



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2008



- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY PAUL ALTIMUS, CHAIRMAN.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-ABSENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT CITIZENS-7
- III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2008; APPR. BY VAUGHN, 2ND BY PAUL, UNAN-YES**
- IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 2008; APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UN-YES.**
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. WESTMORELAND CLEAN WAYS-HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT THE WESTMORELAND FAIRGROUNDS. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE OF WHAT THEY COLLECT AND IF THERE IS ANY FEES.**
- VI. PERSONS PLACED ON THE AGENDA: NONE**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. SUPERVISORS HAVE LOOKED AT TRUCKS AND GATHERED LOAN INFORMATION TO PURCHASE A NEW TRUCK THRU THE COSTAR PROGRAM—PIGGYBACK PROGRAM THRU PENDOT WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 10, 2008 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION BY PAUL TO START THE PROCESS TO PURCHASE NEW 2008 PICK UP TRUCK THRU COSTAR BY APPROVING RESOLUTION #2-2008 FOR A 4 YR LOAN, NO PENALTY FOR EARLY PAY-OFF, FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PA – NEW FLORENCE BRANCH, AT 4.0% AND THE NOTE BEING FOR \$33,000.00; 2ND BY VAUGHN, UN—YES. 2. VAUGHN ANNOUNCED THAT STILL WORKING ON THE WEBSITE, SECRETARY SAID YOU CAN KEEP CHECKING ON IT AT www.fairfieldtp.com.**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. (MDIA) MIDDLE DEPT. INSPECTION AGENCY—PAUL SAID THEY HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN TWP'S THIRD PARTY STATEWIDE BUILDING INSPECTION AGENCY SINCE 2004. OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS THEIR SERVICES HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATING. SECRETARY SAID THEY HAVE HAD 3 DIFFERENT INSPECTORS AND THEN THEY CHANGE THE WAY THE PROCESS AND THERE HAVE BEEN ERRORS IN FEES. PAUL ANNOUNCED THE TWP HAS THE CHOICE OF ENFORCING THE STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE OR NOT ENFORCING. VAUGHN ANNOUNCED LIGONIER, COOK, DROPPED THEM—SO THE TWP IS DROPPING OUT OF ENFORCING THE BUILDING CODE. PAUL STATED THAT THE RESIDENTS WILL STILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING THEIR OWN INSPECTORS. MIKE SHAPIRO ASKED IF IT WAS JUST FOR OCCUPIED BUILDINGS. SECRETARY STATED ANYTHING ATTACHED TO RESIDENTIAL HAS TO HAVE INSPECTIONS AND IF IT IS A DETACHED BUILDING UNDER 1000 SQ FT WITH NO ELECTRIC, PLUMBING, HEAT, DOES NOT REQUIRE INSPECTIONS, BUT IF YOU ADD ELECTRIC, PLUMBING, ETC—IT WILL HAVE TO MEET THE BUILDING CODES. BUT YOU MAY HAVE TO CONTACT SOMEONE THRU THE LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO GET AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE IF NO BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED. VAUGHN SAID BASICALLY SOMEONE WILL COME IN FOR BUILDING AND THE TWP WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF INSPECTORS—WE ARE NOT LETTING RESIDENTS OUT TO DRY, BUT ACCORDING TO LIGONIER AND COOK TWP IT IS GOING TO BE A LOT EASIER. SECRETARY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF YOU DON'T GET INSPECTIONS FOR SUCH AS ELECTRIC—THE ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT TURN THE ELECTRIC ON; AND IF THERE ARE NO INSPECTIONS FOR NEW ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR HOME—INSURANCE COMPANIES MAY OR MAY NOT COVER DAMAGES RELATED TO THE NEW ATTACHMENT. JEFF SAID THE ONLY DIFFERENCE FOR THE RESIDENCE WILL BE THAT YOU MAKE SURE YOU HIRE CERTIFIED INSPECTORS. SECRETARY ALSO STATED THAT IF YOU GET DIFFERENT COMPANIES TO DO THE DIFFERENT INSPECTIONS—WHO WILL GIVE YOU THE OCCUPANCY PERMIT? NO ONE WANTS TO GUARANTEE THE OTHER COMPANIES WORK. JEFF SAID THE TWP HAS TO SEND A NOTICE TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY GIVING 6 MONTHS NOTICE OF INTENT TO OPT OUT AND MDIA HAS TO BE GIVEN A NOTICE OF 120 DAYS NOTICE OF TWP INTENT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT. SECRETARY ASKED WHAT DOES THE TWP DO FOR THE 60 DAYS DIFFERENCE FOR LABOR & INDUSTRY FOR INSPECTORS IF MDIA IS ALREADY DONE? JEFF SAID CONTRACT SAYS AT LEAST 120 DAYS NOTICE TO TERMINATE CONTRACT IN 180 DAYS. JEFF SAID THE ONLY THING IS THAT MDIA CAN TURN AROUND AND SEND TWP NOTICE OF TERMINATION IN 120 DAYS AND THEN THE TWP WOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT INSPECTORS FOR 60 DAYS. PAUL MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE REQUIRED 180 DAY NOTICE TO LABOR & INDUSTRY FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO TERMINATE ENFORCING THE STATEWIDE BUILDING AND TO TERMINATE THE MDIA AGREEMENT AS TOWNSHIP INSPECTORS, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UN-YES. 2. VAUGHN STATED THAT ON AUG 21ST AT THE DONOHUE CENTER IN GREENSBURG, THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON WHAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NEED TO KNOW REGARDING NATURAL GAS. FIRST HALF WILL BE A VIDEO UPLINK AND YOU WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT VIA VIDEO WITH A PANEL OF STATE AGENCIES, REPRESENTATIVES INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERTS; 2ND HALF PROACTIVE STEPS TO INSURE COMMUNITIES ARE PREPARED FOR THE IMPACT OF NATURAL GAS DRILLINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. VAUGHN STATED AS LONG AS TWP HAS ENGINEER STUDY ON ROAD TWP CAN ENFORCE BONDING. JIM AND VAUGHN ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING—IT IS \$25 PER PERSON. MIKE SHAPIRO ASKED WHAT BRIDGES CAN THE CROSS IN THIS TWP.? PAUL SAID TWO.**
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. MIKE SHAPIRO-ASKED WHERE TWP WAS ON ORDNANCE FOR NOISE OR WATER: PAUL SAID LOOKED AT THEM IN MAY OR JUNE, ROUGH DRAFT COPIES—HE HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISION ON ANY OF THEM, DOES NOT KNOW VAUGHN'S OPINION. 2. RON ZUFALL 3. ANN MARIE BLON 4. MAUREEN BLON 5. BOB MALNOSKY-BOB SAID THEY DO STRAIGHT DOWN AND SLANTED ON THOSE WELLS. IF YOU WANT TO SEE AN ACTUAL FILM ON ONE GO TO WWW.PALANDOWNER.COM (ALL CAPS) TALKS ABOUT HOW MANY TRACTOR AND TRAILERS IT TAKES TO HAUL EQUIPMENT IN—47 OR 48. RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE 33,000 ACRES ENROLLED. BOB ENROLLED HIMSELF—THEY ARE GOING TO GET IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. LEASE IS TO BE AVAILABLE IN**

