



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY VAUGHN TANTLINGER, CHAIRMAN

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT (J.M.)
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY- PRESENT (EJB) CITIZENS-7

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON JAN. 14, 2010: APPR BY JIM, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES(3)

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

	General Fund	State Fund	Road Fund	Fire Hall Fund
BEG BAL	\$52,844.56	\$104,977.54	\$915.14	\$1,203.16
INCOME	5,680.29	7.54	.07	10,000.00
EXP	<u>44,803.20</u>	<u>17,292.97</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
BALANCE	\$13,721.65	\$ 87,692.11	\$915.21	\$ 203.82

APPR BY VAUGHN , 2ND BY JIM , UNAN-YES

V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. JOHNSTOWN WIRE & CONEMAUGH GENERATING STATIONS SENT NOTICES TO TOWNSHIP FOR DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATIONS. 2. SUCEVIC, PIOCCOLOMII & KUCHAR ENG. NOTICE OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS—BY INTERSECTIONS OF TR988 AND SR259—INTERSECTION OF TR851 AND SR 259
3. 2010 DCBG PROGRAM—STORM WATER FACILITIES FOR GRAVE YARD HILL, PENDING APPROVAL FORM WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & U.S. DEPT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,000.00. PRELIMINARY WORKED UP WITH PAUL. 4. OATH OF OFFICE TOWNSHIP RECEIVED FROM DARLA HALL AND CAROL FENTON.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: MIKE BARTLEY—WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD THAT COMMUNICATION THIS WEEKEND DURING THIS WEATHER EMERGENCY BETWEEN SUPERVISORS, HIMSELF, AND HE PASSED ON ANY QUESTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMAND CENTER IN GREENSBURG—WENT VERY WELL. TWP HAD EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWNS, ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS WHICH HE FEELS WAS HANDLED VERY WELL BY THE SUPERVISORS AND THE STAFF, AND HE FEELS THEY SHOULD BE COMMENDED. HE HAS BEEN ON SOME OF THE ROADS, DURING AND AFTER; LIGONIER ROADS WERE TERRIBLE. SO HE THINKS EVERYONE DID A WONDERFUL JOB, ALSO NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS. HE THINKS WE ALL ARE TO BE COMMENDED, AND HOPES IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS. HE THANKED THE SUPERVISORS. VAUGHN THANKED MIKE. MIKE ALSO BROUGHT IN DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY INFORMATION. THE TOWNSHIP DID THIS ONCE BEFORE, TWP FILLS IT OUT AND THERE WILL BE A TIME PERIOD COVERED, AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY TWP CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR COST OF WAGES, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIAL. PAUL ASKED IF IT WAS STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDED. MIKE DID NOT KNOW, THINKS IT IS STATE, BUT DAN STEVENS IS GOING TO GET BACK TO HIM. BUT THEY ARE TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL EXPENSES. SECRETARY ASKED IF THE BOARD HAS TO ADOPT THIS DISASTER DECLARATION AT THIS MEETING. MIKE SAID TWP JUST FILLS OUT THE FORM. SOLICITOR DOES NOT KNOW THE ANSWER AS A 2ND CLASS TWP, BUT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES SUCH AS A MAYOR CAN DECLARE A DISASTER UP TO 7 DAYS WITHOUT APPROVAL OF COUNCIL, BUT WHEN THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY—MUNICIPALITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT. BUT HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR THAT REIMBURSEMENT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY DID WORK ON STATE ROADS. SECRETARY STATED NOT TWP ROADS. SOLICITOR SAID THAT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT HE HAS READ. SOLICITOR CAN RESEARCH IT FURTHER. MIKE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM DAN THAT TWP CAN ALSO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENTS.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. VAUGHN STATED SECRETARY FOUND OUT THAT ON 12/10/2009 MINUTES IT WAS STATED THE TWP WAS PURCHASING SPREADER AND PLOW FOR THE 2008 PICKUP—ON THRU COSTAR AND THE OTHER THRU SCHACOG; THEY BOTH ENDED UP BEING PURCHASED THRU SCHACOG BEING THE LOWEST PRICE ON BOTH. MOTION BY PAUL, 2ND BY VAUGHN TO AMEND THE DECEMBER 10, 2009 TO SHOW BOTH PURCHASED BY SCHACOG. UNAN—YES(3)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. COUNTY CONVENTION-MARCH12 AT FOUR PTS IN GREENSBURG, SIGN IN STARTS @ 8:30 AM—ENDS AROUND 4 PM. SOLICITOR POINTED OUT THAT HE GAVE AN OPINION LETTER A FEW YEARS AGO RELATIVE TO WAGES FOR ROADMASTER, SHOULD THINK ABOUT THAT BEFORE THEY MAKE THEIR MOTION. PAUL SAID HE THINKS THE 2ND CLASS TWP CODE SUPERSEDES THAT LETTER.. VAUGHN SAID THEY HAVE A ROUND TABLE FOR SOLICITORS, AND IT WAS BROUGHT UP AND ALL THE OTHER TWPS DO IT THAT WAY. MOTION BY VAUGHN TO PERMIT ANYONE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE COUNTY CONVENTION WITH WAGES/OR CONVENTION FEE PLUS MILEAGE BEING PAID—SUPERVISORS, SECRETARY, AUDITORS, TAX COLLECTOR, SOLICITOR; 2ND BY JIM, UNAN-YES(3) 2. **DIRT & GRAVEL ROAD GRANTS**-TWP RECEIVED LETTER FROM ROB CRONAUER FROM WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND EVERY YEAR THERE IS USUALLY MONEY FOR DIRT & GRAVEL ROADS; AND THE TWP HAS RECEIVED THAT MONEY SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, AND THE TWP HAS APPLIED FOR SOME WORK ON HANNA AND CLARK HOLLOW ROAD. THEY PAY FOR THE MATERIAL AND THE TWP DOES THE WORK. 3. WORKING ON BIDS FOR AGGREGATE, ANTI-SKID, AND SEAL COATING; ADVERTISED THRU THE INDIANA-WESTMORELAND COG. MOTION BY JIM TO ADVERTISE THRU I-W COG FOR BIDS FOR AGGREGATE, ANTI-SKID, ASH, SEAL COATING MATERIAL, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES (3) SOLICITOR STATED IF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED HIM, HE COULD CHECK WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION REGARDING THE ROADMASTER PAY FOR ATTENDING COUNTY CONVENTIONS. VAUGHN SAID HE HAS A REALLY HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING WHY THIS IS SUCH A BIG DEAL WHEN OTHER TWP'S DO THE SAME THING. SOLICITOR SAID IT IS JUST ADVICE. VAUGHN FEELS THIS CONVENTION IS WORTH ATTENDING. 4. PAUL SAID ABOUT ADVERTISING FOR **EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR UPCOMING 2010 ROAD PROJECTS**. VAUGHN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE BIDDING FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR APRIL 8, 2010, 2ND BY PAUL, UNAN-YES (3)

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. BOB MALNOSKY 2. PAULA BROWN 3. LAURA HENDERSON 4. ERN HENDERSON-COMMENDED THE SUPERVISORS FOR KEEPING THE ROADS CLEARED, HE IS SURE IT WAS A CHALLENGE. VAUGHN AGREES WITH COMMENT HE HEARD ON NEWS, IF YOU DON'T HAVE EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWNS, IT SHOULD GO SMOOTH. PAUL STATED THAT WE HAVE 2 DRIVERS THAT HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS TYPE OF OPERATION BEFORE. VAUGHN SAID TWP STARTS OUT WITH 5 TRUCKS AND 4 DRIVERS, AND IN NORMAL STORM, THEY CAN BE DONE IN 8 HRS. IF ALL GOES WELL. MIKE ASKED MILES OF TWP ROADS ARE PLOWED—PAUL SAID APPR. 48 MILES PLOWED. 5. MARISA HENDERSON 6. DAN BRENDLINGER 7. MIKE BARTLEY

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY VAUGHN, 2ND BY JIM , UNAN-YES (3) Time: 7:25 PM

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