



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 8, 2010



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

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT CITIZENS-10

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2010; APPR BY VAUGHN , 2ND BY PAUL , UNAN-YES(3)

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

	General Fund	State Fund	Road Fund	Fire Hall Fund
BEG BAL	\$73,192.23	\$196,769.35	\$915.46	\$203.88
INCOME	36,844.21	6.84	.03	600.02
EXP	<u>26,636.12</u>	<u>12,735.02</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
BALANCE	\$83,400.32	\$184,041.17	\$915.46	\$803.90

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. TRI-COUNTY ENGINEERING CERTIFIED LETTER FOR PA ONE CALL FOR XTO ENERGY PIPELINE. WILL START AT ECKELS SITE TO MUIR SITE. MAPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING.
2. PARKER SURVEYING CERTIFIED—XTO APPLIED TO DEP FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PERMIT REGARDING INSTALLATION OF 24” NATURAL GAS PIPELINE. MAP AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. THIS SHOWS FROM NELSON (SR259-LIGONIER TWP) TO FIRE TOWER. **3. REP REESE** LETTER REGARDING HB2431 (PROPOSED TO MAKE EVERY PA COUNTY THE BASIC UNIT OF GOVERNMENT)—TWP SENT LETTER AGAINST THIS BILL TO REESE, REESE STATED HE DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL. VAUGHN READ LETTER FROM REESE. THIS BILL WAS PROPOSED ON APR. 20, 2010 FROM BERKS COUNTY. MUST PASS HOUSE AND SENATE AND THEN BE APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON REFERENDUM.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: 1. DONNA OR RANDY RIDDELL—DONNA SAID THEY NEED SOMETHING DONE WITH THEIR ROAD FOR DUST. TWP TREATED YESTERDAY WITH CALCIUM AND TODAY THE DUST IS ALREADY COMING BACK. LAST YEAR TWP HAD MENTIONED THE ROAD MILLINGS AND IT NEVER HAPPENED. VAUGHN SAID IT WAS TOO LATE IN THE YEAR AND NO MONEY. DONNA SAID THEY NEED TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR DOING SOME TYPE OF SURFACE IMPROVEMENT. STEVE HASLEY APPRECIATES WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. RANDY REMARKED ABOUT STONE THAT GETS PUT ON THEN JUST GETS WASHED DOWNSTREAM. RANDY DID SOME CHECKING AND SAID THAT 1500 FEET OF TAR/CHIP WOULD BE AROUND \$10,000. PAUL ASKED WHERE HE GOT THAT NUMBER. RANDY SAID FROM A LOCAL TAR/CHIP COMPANY. RANDY WILL GIVE PAUL THE NAME AFTER THE MEETING. RANDY SAID IT WOULD BE LESS FOR THE TOWNSHIP. RANDY SAID THAT WOULD BE WITH 2 COATS, HEAVY ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF THE TRUCK TRAFFIC WITH THE WATER TRUCKS. STEVE HASLEY ASKED IF TKI IS GOING TO PUT THOSE WELLS UP HODGES PROPERTY. PAUL SAID STILL TALKING ABOUT BONDING AND USING THAT ROAD AS WELL AS XTO. RANDY SAID NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO GET IT DONE. VAUGHN SAID THAT WOULD BE THE PROBLEM, IF TWP WOULD SHOOT MC70 LIKE ON STIFFLER ROAD, THEN THEY WOULD COME IN AND IT WOULD BE DESTROYED, IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF MONEY. STEVE SUGGESTED MAKING THEM DO IT. VAUGHN SAID THAT WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY, MARCELLUS SHALE OFFERED TO PAVE A LITTLE STRIP OF ROAD TO KEEP THE DUST DOWN. RANDY THINKS TAR/CHIP WOULD BE BETTER THAN ASPHALT, BECAUSE ASPHALT BREAKS UP AND WASHES AWAY; TAR/CHIP KIND OF SQUISHES AND GOES BACK TO ITSELF AFTER AWHILE. VAUGHN SAID THEY WERE REAL PLEASED WITH THE MC70, IT DID REALLY GOOD ON STIFFLERS AND HELD UP FOR THE WINTER. RANDY SAID THAT ROAD DID HAVE A LOT OF WATER PROBLEMS, AND HE THANKED THEM FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT PROBLEM. RANDY SAID IF TWP DOES TAR/CHIP THE ROAD, HE IS GOING TO DO SOMETHING WITH HIS DRIVEWAY. VAUGHN SAID THEY WILL TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION. RANDY SAID THEY HAVE A LOT MORE TRAFFIC ON THIS ROAD THAN THEY USED TO.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. TWP OPENED BIDS LAST MONTH FOR GRAVEYARD HILL STORM SEWER/PAVING PROJECT—LIGONIER CONSTRUCTION WAS THE LOWEST BID AT \$331,513.00. TWP TABLED THE AWARD AT THE JUNE MEETING UNTIL THE JULY 8, 2010 MEETING. PAUL STATED IN TALKING WITH WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PEOPLE, THEY HAVE INCREASED THEIR FUNDING AND NOW HAVE COMMITTED TO \$280,000 IN GRANT MONEY. LEAVING THE TWP WITH APPR. \$50,000 TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. VAUGHN SAID WITH THE NEW NUMBERS AND IN TALKING AMONG THEMSELVES, IS THERE A MOTION? MOTION BY PAUL TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID FROM LIGONIER CONSTRUCTION, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES(3) VAUGHN UNDERSTANDS THEY WILL COME IN THE 1ST OF AUGUST, HOPEFULLY BE DONE IN A MONTH BECAUSE OF THE BUSES. TWP IS DOING THAT ROAD BECAUSE THE TRAFFIC WILL INCREASE WHEN STANTON BRIDGE IS CLOSED FOR REPLACEMENT.
2. UPDATE RESOLUTION FOR RECORD RETENTION—THIS ACT WAS REVISED IN 2008. JEFF WILL HAVE IT READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING. PAUL SAID THERE IS CURRENTLY A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO WHAT RECORDS YOU HAVE TO KEEP, HOW LONG TO KEEP THEM, SUCH AS PAYROLL, CONTRACTS, JOURNALS, MINUTES, LEGAL PAPERS, ETC. PAUL SAID NOW YOU HAVE EMAILS, THE SOLICITOR ADVISED TO CREATE A NEW UP TO DATE RESOLUTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING CONCERNING THE TWP'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORD RETENTIONS.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. ORD #1-2010 FOR FIRE WORKS. PAUL AND SOLICITOR HAD A MEETING WITH FIRE CHIEF. SOLICITOR EXPLAINED THAT ABOUT EVERY JULY THE TWP GETS REQUEST FOR PERMITS FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS. UNDER THE STATUTE THE TWP SHOULD REALLY HAVE REGULATIONS IN PLACE AS TO HOW THESE PERMITS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH—APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED. THE TWP CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE ANY STANDARDS. THIS TYPE OF THING WOULD REQUIRE THE FIRE CHIEF GO OUT & TAKE A LOOK AT THE SHOOT SITE, TALK TO THE OPERATOR; AND MAKE A DETERMINATION IF IT WOULD AUTHORIZED OR NOT. UNDER PRIOR PRACTICE TWP DID NOT COLLECT THE BOND, STATE LAW REQUIRES IT. THE TWP IS UPDATING AND FORMULATING SOME GUIDELINES FOR A REQUIRED BOND. SOLICITOR HAS PREPARED A ROUGH DRAFT. SECRETARY WILL POST THE DRAFT ON THE TWP WEBSITE. VAUGHN SAID THEY ARE GOING TO MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF AND REVIEW THE

