

## FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2012



- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM BY VAUGHN TANTLINGER
- II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS- PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT (JWM)
  VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT(EJB) CITIZENS-8
- III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON 11/8/2012: APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES(3)
- IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 2012: JIM ANNOUNCED THAT ON VERIZON WIRELESS BILL, HE TALKED TO THEM TODAY AND IT WAS PRORATED SINCE TWP CHANGED IN MIDDLE OF MONTH AND THEY PUT PUSH TO TALK ON AND IT WILL ALSO BE CREDITED, SO THE BILL WILL BE LOWER. APPR BY VAUGHN, 2ND BY JIM, UNAN-YES(3)
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. RIVERVIEW HOMES PATTERSON RD BOND RELEASE TOTALING \$15,500. TWP RESIDENT NEEDS A CRANE TO SET HIS HOUSE. VAUGHN LOOKED AT THE ROAD AND DID NOT SEE ANY DAMAGE MOT BY JIM, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN, TO RELEASE RIVERVIEW HOMES ROAD BOND; UNAN-YES(3) 2. BURNETT OIL ROAD BOND RELEASES FOR MT.VIEW, BEAUFORT, CLARK HOLLOW RD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,750.00. PAUL SAID AFTER GAS OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETE AND ROAD REPAIRS WERE MADE, THE ROAD IS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION. MOT BY PAUL2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN TO RELEASE THE LISTED BONDS FOR BURNETT OIL; UNAN-YES(3) 3. SUBDIVISION FOR BRANDON M. YEAGER SEO LOOKED AT IT TODAY, AND PAUL STATED SEO SAID YEAGER WAS IN COMPLIANCE. MOT BY PAUL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM; TO APPROVE BRANDON YEAGER SUBDIVISION AS PRESENTED; UNAN-YES(3) 4. DEP NOTICE—COAL LOADERS REQUEST TO DEP FOR A STAGE 3 RELEASE ON THE STANISLAW NO 2 SITE. IT COVERS 19 ACRES.

## VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA:

VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. RENEW FIRE HALL FUND FOR 2013. PAUL EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE LACK OF FIRE HALL HAVING THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE 501C3 STATUS, THE TWP RECEIVES THE DONATIONS FOR THE BUILDING FUND, WE KEEP IT OPEN UNTIL THEY ACQUIRE THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS; WHICH THEY SAY WILL SOON BE DONE. MOT BY PAUL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN; TO RENEW RESOLUTION #8-2012 EXTENDING FIRE HALL FUND; UNAN-YES(3)

2. RESOLUTION #6 OF 2012 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION— 3.1 MILLS REMAINS THE SAME FOR 2013.

GENERAL FUND	O AVAILABLE	\$388,585.00	EXPENSES \$388,585.00
STATE FUND	AVAILABLE	\$224,418.00	EXPENSES \$224,418.00
ROAD FUND	AVAILABLE	\$ 20,500.00	<b>EXPENSES</b> \$ 20,500.00
FIRE HALL	AVAILABLE	\$ 1,255.00	EXPENSES \$ 1,255.00
ACT 13-	AVAILABLE	<u>\$126,872.00</u>	EXPENSES <u>\$126872.00</u>
TOTAL BALANCED BUDGET (ALL FUNDS)		\$761,630,00	\$761,630,00

**ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT FOR 2013 IS RESOLUTION # 7 OF 2012----**MOTION BY JIM TO ADOPT THE 2013 BUDGET AS PRESENTED, **RES#6-2012** TAX LEVY AND **RES#7-2012** ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT; SECRETARY WILL ADVERTISE. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES(3) **3.** PAUL ASKED IT TWP RECEIVED THE HOP PAPERWORK FROM JOHNSTOWN, SECRETARY STATED YES, IT CAME IN THE MAIL FROM JEFF MILLER.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. MOTION BY PAUL, 2ND BY VAUGHN THE REORGANIZATION FOR SUPERVISORS WILL BE ON MONDAY, JAN.7, 2013 AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7 PM TIME; UNAN-Y3S(3) SOLICITOR ASKED IF TWP HOLDS REGULAR MEETING THEN TOO, PAUL SAID NO, REGULAR MEETING USUALLY FOLLOWS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 2. REORGANIZATION FOR AUDITORS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JAN. 8, 2013 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 10 AM TIME. TOWNSHIP SECRETARY WILL ADVERTISE THE MEETINGS. VAUGHN SAID TWP ONLY HAS 2 AUDITORS AT THIS TIME—ANYONE INTERESTED WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THERE IS WAGES AND SOME WORKSHOPS THAT YOU GET TO ATTEND. 3. TCSA UPDATE-PAUL ASKED SOLICITOR FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TCSA. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TWP IS LACKING PROPER REPRESENTATION. SOLICITOR SAID HE DOES NOT FEEL TWP HAS ANY REPRESENTATION, HE IS PRETTY CERTAIN THAT LANE GARLAND HAS NOT APPEARED AT ANY MEETINGS RECENTLY — TWP SECRETARY SAID LANE GARLAND CALLED AND SAID HE WAS RESIGNING; TWP SECRETARY ASKED HIM TO SEND THE TWP A LETTER STATING THAT HE RESIGNS. SOLICITOR SAID LUCK GARLAND WAS NOT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, IT HAD BEEN RUMORED THAT HE WAS GOING TO RESIGN. PAUL ASKED IF THERE IS TO BE ANYONE APPOINTED AT THE TWP REORGANIZATION MEETING. TWP SECRETARY DID NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME. SOLICITOR SAID PROBABLY IN THE POSITION WITH LANE, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT SUBMITTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION—HE HAS MISSED 3 MEETING AND HE BELIEVES AT THAT POINT THE TWP IS AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE HIM AND APPOINT SOMEONE. SECRETARY ASKED IF TWP SHOULD GET A LETTER FROM TCSA REGARDING THEM MISSING MEETINGS AND THAT IT IS IN THE SEWAGE AUTHORITY'S BI-LAWS THAT HE IS TO BE REPLACED. VAUGHN ASKED SOLICITOR TO CONTACT CINDY FOR A LETTER WITH THE INFORMATION OF MISSED MEETINGS AND BY-LAWS RELATING TO ABSENCES FOR AUTHORITY MEETINGS. 4. STATE CONVENTION-VAUGHN SAID STATE CONVENTION IS COMING UP IN APRIL AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD THAT ANYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND MAY ATTEND WITH EXPENSES PAID—MILEAGE, WHATEVER IS OUTLINED. THE EARLIER YOU REGISTER, THE CHEAPER THE HOTEL ROOMS. VAUGHN MADE A MOTION FOR SUPERVISORS, SECRETARY; PAUL SAID SOLICITORS, ENGINEERS. JIM SECONDED, PAUL SAID HE HAS A QUESTION ON WHAT IS ALLOWABLE EXPENSES. SOLICITOR SAID IT IS MEALS, LODGING, MILEAGE, . PAUL AND VAUGHN SAID PAID BEFORE WAGES, MILEAGE, ROOMS. SECRETARY SAID THEY GOT THEIR WAGES. SOLICITOR SAID DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS WAGES, IN THIS CASE YOU HAVE TO SEPARATE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY—HE DOES NOT FEEL IN THIS CASE YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR WAGES AS A ROAD MASTER FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE STATE

