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- 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-ABSENT SECRETARY-PRESENT(EJB) CITIZENS-13
- III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING ON JAN. 8, 2009: APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY JIM, UN-YES.
- **IV. TRUE BILLS** PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED JANUARY 2009: APPR BY PAUL, 2^{ND} BY JIM, UN-YES
- **V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. QUAKER SALES-**DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION, STATE LAW REQUIRES THEM TO NOTIFY ALL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN 20 MILES DOWNSTREAM OF WHAT PRODUCTS THEY HAVE STORED AT THEIR LOCATION, IN CASE OF A SPILL.
- VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. BUILDING CODE-BACK IN AUGUST 2008 TWP MOVED TO OPT OUT OF ENFORCING THE CODE IN HOUSE. FAIRFIELD DECIDED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE THRU A THIRD PARTY INSPECTION AGENCY KNOWN AS MDIA. AND IT HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT PROBLEM. THEREFORE, THE 3 SUPERVISORS VOTED IN AUGUST 2008 TO OPT OUT AND SEND NOTICE TO LABOR & INDUSTRY AND TO MDIA. PAUL SAID IT DOES NOT MEAN RESIDENTS ARE EXEMPT, IT MEANS THAT THE TOWNSHIP IS NO LONGER PROVIDING THE SERVICE. THE RULES OF OPTING OUT REQUIRED NOTICES OF 120 DAYS TO MDIA AND 180 DAYS TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, AND THOSE SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE BY MARCH 31ST. SINCE THIS WAS ALL ENFORCED BY ORDINANCES, THE TOWNSHIP THEN HAS TO PRODUCE ANOTHER ORDINANCE TO RESCIND THE FIRST ORDINANCE. PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE ORD#1-2009 KNOWN AS THE "UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE REPEALER", 2ND BY JIM, UN-YES. SECRETARY HAS A LIST OF INSPECTORS FOR RESIDENTS CONVENIENCE, BUT MOST CONTRACTORS ALREADY HAVE INSPECTORS THAT THEY WORK WITH. 2. OPEN RECORDS LAW ACT 3 FEB. 2008 STATES THAT TWPS HAVE TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION IN OUR POSSESSION. SOLICITOR CREATED A RESOLUTION REGARDING OPEN RECORDS. JEFF SAID OLD ACT PLACED THE BURDEN ON THE PERSON REQUESTING THE INFORMATION, THE NEW ACT PUTS THE BURDEN ON THE TWPS. THERE IS A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH TO ACT ON THE REQUEST, FEES FOR THE RECORDS, REQUESTS ARE REQUIRED ON FORMS. TWPS HAVE TO KEEP A RECORD OF REQUESTS AND THE ACTION TAKEN. PAUL STATED THIS WILL BE RESOLUTION #1-2009 ADOPTING A POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW REGULATING ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD; PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RES#1-2009, 2ND BY JIM, UN-YES. 3. HYPOCRITE CREEK ROAD-BACK IN JUNE A PETITION WAS SUBMITTED TO TWP WITH APPR. 16 SIGNATURES REQUESTING THE TWP TO CHANGE HYPOCRITE CREEK RD TO WYNN ROAD, CHECKING WITH WESTMORELAND CTY 911, WYNN RD CREATED A CONFLICT. RESIDENTS PICKED A NEW LIST OF ROAD NAMES AND LYNN ROAD TO BE CONSIDERED. PAUL SAID BEFORE THE BOARD ACTS ON THIS, HE ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. WHEN TWP DOES ADVERTISE THIS IT WILL BE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. # 2-1991, WHICH ESTABLISHED ALL THE ROAD NAMES. SECRETARY WANTED TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT IT IS NOT A PROBLEM TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE TWP ROAD, BUT ANNOUNCED THAT MR. McCREERY STATED THAT HE WILL PAY THE EXPENSES FOR THIS ACTION UP TO \$500. AND SECRETARY FEELS THAT IS WHAT SHOULD TAKE PLACE. BECAUSE THIS ACTION WILL OPEN UP OTHER ROAD NAME CHANGES THAT PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN, BUT DID NOT PETITION THE TWP. AND IF THIS PASSES WITH THE TWP PAYING THE EXPENSES, THEY WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER ANY ROAD NAME CHANGES AT ALL THE TAXPAYERS EXPENSE. SECRETARY FEELS IT IS WITHIN REASON THAT ANYONE REQUESTING A ROAD NAME CHANGE, SHOULD HAVE TO PICK UP THE EXPENSE FOR IT. MR. McCREERY STATED HE WOULD PAY UP TO \$500. PAUL STATED THE EXPENSES WOULD BE ADVERTISEMENT AND 4 SIGNS, SECRETARY POINTED OUT SOLICITOR'S FEE FOR PREPARING THE ORDINANCE AND LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. MR.McCREERY FEELS THAT IS ONLY RIGHT TO SET A PRECEDENCE THAT YOU DO NOT WANT THE TWP PAYING FOR THOSE FEES. SECRETARY STATED SAID SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HE GET SIGNATURES SHOWING THAT THEY ARE NOW IN FAVOR OF NAMING THE ROAD LYNN RD, EVEN THOUGH HE DID TALK TO THEM. MR. McCREERY SAID WHEN HE WENT AROUND WITH THE PETITION, THEY JUST WANTED IT CHANGED AND WERE NOT REALLY CONCERNED ON WHAT IT WAS CALLED. LISA TELFORD AGREES WITH MIKE McCREERY ON CHANGING THE NAME. SHE HAS A HOME BUSINESS AND YOU HAVE TO SPELL IT NUMEROUS TIMES TO GET THE ADDRESS CORRECT, SHE ALSO HAS HAD A HARD TIME WITH PEOPLE NOT BELIEVING THE NAME. JIM QUEER AGREES WITH THE NAME CHANGE. PAUL ASKED SOLICITOR WHEN VOTING IS DONE AND THE MOTION IS CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ADOPTION IT WILL BE ORD. #2-2009 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORD.#2-1991—HOW MANY DAYS CAN WE LET IT HANG OUT THERE. PAUL SAID HE BELIEVES IT CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 45 NOR LESS THAN 10 DAYS. PAUL WANTS IT TO BE LEFT GO AS LONG AS POSSIBLE SO RESIDENTS CAN SEE IT FOR COMMENTS. PAUL MADE MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR ORD. #2-2009 AMENDING ORD. #2-1991 CHANGING HYPOCRITE CREEK ROAD TO LYNN ROAD, 2^{ND} BY JIM, UN-YES. DEB GAWLAS ASKED ABOUT THE LEGALITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS ON THAT ROAD TO CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS ON DOCUMENTS. PAUL SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY 911 BEFORE THEY COULD MAKE THE ADDRESS CHANGE. PAUL SAID EVEN THOUGH IT WAS APPROVED TO ADVERTISE, IT DOES NOT MEAN IT WILL BE ADOPTED. SECRETARY STATED THAT IF IT IS ADOPTED, IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE 10 DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION DATE.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. COUNTY CONVENTION ON MARCH 13, 2009 AT THE FOUR POINTS SHERATON INN, GREENSBURG. PAUL ANNOUNCED THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR ALL TWPS IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY. SECOND CLASS TWP CODE ENTITLES ANYONE WILLING AND ABLE TO GO WITH MILEAGE AND WAGES FOR THE DAY. SOLICITOR STATED HE GAVE A LETTER OF OPINION LAST YEAR, AND YOU