ORDINANCE. MOTION BY PAUL TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT ORD#1-2010 REGARDING PERMITTING FIREWORKS IN FAIRFIELD TWP. FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING; 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES(3). **2. JIM** STATED THAT ON **TURKEY INN ROAD** TWP HAS **ANKNEY PAVING** OUT PATCHING AND PAVING THE ROAD. TWP ALSO STARTED GRADING DIRT/GRAVEL ROADS.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: **1. BILL HUGHES**-ASKED FOR A DECISION ON THE DRAIN HE ASKED ABOUT ON PATTERSON RD 3 MONTHS AGO. PAUL SAID HE HAS NOT. VAUGHN SAID THEY LOOKED AT IT, AND BILL DID SOMETHING THERE. BILL SAID HE GRADED THE ROAD TO KEEP WATER OFF TWP ROAD. VAUGHN SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF 8" WOULD BE BIG ENOUGH. BILL SAID HE WAS PUTTING 4" DRAINS IN HIS BANK AND HE IS PIPING IT DOWN TO THE ROAD. BILL SAID THE WATER IS JUST LAYING ON THE ROAD AND DESTROYING IT. VAUGHN DID NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON IT EITHER. VAUGHN SAID HE DOES NOT SEE THEM FRENCH DRAINING IT THIS YEAR. VAUGHN SAID TO GO AHEAD AND DO HIS DRAIN. BILL SAID IT WILL BRING THE WATER FROM THE BANK. BILL WANTED TO DROP IT INTO A DRAINAGE PIPE. VAUGHN SAID TWP WILL TALK IT OVER. VAUGHN ASKED IF BILL WOULD STILL PUT IT IN IF THE TWP PAID FOR THE PIPE. BILL SAID YES. PAUL SAID TO CALL PA ONE CALL FIRST, TO SEE WHERE THE PHONE LINE IS. BILL SAID IT WAS UNDER THE PAVEMENT. **2. MAUREEN BLON** **3. ANN MARIE BLON** **4. DONNA RIDDELL** **5. ERN MATSON**-JUST THE DUST ON CAULFIELDS. DONNA SAID HE KEEPS THE DRAINS CLEANED ON THAT ROAD. **6. STEVE HASLEY**-VAUGHN SAID TKI IS BUILDING A ROAD OFF LOVE HOLLOW, POSSIBLY START OFF OF TOBY ROAD THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK. PAUL SAID XTO MAY DESIRE TO USE CAULFIELD ROAD TO SECURE THE PIPELINE. STEVE SAID THEY DO NOT WANT TO USE IS RIGHT OF WAY ONTO 711 BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SITE DISTANCE ONTO SR711. **7. RANDY RIDDELL** **8. GEORGE STANISLAW** **9. DAN BRENDLINGER** **10. PAULA BROWN**

VAUGHN ANNOUNCED THAT THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN THE TOWNSHIP WITH GAS.

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JIM , 2ND BY PAUL, UNAN-YES(3) Time: 7:23 PM

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