CONVENTION. IT IS PART OF THE DUTIES AS SUPERVISORS, NOT ROAD MASTERS. PAUL SAID IT MAY BE IN THE CODE BOOK. SECRETARY BELIEVED IN THE PAST WAGES, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE, TOLL FEES FOR TWP EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISORS ONLY. VAUGHN HAS KEPT THE FAMILY SEPARATE IN THE PAST. ALICE WHITE ASKED HOW LONG IS IT—VAUGHN SAID 4 DAYS. SOLICITOR READ FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS TWP CODE BOOK THAT ANY SUPERVISOR OR EMPLOYEE DIRECTED BY THE BOARD TO ATTEND -THE EXPENSES MAY BE PAID BY TWP ARE LIMITED TO REGISTRATION FEE, MILEAGE OF PERSONAL VEHICLE, PLUS ALL OTHER ACTUAL EXPENSES THAT THE BOARD AGREES TO PAY. EVERY ATTENDEE MUST SUBMIT AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES INCURRED. THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES TO BE COMPENSATED AT THEIR REGULAR EMPLOYEE RATE---AUDITORS MAY BE COMPENSATED AT \$10 FOR EACH HR UP TO MAXIMUM OF FIVE HOURS PER DAY DURING THEIR ATTENDANCE. THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZED SUPERVISORS NOT EMPLOYED BY TWP TO BE REIMBURSED PARTIAL OR TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOST WAGES OR SALARY WHILE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. SOLICITOR SAID THEN WAGES AS ROAD MASTERS MAY BE REIMBURSED. VAUGHN SAID HE HAS ATTENDED THESE BEFORE, HE FEELS IT IS WORTHWHILE CONVENTION. VAUGHN AND JIM HAS TALKED TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND THEY RECEIVE THEIR WAGES ALSO. VAUGHN WANTS TO RESTATE HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE WAGES. PAUL SAID HE DOES NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WAGES...HE HAS PROBLEM WITH MEALS; WE DON'T GET PAID TO EAT AT HOME-SHOULD NOT GET PAID TO EAT AWAY. PAUL IS FOR THE REST OF IT, HE FEELS THERE IS A GREAT SOURCE OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE THERE. SOLICITOR SAID EXPENSES ARE LIMITED TO REGISTRATION, MILEAGE, AND ALL OTHER ACTUAL EXPENSES THAT THE BOARD AGREES TO PAY. VAUGHN SAID THEN IT IS UP TO THE BOARD TO DECIDE ON WAGES THEN. SOLICITOR SAID YES. PAUL SAID YOU KNOW WHERE HE STANDS. PAUL ASKED IF IT COULD BE TABLED UNTIL TWP SEES HOW IT WAS DONE IN THE PAST. VAUGHN SAID HAS TO BE IN BY JAN 31ST TO GET BETTER PRICES. SOLICITOR SAID TWP COULD SET UP A PERDEUM. VAUGHN WITHDREW THE MOTION UNTIL THE REORGANIZATION MEETING.