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GO IN YOUR CAPACITY AS SUPERVISOR OTHER THAN ROADMASTER. PAUL ASKED SOLICITOR TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION. SECRETARY ASKED SOLICITOR IF HE RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING THE COUNTY CONVENTION, HE SAID HE RECEIVED A NOTICE. PAUL MADE MOTION THAT ANYONE THAT IS ELIGIBLE MAY DO SO, WITH MILEAGE FOR PERSONAL VEHICLE USE, AND COMPENSATING ACCORDING TO SOLICITORS DETERMINATION. $2^{\rm ND}$ BY JIM, UN-YES. PAUL ASKED IF AUDITORS ARE NOTIFIED, SECRETARY SAID SHE WILL LET THEM KNOW NEXT WEEK WHEN THEY COME OUT TO START AUDIT.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. MIKE McCREERY 2. SAM MENZIE 3. JIM McCREERY 4. DEB GAWLAS-ASKED IF STIFFLER ROAD WAS GETTING ANYTHING DONE ON THE DIRT PART THIS YEAR. PAUL SAID GRAVEL APPLICATIONS EARLY, AND AS SOON AS TWP FEELS CONFIDENT PLOWABLE SNOW IS DONE—SOMETHING WILL BE DONE. SHE ALSO BROUGHT IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REGARDING FIREFIGHTERS, EMS, ETC GETTING \$100 ON PA 40. 5. LISA TELFORD 6. JIM QUEER 7. MARK LANDRY-ROADS LOOK GOOD WHEN HE IS HOME. 8. MAUREEN BLON 9. TOM BLON 10. PAULA BROWN 11. DAN BRENDLINGER 12. ERN HENDERSON 13. FRANK TANTLINGER

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JIM TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY PAUL, UN-YES

TIME: 7:26 PM

SUBMITTED BY: EMMA J. BRENDLINGER, SEC-TRES