



**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2008**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:** PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT      JAMES BROWN-PRESENT      SOLICITOR-PRESENT  
 VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT      SECRETARY-PRESENT(EJB)      CITIZENS-8

**III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2008; APPR BY VAUGHN, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY PAUL, UNAN-YES.**

**IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED MARCH 2008: APPR BY PAUL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES.**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. LIGONIER 250 WEEKEND KICKOFF CELEBRATION-JUN. 27-29, 2008 NOTICE SENT TO THE TWP BY DOTTIE JOHNSON FOR FAIRFIELD TWP RESIDENTS.**

**VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. OPEN BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL, ADVERISED IN LATROBE BULLETIN:**

BIDDER	BID ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING SIZE AND / OR CAPACITY	EST. HOURS OF USE	MODEL OR SERIES ID	YEAR MFG.	HOURLY RATE BID	EST. TOTAL
1 RUSSELL STANDARD PO BOX 802 MARS, PA 16046  10% BID BOND YES	1	Paver capable of paving a minimum width of 10' to capacity of paving to 18' with full vibratory screen with two operators.	8	Caterpillar	2001	175.50	\$1,404.00
				xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
	2	Tandem steel wheel roller vibratory minimum 10 ton	8	Caterpillar	2000	76.50	\$612.00
	3	Pneumatic roller-minimum 10 ton	15	Caterpillar	1998	76.50	\$1,147.50
	4	Adequate triaxle dump trucks-minimum 24 ton net load	90	Mack	1999	72.50	\$6,525.00
	5	Tractor mounted power broom-minimum 8' width	8	Masey-Ferg	1982	61.50	\$492.80
	6	Pneumatic tire loader-minimum 3 1/2 cy bucket	24	Caterpillar	2001	75.80	\$1,819.220
	7	Supervisor with pickup truck. Proper supervision of all operators and equipment. Shall also provide safety and warning signs and hand tools for proper maintenance and protection of traffic	24			72.00	\$1,728.00
				xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
				xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
	8	Motorized chip spreader minimum 20' distribution	15	Etyne	2002	172.50	\$2,587.50
		TOTAL BID					<b>\$16,316.00</b>

**MOTION BY VAUGHN TO ACCEPT BID FROM RUSSELL STANDARD, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY PAUL, UNAN-YES. 2. OPEN BIDS FOR ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL, ADVERTISED IN LATROBE BULLETIN:**

	Bidder	10,000	BASE PRICE OPIS-3/24/2008	PROFIT/ DELIVERY CENTS PER GAL.	TOTAL PRICE/ GALLON	10% BID BOND
	BASE PRICE--OPIS Pittsburgh City Average					
1	Glassmere Fuel Curtisville, PA	10,000 GALLONS	3.3961	0.1597	3.5558	YES
2	Luther P. Miller Ligonier, PA	10,000 GALLONS	3.4270	0.1550	3.5820	YES
3	Export Fuel Co. Greensburg, PA	10,000 GALLONS	3.3977	0.1500	3.5477	YES

**MOTION MADE BY VAUGHN TO ACCEPT BID FROM EXPORT FUEL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY PAUL, UNAN-YES. 3. UPDATE ON COUNTY CONVENTION, OPEN RECORDS WORKSHOP, & STANTON BRIDGE MEETING. SECRETARY STATED HERSELF, VAUGHN, AUDITORS-REGINA GARLAND & SANDY FRYE ATTENDED THE COUNTY CONV. (3/14/08) GREENSBURG. MIKE O'BARTO GAVE OPENING REMARKS, DEB PERINO GAVE THE TREASURERS REPORT. ELAM HERR FROM PSATS GAVE PRESENTATION ON FUEL TAX TWP RECEIVE—SUPPOSED TO GET 20% BUT ONLY RECEIVE APPR. 12%. AND SAID HOW IT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH INFLATION-SUGGESTED TWPS WRITE REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUEST THE ACTUAL 20%. CHANGES FOR OPEN RECORDS WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JAN. 1, 2009. POSSIBLE CHANGES IN AMENDING TWP CODE BIDDING LIMITS, PREVAILING WAGE RATES, COLLECTION OF EIT, POLICE PENSION BECOMING MANDATORY, CONSOLIDATION OF TWPS. DISCUSSES PENDOT RELEASING SUFFICIENCY RATINGS FOR ALL 25,000 STATE OWNED BRIDGES—6000 ARE STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT AND IT WOULD BE AROUND \$11 BILLION TO REPAIR OR REPLACE. DISCUSSED HOW GOVERNOR IS SENDING LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY TO MASS TRANSIT INSTEAD OF STATE OWNED BRIDGES. PSATS NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR TWPS SINCE 1921, THE SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR TWPS AND WORK TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE TWP GOVERNMENTS. VAUGHN ADDED THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WERE THERE FOR QUESTIONS FROM TWPS. OPEN RECORDS WORKSHOP ON 4/8/08 ATTENDED BY TWP SECRETARY FROM 8:30—NOON. THIS WORKSHOP WAS PRESENTED BY ELAM HERR—PSATS AND TERI HENNING—PA NEWSPAPER ASSOC. IT WAS TO FAMILIARIZE BUSINESSES WITH THE NEW OPEN RECORDS LAW, WHICH WILL BE ENFORCED JAN. 1, 2009. SECRETARY GAVE SOLICITOR COPY OF PAPERWORK. THEY ARE TO COME UP WITH A FORM AND A FEE SCHEDULE FOR TWPS TO CHARGE FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION. TWPS WILL HAVE TO APPOINT A RECORDS OFFICER, THEY SUGGEST 2 PEOPLE BE APPOINTED. TWPS WILL HAVE 5 DAYS TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST, BY EITHER: 1) GIVING THE REQUESTED INFORMATION 2) DENY THE INFORMATION 3) REQUEST EXTENSION FOR A SPECIFIC REASON. IF TWP IS UNSURE IF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IS PUBLIC INFORMATION, THERE WILL BE SOMEONE AT DCED**