SEPTEMBER. EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT SIGNS WITH THIS COMPANY THE TWP WILL RECEIVE 10% OF ASSESSED VALUE OF EVERYONE'S PROPERTY—GETTING A CHECK FROM THE PA. LANDOWNERS. THE TWP MAY GET SOME INFORMATION. JEFF SAID HE WAS SEARCHING LEASE PERMITS FOR STATE CONTRACTS, AND HE REVIEWED A CONTRACT—YOU CAN GET THEM ON THE INTERNET AND THEY ARE VERY COMPREHENSIVE, THEY DEFINE WHERE THE RIGHTS OF ARE, WHAT THEY ARE MADE UP OF- PAVED, WHETHER THERE WILL BE A GATE, THE HOURS OF OPERATION, WHAT CAN BE ON THE LAND; EVEN IF YOU DON'T USE ALL THE PROVISIONS AND THEY DON'T APPLY TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU CAN USE THESE AS A GUIDE. BOB ASKED ABOUT STRIP JOB BELOW HIS HOUSE ABOVE LEONARD BURKETT'S-WHEN WILL IT OPEN? PAUL SAID TWP HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. PAUL STATED TWP IS ON THE DEP WEBSITE OF PERMITTING AND THAT ONE HAS NOT BEEN THRU IT YET TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. BOB SAID IT IS AMERIKOHL. BOB SAID THEY DID A CORE SAMPLE MONTHS AGO. RIGHT OF WAY HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED. LEONARD BURKETT'S PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN MARKED OFF. VAUGHN SAID THE TWP THEN CAN CALL AMERIKOHL TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. VAUGHN THINKS THEY WILL CONTACT TWP TO GO THRU GIRL SCOUT CAMP. BOB SAID FT. PALMER IS TAKING THE LIMESTONE OUT NOW. BOB SAID THEY WILL PROBABLY CRUSH IT RIGHT THERE. 6. **KAREN BORING** WANTED TO KNOW UPDATE ON HER ROAD, PAUL SAID CONTRACTOR IS COMING. SHE ASKED IF THEY FOUND OUT IF A BUS WAS COMING UP HER ROAD. SHE SAID BUS WENT UP THE ROAD LAST WEEK AND TURNED AROUND. VAUGHN SAID THEY WERE PROBABLY DOING A DRY RUN FOR THE 2ND RUN. VAUGHN WILL CALL DAVE TO GET A BUS SCHEDULE. RON ZUFALL SAID HE TALKED TO THE BUS GARAGE TODAY, BUT THEY DID NOT TELL HIM YET WHERE THE BUS STOP WILL BE. KAREN ALSO SAID THEY TOLD HER THE BUS NEVER WENT BACK THERE, SHE SAID HER KIDS, BETTS, ZUFALL, ROAD THE BUS. 7. **DEB GAWLAS** WANTED TO BRING UP ABOUT THE TSC TRUCK THAT HAS BEEN PUMPING WATER OUT OF TUBMILL PUMPING 250 TO 300 GALLONS AT A TIME. HE THEN PROCEEDS UP OVER GRAVE YARD HILL ROAD, SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY ARE PERMITTED TO TAKE WATER. THERE IS A PA WATERWAYS ACT 220 AND SHE THINKS IT NEEDS TO BE PERMITTED OR TO RECORD HOW MUCH WATER IT IS REMOVING. SECRETARY STATED THAT AREA BY WALTER CRUSAN'S HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR A HATCHERY TO MAKE IT MORE FEASIBLE FOR TROUT, ALSO DOING BY ALTIMUS. PAUL ASKED IF THE CORE SAMPLE IS DONE YET. JEFF DON'T THINK THEY HAVE DONE THAT YET, THEY DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THE TIMBERING IS COMPLETE. SECRETARY STATED SHE HAS SEEN THAT TRUCK ON HER WAY HOME FROM WORK, AND DEB SAID SHE SEES THEM ON HER WAY TO WORK AROUND 9:30 OR 10 AM. VAUGHN SAID TRY TO CATCH HIM. VAUGHN SAID THE TWP HAS A MAP THAT AMFIRE GAVE US. VAUGHN SAID THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO GO UP ON STIFFLER'S GO BACK FROM WHERE JIM BETTS LIVED ON THE HILL TO DO A CORE SAMPLE. BOB ASKED WHAT SEAM THEY WERE GOING ON. PAUL SAID HE THINKS THE E SEAM. BOB SAID THE RESIDENTS SHOULD GET A LETTER THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BLAST. BOB SAID CHINA IS BUYING UP ALL THE COAL THEY CAN GET NOW.

**X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY PAUL TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES.
MEETING ADJOURNED**