



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2009



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM BY PAUL ALTIMUS, CHAIRMAN

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

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON OCT. 8, 2009: APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY JIM, UNAN-YES.
SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP ON NOV. 5, 2009; APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY JIM, UN-YES.

IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 2009: APPR BY
JIM, 2ND BY PAUL , UNAN- YES. SOLICITOR ASKED WHY FIRE HALL FUND DOES NOT SHOW
ANYTHING, PAUL EXPLAINED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS FOR OCTOBER 2009—MONEY WAS
DEPOSITED IN NOVEMBER 2009.

Table with 5 columns: General Fund, State Fund, Road Fund, Fairfield Fire Hall Fund. Rows include BEG BAL, INCOME, EXP, BALANCE.

V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. SUBDIVISION FOR HOUCK-FOR ROBERT & JUSTINE HOUCK. SEO REVIEWED
THE SUBDIVISION, HE SUGGESTED TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT MONTHS MEETING UNTIL HE GETS THE
CORRECTIONS ON THE LANGUAGE PRESENTED IN THE SUBDIVISION. THIS BOARD IS NOT GOING TO
ACT ON IT AT THIS MEETING. 2. ROAD BOND RELEASE FOR COAL LOADERS ON FT PALMER ROAD
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3600. THEY HAVE BEEN USING TOWNSHIP ROAD FT. PALMER AND ROBB ROAD
FOR AT LEAST 5 YRS. THEY ARE GOING TO BE CURRENTLY USED BY THE GAS COMPANY, SO COAL
LOADERS WISH TO RELEASE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR FT PALMER ROAD. COAL STRIPPING IS
COMPLETE FOR THE MOST PART, THERE WILL BE SOME FOLLOW UP IN THE SPRING IN ELIMINATING
SOME RETENTION PONDS AND SOME ADDITIONAL SEEDING. SOLICITOR ASKED IF ALL THE ISSUES
WERE RESOLVED, PAUL SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH IT. PAUL MADE MOTION TO RELEASE
COAL LOADERS BOND IN AMOUNT OF \$3,600.00 FOR FT. PALMER ROAD, (.6 MILE UNPAVED), 2ND BY JIM,
UNAN-YES.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE

V. OLD BUSINESS: 1. RESOLUTION #5-2009—FAIRFIELD FIRE HALL FUND; SET UP FOR DONATIONS TO
THE FIRE COMPANY. SOLICITOR SAID THE TWP HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE FIRE COMPANY TO
RECEIVE DONATIONS AND TO DISTRIBUTE THE MONIES BACK TO THEM, BECAUSE THOSE
INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO DONATE WISH TO CLAIM A TAX DEDUCTION, WHEREAS THE FIRE HALL
DOES NOT HAVE A 501C-3 DESIGNATION, SO ANY DONATIONS TO THE FIRE HALL WOULD NOT BE
DEDUCTIBLE. THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES THE TWP WILL RECEIVE THESE FUNDS AND DISTRIBUTE
THEM ONCE A MONTH. PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #5-2009 FAIRFIELD FIRE HALL
FUND RESOLUTION, 2ND BY JIM, UNAN—YES. 2. OPEN BIDS FOR 1981 W-14 CASE—PAUL SAID THAT
AT SEPTEMBERS MEETING THEY MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE 1981 W-14 CASE . THE AD
WAS PLACED, BID PACKETS WERE DISTRIBUTED, AND NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED. IT IS STILL THE
TWP’S INTENTION TO SELL THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND ACCORDING TO LAW TWP HAS TO
ADVERTISE A 2ND TIME FOR BIDS., IF NO BIDS ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE 2ND TIME, THE TWP CAN GET
RID OF THE EQUIPMENT AT THEIR DISCRETION. PAUL ASKED IF THE SALE PRICE HAS TO REMAIN THE
SAME ON THE 2ND AD? SOLICITOR SAID IT DOES NOT, IF YOU WANT TO DROP THE RESERVE, IT
SHOULD BE IN THE ADVERTISEMENT. MOTION MADE BY PAUL TO ADVERTISE FOR SPECIAL MEETING
ON NOV. 24, 2009 AT 3 PM, AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO SELL THE 1981 W-14 CASE LOADER, 2ND BY
JIM, UNAN—YES. SOLICITOR SAID IF NO BIDS ARE RECEIVED THE 2ND TIME, THE TWP MAY SELL THE
LOADER BY A RESOLUTION APPROVED AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. BUDGET 2010 RESOLUTION # 6 OF 2009 --TAX LEVY RESOLUTION— 3.1 MILLS

Table showing budget breakdown for General Fund, State Fund, Fairfield Fire Hall Fund, and Road Fund. Includes Available and Expenses for each.

ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT FOR 2010 IS RESOLUTION # 7 OF 2009. MOTION BY PAUL TO TENTATIVELY
ADOPT PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET AS PRESENTED, 2ND BY JIM, UN—YES. FINAL APPROVAL IS SCHEDULED
FOR THE DEC 10, 2009 REGULAR MEETING. SECRETARY WILL ADVERTISE. 2. HYPOCRITE CREEK AND
MT. VIEW RD ENGINEER AND TRAFFIC STUDY PRESENTED BY ENGINEERING SPECIALIST, APPR BY PAUL
2ND BY JIM, UNAN-YES AT 7:20 PM. 3. ORD #3-2009 ADVERTISE FOR THE ENGINEER STUDY ON
HYPOCRITE CREEK ROAD AND MT. VIEW ROAD; MOTION BY PAUL, 2ND BY JIM, TO ADVERTISE ORD 3-
2009, UN-YES AT 7:24 PM. PAUL ANNOUNCED IT IS THE TWPS INTENTIONS TO PUT A WEIGHT LIMIT ON
THESE TWO ROADS. 4. UPDATE ON ACT 32-SOLICITOR GAVE UPDATE ON ACT 32—IT IS A COUNTY
TAX COLLECTION. SOLICITOR ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING AND IT IS ABOUT COLLECTING EARNED
INCOME TAX BY A COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR. BY 2012. IT IS ALL ORGANIZATIONAL STUFF AT THIS TIME,
THE COMMITTEE TALKED ABOUT HIRING A SOLICITOR WHO NEEDS TO ENACT BYLAWS FOR THE TAX

COLLECTION COMMITTEE. DID HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON HOW AND WHO PAYS FOR THIS, RIGHT NOW IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT A LOT OF THE STARTUP COSTS IS BEING FRONTED BY THE DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE CHAIRMAN AT THE MEETING SAID THEY ANTICIPATE IMPOSING A FEE ON EACH MUNICIPALITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR TAX COLLECTIONS. AS PART OF A WHOLE IF FAIRFIELD TWPS EIT IS 1%, THEN IT IS LIKELY THAT FAIRFIELD TWPS COST WOULD ALSO BE 1% OF THE ADMINISTRATION COSTS. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE ESTIMATING THE STARTUP COST FOR THE FIRST YEAR BETWEEN \$60 TO \$70 THOUSAND DOLLARS. SOLICITOR SAID IT WOULD NOT BE ANY MORE THAN WE ALREADY PAY OUR CURRENT COLLECTOR. PAUL SAID THEN CALENDAR YEAR 2010 WILL REMAIN WITH THE CURRENT COLLECTOR. SOLICITOR THOUGHT THIS WAS VERY INTERESTING, BUT THEY ARE KICKING AROUND THE IDEA OF LIMITING THE TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE TO A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEMBERS—CURRENTLY EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EACH MUNICIPALITY IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY HAS SOME VOTE. THIS COMMITTEE IS TALKING ABOUT LIMITING THE NUMBER—HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DO THAT SOLICITOR CAN'T ENVISION. WHAT HE THINKS IS GOING TO HAPPEN, THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO MAKE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING SCHOOL DISTRICT TO APPOINT THE SAME REPRESENTATIVES SO IT DECREASES THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES. HE HAS NOT READ THE STATUTE, BE HE DOES NOT SEE HOW THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH THAT. IT DOES PRESENT SOME INTERESTING ISSUES—NAMELY HOW TO GET EVERYONE DOWN TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY ONCE A MONTH TO GO TO THE MEETINGS, WITH THE ONLY 2 MTGS INTO IT, THEY HAD A HARD TIME GETTING A QUORUM; WHEN YOU HAVE 69 MEMBERS, THE QUORUM IS IN THE FORTIES, THEY WERE RIGHT DOWN TO THE LIMIT. PAUL THANKED JEFF.

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. BOB MALNOSKY 2. ANN MARIE BLON 3. MAUREEN BLON**
4. PAULA BROWN 5. DAN BRENDLINGER

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY PAUL, 2ND BY JIM, UNAN—YES Time: 7:30 PM

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