THEY CAN CONTACT FOR INFORMATION. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO KEEP ACCURATE INFORMATION ON EACH REQUEST. IF TWP DENIES THE REQUEST THE REQUESTOR HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO AN APPEALS OFFICER WHO WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS. IF THEN THE REQUESTOR IS STILL NOT SATISFIED HE CAN THEN APPEAL TO COURT. IF THE COURT FINDS IN FAVOR OF EITHER PARTY—THE COURT MAY ALSO MAKE THE FAILING PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS. THERE IS A LIST OF 30 EXEMPTIONS, BUT DCED RECOMMENDS LOOKING AT EACH REQUEST INDIVIDUALLY. PAUL ASKED SOLICITOR IF HE WAS AWARE OF THE NEW LAW, THE TWP NEEDS TO START WORKING ON IT. **STANTON BRIDGE**—VAUGHN STATED SECRETARY TYPED UP NOTES FOR THIS MEETING ALSO. VAUGHN AND SECRETARY ATTENDED THIS MEETING AT THE BOLIVAR VFC. REPRESENTATIVES FROM PENDOT AND ENGINEER COMPANY WERE THERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BRIDGE. BRIDGE IS TO BE STARTED IN 2010. THERE WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE RUN AROUND, OUT 259-TO KNUPP RD-TO 711 BACK TO THE CREEK ROAD. DISCUSSION WAS BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE FLOODING ON KNUPP RD—THE ENGINEER WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS. SOME DISCUSSION ON TREASURE ISLAND BRIDGE REGARDING NO RUN AROUND—RIDGEVIEW SIDE OF THIS BRIDGE FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING STRANDED IF SR 1006 HAPPENS TO FLOOD DURING THE CLOSING. JASON DAVIS (JMT ENGINEERING) SAID STANTON WAS BUILT AROUND 1929, THE NEW BRIDGE WILL BE RAISED ABOUT 3 FT. AND THEY ARE GOING TO SMOOTH OUT THE ALIGNMENT. THE PROJECT COULD TAKE ANYWHERE FROM 6-9 MONTHS FROM START TO FINISH. BUT DURING SOME OF THE WORK, THE BRIDGE WILL BE USED; SUCH AS WHEN THEY DO THE ROAD WORK. SOLICITOR SAID THEY ALSO SAID THEY GAVE THE FIRE COMPANY PERMISSION TO USE STANTON BRIDGE DURING THE REPLACEMENT OF TREASURE ISLAND BRIDGE. SECRETARY SAID THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS IF THERE IS FLOODING-THE FIRE COMPANY WILL NOT GO THRU THE WATER ENDANGERING THE FIREMEN, SO THAT LEAVES THE RESIDENTS BETWEEN TREASURE ISLAND AND THE FLOODED AREA STRANDED FROM ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. **4. SOLICITOR** STATED PAU AND HE MET WITH STAN STEIN FROM PITTSBURGH AND THEY VISITED 2 METHANE SITES AND HE GAVE HIM THE PAPERWORK THE TWP HAD AT THIS POINT. STEIN IS LOOKING ITO IT AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. PENNS FUTURE HAS 2 ATTORNEYS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS AND THEY HIRED JIM CASLTBURY, HYDROLOGIST FROM PENN STATE. CASTLEBURY WILL BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE RESIDENTS IF THE STUDY SHOWS THIS DRILLING WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THEM. TWP HAS NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE LETTER REQUESTING A PUBLIC MEETING. STEIN IS TO CALL DEP REGARDING THE MEETING. PAUL ASKED IF TWP SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH ANOTHER LETTER. SOLICITOR SAID COULD CALL DOWN THERE AND SEE WHAT THEIR PROCEDURE.