOT TO MESS UP THE TAXES. VOTES WERE AROUND 54/46%, AND BEHALF OF FAIRFIELD AND BOLIVAR—HE CAST VOTES AGAINST BERKHEIMER. HE SUSPECTS EITHER WAY THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS AND HE FEELS IT WOULD BE BEST TO PAYING LESS FOR OUR COLLECTIONS. **5. SECRETARY ASKED SOLICITOR** IF SHE READ CORRECTLY THAT THE TCSA WAS THINKING OF PURCHASING A COMPANY VEHICLE? SOLICITOR SAID THE MATTER HAS BEEN RAISED AT MEETINGS, BUT IT HAS NOT COME UP FOR A FORMAL VOTE. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE SECRETARY, WORKERS, AND WHAT ABOUT THE BOARD MEMBERS USING THE VEHICLE. SOLICITOR SAID IT WOULD PRIMARILY BE FOR WHEN JOE SISITKI HAD TO COME TO BOLIVAR FOR AN INSPECTION OR SOMETHING, INSTEAD OF HIM BEING PAID MILEAGE FOR HIS OWN VEHICLE. SECRETARY SAID IT WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL TO PURCHASE A COMPANY VEHICLE, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PAY THE MILEAGE.—YOU ARE TALKING BOLIVAR AND ROBINSON. SECRETARY WANTS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING, SHE WANTS A REDUCTION IN THE RATES THAT WAS PROMISED YEARS AGO WHEN PENVEST GETS PAID OFF. IT IS ABOUT TIME THEY STAND UP AND GIVE THE PEOPLE BACK SOME MONEY. PAUL STATED THAT



SOMETIMES JOE HAS TO RUN FOR PARTS. SOLICITOR SAID THAT IF MOWER BREAKS DOWN, THE PERSON HIRED TO FIX IT HAS TO PICK IT UP. SECRETARY SAID IT IS NOT A HUGE BUSINESS SUCH AS THAT OF JOHNSTOWN. WHEN THAT PLANT WAS BUILT EXTRAVAGANTLY, 4 MILLION DOLLARS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE COMMUNITIES. THEN THE OTHER COMMUNITIES BUILT ONE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN, NOW OUR AREA IS STUCK MAINTAINING A SEWAGE WILL NEVER MEET THE MAXIMUM. SOLICITOR SAID THERE ARE TIMES THAT THEY ARE VERY CLOSE TO OVERFLOW, DURING RAIN EVENTS. SECRETARY SAID THAT WOULD NOT BE DUE TO USAGE, IT WOULD BE DUE TO WATER RUNOFF GOING INTO THE SEWAGE PLANT. VAUGHN SAID TO GO THE MEETING AND VOICE AN OPINION.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** 1. VAUGHN POINTED OUT THAT IN **CORRESPONDENCE SEN. WHITE** RESPONDED TO HB 2431 AND TWP HAS BEEN ASKED BY PSATS TO OPPOSE HB2431 AND HB 1357; IT IS BASICALLY A RESOLUTION STATING THE THIS TWP OPPOSES THE COUNTY RUNNING TWP BUSINESS. IT WILL BE RES.#3-2010, VAUGHN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RES#3-2010 OPPOSITION TO FORCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS; 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM, UN-YES(3)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 1. **DEB GAWLAS** 2. **MAUREEN BLON**-ASKED WHERE WAS GRAVE YARD HILL . SOLICITOR EXPLAINED THAT IT GO OUT TWP GATE TO BEAUFORT BRIDGE, GO STRAIGHT ACROSS, COMES TO A Y INTERSECTION, GO TO THE LEFT, THAT IS GRAVE YD HILL—IT GOES INTO THE TOP STREET OF BOLIVAR BOROUGH. GO TO THE RIGHT AND IT COMES OUT AT LaMANTIA AUTO TOWARDS THE ARCHES. VAUGHN SAID TWP RECEIVED APPR. \$280,000 FROM THE COUNTY TO DO GENERAL MAINTENANCE WITH DRAINAGE ON THIS ROAD. 3. **ANN MARIE BLON** 4. **PAUL BROWN** 5. **DAN BRENDLINGER**

**X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY VAUGHN, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM, UNAN—YES(3) Time: 7:25 PM**

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