IX: PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. ALICE WHITE-ASKED IF TWP RECEIVED LETTER FROM KELSY SCALODGE— COUNSEL FOR PUC WHO HAD SENT OUT MEMO ON 13 ITEMS YOU CAN SPEND ACT 13 MONEY ON. ALICE HAS A COPY, SHE SPOKE TO HER FOR CLARIFICATION FOR SEWARD. WHEN IT COMES TO SPECIFIC THINGS THERE SHOULD BE A CAPITAL FUND. GOT THE NAMES OF SEWAGE REP OF G. LANE GARLAND AND LUCKY GARLAND. LANE HAS VERBALLY OVER THE PHONE STATED HE WAS TO RESIGN DUE TO HIS WIFE'S HEALTH PROBLEMS. 2. RICHARD AND 3. CAROL SHEATS ON THE WATER LINE PROJECT. WHERE DOES IT STAND. THEY WERE AT THE LIGONIER TWP MTG AND LEANING TOWARDS NOT HAPPENING DUE TO THE COST—THEY WANT TO KNOW WHERE FFTWP STANDS. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE FFTWP STANDS ON FUNDING THE PROJECT. SOLICITOR SAID IT IS UNLIKELY FFTWP PROCEEDS, THEY HAVE DONE ALL THE ENGINEERING STUDIES, THEY KNOW THE COST AND RATE STRUCTURES. THIS WAS LTMA PROJECT, ALL FFTWP WAS DOING WAS AUTHORIZING THEM TO COME INTO TWP AND GRANTING THEM RIGHTS OF WAY. IT OCCURS TO HIM AND SUPERVISORS THAT IF FFTWP DID IT ON THEIR OWN, THEY WOULD WANT TO CREATE AN AUTHORITY TO MANAGE IT; AND IT IS POSSIBLE BUT IF LTMA CAN NOT DO THE PROJECT NOW WITH THE ADMINISTERING BODY IN PLACE—HOW COULD FFTWP DO WITH HAVING THE ADDITIONAL COST OF CREATING THAT BODY. SHEATS SAID IT IS NOT A DONE DEAL, BUT DUE TO THE INCREASE OF WATER RATES. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT WAS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, NOT FEASIBLE. GENTLEMEN SAID HE SAW NEWSLETTER, THEY ARE TO GET THE WATER. SOLICITOR SAID TWP AUTHORIZED LTMA TO GO AHEAD AND FFTWP GRANTS THEM THE RIGHTS OVER TWP STREETS TO SERVICE OUR RESIDENTS—BUT LTMA SEEMS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN IT. THEY WOULD NOW HAVE TO CONVINCE LTMA THERE ARE 5 BOARD MEMBERS. SOLICITOR SAID FFTWP WOULD ONLY GUARANTEE THE PEN VEST LOAN WHICH WOULD HAVE FUNDED THE PROJECT. SHEATS ASKED WHY ARE THEY DEALING WITH LTMA WHEN THEY HEARD WESTMORELAND BOUGHT THEM. PAUL SAID THEY BOUGHT LIGONIER BOROUGH. SOLICITOR SAID WESTMORELAND WATER AUTHORITY AGREED WITH JOHNSTOWN AUTHORITY TO BRING THE WATER OVER THE MOUNTAIN THAT HAS MADE THIS PROJECT. WESTMORELAND AUTHORITY HAS NOT SHOWN ANY INCLINATION TO SERVICE THAT AREA. A GENTLEMAN ASKED IF IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO DEAL WITH WESTMORELAND WATER AUTHORITY FOR WATER IN THAT AREA. SOLICITOR SAID LTMA SAID THAT WESTMORELAND WATER AUTHORITY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN A DOING A SIDE PROJECT. VAUGHN SAID IT IS NOT A DEAD HORSE, HE IS PLANNING ON GOING TO THE NEXT MEETING. SHEATS SAID THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF IT, BUT FINANCIALLY IT IS NOT FEASIBLE. PAUL SAID THE ENGINEER SAID DO THEY SURCHARGE THE ENTIRE SYSTEM OR JUST THE NEW CUSTOMERS, RIGHT NOW IT IS BETWEEN LTMA AND WESTMORELAND WATER AUTHORITY. SOLICITOR SAID A LOT OF MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT ON ENGINEERING. GENTLEMAN ASKED ABOUT CLEAN WATER ACT SAYING IF WATER GOES BY YOUR HOME, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO IT. SOLICITOR SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT ACT. ALICE WHITE SUGGESTED SOME POLITICAL PRESSURE. PAUL SAID 2/3 OF FFTWP WANTED IT ACCORDING TO THE RESPONSES. SOLICITOR SAID LIGONIER DID NOT WANT IT. PAUL SAID WESTMORELAND WATER AUTHORITY SAID WHEN COMING UP IF ANYONE WANTED A TAP WHEN THEY WERE COMING UP 271 IF ANYONE WANTED A TAP THEY COULD PURCHASE A TAP. 4. PAULA BROWN 5. CAITI BROWN 6. MITCHELL BROWN 7. ED PELGER 8. STEVE SANIGA

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY PAUL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN, UNAN- YES (3) Time: 7:45 PM

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