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. CLEANUP DAY**—PAUL ANNOUNCED IT WILL BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2008 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM. PRICES ARE TO BE DETERMINED FOR FREON AND TIRES. IT WILL BE ADVERTISED PROBABLY IN LATROBE BULLETIN, DISPATCH, LIGONIER ECHO. **2.** PAUL SAID THE SAMPLE **NOISE ORDINANCE** PRESENTED—HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO REVIEW IT, AND HE FEELS IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT CLOSELY.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. MIKE SHAPIRO 2. JOAN SHAPIRO 3. LEO ALTIMUS 4. BOB GRAHAM 5. MAUREEN BLON 6. ANN MARIE BLON 7. DEB GAWLAS**—SHE GAVE THE SUPERVISORS A SAMPLE GROUND WATER ORDINANCE. SHE WAS ASKED BY PENN FUTURE TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE SOMERSET AREA NEWSPAPERS WARNING THEM ABOUT THE PA. MINERAL CORP.—RESIDENTS SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS IF PROMISED A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. THERE ALSO HAS BEEN A HUGE AMOUNT OF TRANSFERS. THEY CAN GET \$1 INSTEAD OF THE \$300,000. SHE DID WRITE THE LETTER. THERE IS SENATE BILL 1330 RELEASED, TRYING TO ESTABLISH A COAL BED METHANE REVIEW BOARD TO HEAR DISPUTES BETWEEN PROPERTY OWNERS AND DRILLING COMPANIES. PENN FUTURE WAS ON THE SAME SIDE ON AN ACT AS PSATS—WHICH WAS CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FARMERS DOING A LOT OF WATER POLLUTION AND IT AMOUNTED TO WHERE SOME SCHOOLS COULD NOT WASH THEIR HANDS. BOB GRAHAM SAID IT WAS NOT TRUE. DEB SAID SHE HAS INFORMATION, AND TWPS WAS TRYING TO CONTROL IT. THERE IS NOW ONE PERSON WHO RESOLVES ALL THE PROBLEMS, THEY ARE NOT OUT TO MAKE MONEY—THEY ARE A GROUP OF LAWYERS WHO WORK ON BROBONO, THEY ARE OUT TO HELP PA. WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. DEB SAID THEY WALK THE ROADS AND PICK UP GARBAGE ABOUT ONCE A MONTH AND THE NEXT ROAD IS GOING TO BE STIFFLER RD. VAUGHN SAID THE BOYS CLUB JUST CLEANED ALONG THE ROAD SIDES **7. KAREN BORING** VAUGHN STATED THAT BOB MUNDORFF BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION THAT HE USED TO WORK IN INDIANA WITH JUVENILES—AND HE USED TO BRING KIDS AND THERE WAS ALWAYS AN ADULT WITH THEM TO WEST WHEATFIELD AND THEY WOULD CLEAN UP THE TRASH, AND THEN THE TWP WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. HE SAID THE TWP SIGNS OFF THERE IS NO LEGALITY. THEY HAVE TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE ANYWAY. TWP MAY LOOK INTO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. DEB GAWLAS SAID THAT SHE WAS IN SEN. WHITE'S OFFICE AND HE SAID EACH FIRE COMPANY IS GIVEN A PACKET WITH PAPERWORK FOR GRANT MONEY. SECRETARY SAID FAIRFIELD DID GET GRANT MONEY THRU SEN. WHITE LAST YEAR. VAUGHN SAID KEVIN STIFFLER SPENT A LOT OF HOURS IN PAPERWORK FOR THE GRANTS. DEB SAID THE CLEANUP ON THE STREAMS THE CONEMAUGH KISKI CLEAN STREAM TEAM OF THE LIMESTONE. SHE IS LOOKING TO FIND FUNDING FOR THAT AND WANTS SOME BACKING FROM THE TWP, MAYBE WITH MACHINES. SOLICITOR SAID ST.VINCENT COLLEGE HAS SOME RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION FOR GRANTS.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY PAUL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES.**