

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11, 2009 🗴



- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM BY PAUL ALTIMUS, CHAIRMAN.
- II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-ABSENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT (J.M.)
 VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT (EJB) CITIZENS-4
- III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON MAY 4, 2009: APPR BY VAUGHN, 2ND BY PAUL, UNAN-YES.
- IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED MAY 2009: APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES.

V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. SUBDIVISION FLORENCE MINING FOR CONEMAUGH VALLEY CONSERVANCY, INC. ARLENE DUDECK, ATTORNEY HERE REPRESENTING THE CONSERVANCY-FLORENCE MINING IS DONATING APPROXIMATELY .3 ACRE PARCEL ALONG TUBMILL TO THE CONSERVANCY FOR A LIME DOZER TO CLEANUP THE MINE DRAINAGE GOING INTO THE CREEK. CONSERVANCY GETTING AN EASEMENT FROM THE DOHEY'S. CONSERVANCY IS WORKING WITH DEP. ARLENE WILL GET SIGNATURE FROM MINES AND RETURN WITH COPIES FOR TWP SIGNATURES. PAUL INFORMED ARLENE THAT IF THERE IS ELECTRICITY INVOLVED THEY WILL HAVE TO ACQUIRE ELECTRIC INSPECTIONS. SUBDIVISION WAS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY FOR REVIEW AND THEY REVISED THE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. AFTER IT IS CLEANED UP EVERYTHING REVERTS BACK TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. SECRETARY ASKED WHERE THE CONSERVANCY GETS THEIR MONEY FOR THIS TYPE OF PROJECT? ARLENE SAID MOSTLY FROM DEP GRANTS. SECRETARY ASKED WHY IS IT THAT THE TAX PAYERS MONEY IS USED TO CLEAN UP THE MINE DRAINAGE, WHY DOESN'T THE COMPANY THAT MADE THE MONEY HAVE TO CLEAN UP THEIR OWN MESS AT THEIR EXPENSE? ARLENE SAID NOT SURE, MAYBE THEY DID CLEAN UP AS MUCH AS THEY HAD TO AND THE CONSERVANCY WANTS TO DO MORE FOR THE FISH HABITAT. MOTION BY PAUL TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION CONTINGENT UPON 3 THINGS: 1) APPROVAL FROM COUNTY, 2) RECORDABLE EASEMENT FROM THE DOHEY'S, 3) SIGNATURE ON SUBDIVISION FROM LAND OWNER-FLORENCE MINING; 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES. 2. LETTER FROM HIGHRIDGE WATER AUTH.-AT THE LAST TWP MEETING HAD A LETTER FROM XTO ENERGY OF THEIR INTENT TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM FIRE HYDRANT LOCATED BY THE OLD ALLEGHENY FOUNDRY. THE SECRETARY BROUGHT UP CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUANTITY OF WATER AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE CURRENT CUSTOMERS OF HIGHRIDGE, SHE REQUESTED THE TWP SEND A LETTER CONCERNING THE WATER BEING ALLOTTED TO XTO FOR A MARCELLA WELL IN LIGONIER. HIGHRIDGE RESPONDED A LETTER FROM GEORGE SULKOSKY, STATING THAT CUSTOMERS WATER SERVICE WILL NOT BE ADVERSELY IMPACTED. THAT HIGHRIDGE PRODUCES 550 MILLION GALLONS ANNUALLY AND XTO 'S PROPOSAL IS FOR 5 MILLION GALLONS OF JUST LESS THAN 1% OF THE WATER PRODUCED YEARLY. XTO WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO PURCHASE 300,000 GALLONS DAILY SO NOT TO DISRUPT THE WATER FLOW FEEDING BOLIVAR AND WEST BOLIVAR. VAUGHN STATED PENDOT IS WORKING ON THE DRAINAGE BY 40 ACRES. 3. CERTIFIED FROM McCORMICK TAYLOR ENGINEERING REPRESENTING PENDOT. THE NOTICE WAS TO INFORM TWP OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS WHICH THERE ARE 2 IN FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP 1) SR 259 OVER SNYDERS RUN BY THE LIGONIER END OF PATTERSON ROAD 2) SR259 OVER FREEMANS RUN BY STIFFLER ROAD AND B & N AUTO IN WEST BOLIVAR.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE

VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. ADVERTISE TO PURCHASE A USED 2006 OR NEWER COMPACT TELESCOPIC HANDLER. SUPERVISORS REVIEWED EQUIPMENT NEEDS AND MADE A DETERMINATION OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT WILL BEST SERVE TWP'S MANY NEEDS—COMPACT TELESCOPIC HANDLER. THEY REVIEWED SKID LOADERS, FRONT END LOADERS, ETC. THIS APPEALED AS THE MOST VERSATILE THAT THEY MAY ENCOUNTER IN DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES. VAUGHN STATED IT IS USED, BUT IN VERY GOOD SHAPE-IT HAS FORKS AND A BUCKET ON IT AND LOOKING INTO PURCHASING A BROOM ATTACHMENT TO SWEEP THE ROADS, ALSO IN PUTTING A CAGE SO THEY CAN USE TO GET HIGH TREE LIMBS, THE FRONT END LOADER IS A 1980. PAUL SAID TWP INTENDS TO ADVERTISE THE SPECIFICATIONS. VAUGHN TOLD SOLICITOR IT COMES WITH 2 ATTACHMENTS. MOTION BY PAUL TO ADVERTISE FOR THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A USED 2006 OR NEWER COMPACT TELESCOPIC HANDLER TO BE OPENED ON JUNE 30, 2009 AT 3 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES. ADVERTISE IN LATROBE BULLETIN ON JUNE 16 & 19. SOLICITOR SAID ALL DAYS COUNT. SOLICITOR SAID CAN WRITE NO ALTERATIONS TO THE BID SPECIFICATIONS. PAUL SAID ALL SPECIFICATIONS MUST MEET OR EXCEED. SECRETARY WILL RUN THE ADVERTISEMENT PAST THE SOLICITOR. SECRETARY ALSO INFORMED THE SOLICITOR THAT HE WILL HAVE TO GO THRU THE DCED BORROWING BASE FOR THE LOAN AND A LETTER WITH SOLICITOR'S OPINION. 2. SECRETARY ASKED SOLICITOR QUESTIONS & ANSWERS IN THE TWP NEWS MAGAZINE, IT SAID ABOUT RECORDING THE MINUTES THE TWPS HAVE TO HAVE A MOTION ON A RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THESE TAPES STATING HOW LONG THEY RETAIN THEM—SUCH AS IF THEY ONLY USE FOR REFERENCE AND KEPT UNTIL THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR RECORD RETENTION POLICY THEN THE TAPE RECORDINGS WILL FALL UNDER THE OPEN RECORDS ACT. PAUL REQUESTED JEFF TO PREPARE SOMETHING FOR THE NEXT MEETING THAT AUDIO TAPES ARE ONLY VALID PUBLIC RECORD UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING. SOLICITOR ASKED IF THERE ARE OTHER PUBLIC RECORDS OF CONCERN? RULES OF RETENTION ARE EXTENSIVE, AND HE THINKS THEY SHOULD LET HIM KNOW WHAT RECORDS THEY ARE GETTING RID OF SO HE CAN RESEARCH THEM INDIVIDUALLY. SOLICITOR SAID TO WORK ON A RESOLUTION WITH ANYTHING THEY HAVE CONCERNS.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. MAUREEN BLON 2. TOM BLON 3. DAN BRENDLINGER 4. ARLENE DUDECK-HERE FOR THE SUBDIVISION FOR FLORENCE MINING AND CONEMAUGH VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Time: 7:40 PM

Submitted by: Emma Brendlinger, Sec-Tres