



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 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-10
- III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON 12/13/07:** APPR. BY VAUGHN, 2ND BY PAUL, UNAN: PAUL & VAUGHN—YES, JAMES ABSTAINED.
REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON 1/7/08: APPR BY VAUGHN 2ND BY JAMES, UNAN-YES.
- IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED DECEMBER 2007:** APPR BY PAUL, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-PAUL & VAUGHN-YES, JAMES ABSTAINED.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. CERTIFIED LETTER FROM EARTHTECH, INC.** NOTICE THAT PA DEP WILL RECEIVE APPLICATION FOR COAL LOADERS, INC – LYNN SURFACE MINE FOR 1.5 MILES WEST OF FT PALMER ON NORTHEAST SIDE OF MARIETTA FOR A PROPOSED STRIP JOB. THERE IS A LAND USE INFORMATION SHEET. SECRETARY ASKED IF THERE IS ANY WAY THAT THE TOWNSHIP CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES IN THE AGREEMENTS THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER OR THE COAL COMPANY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECLAIMING THE PROPERTY AFTER IT IS DAMAGED FROM THEIR OPERATIONS, NOT LIKE IN THE PAST WHEN TAX DOLLARS WENT TO RESTORING THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY STRIPPING THE COAL; SHE FEELS THE AGREEMENTS SHOULD HAVE EITHER THE COMPANY OR THE PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEANUP OR RECLAIMING SINCE THEY ARE THE ONES MAKING THE MONEY. SOLICITOR SAYS THE THINKS THAT NOW DEP REQUIRES EACH AGREEMENT HAVE A PERFORMANCE BOND. PAUL SAID HE THINKS THE SITUATION WHICH SECRETARY REFERS TO WAS BACK IN LATE 70' OR EARLY 80'S AND THE COMPANY APPARENTLY FORFEITED THEIR BOND, IF THEY HAD ONE, AND THE STATE WIDE PROGRAM OF ABANDONED MINES COALITION ENDED UP USING MONEY TO BACKFILL AT LEAST 5 OR 6 YEARS AGO.
- VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: NONE**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. AUDITOR POSITION** HAS BEEN VACANT FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AND THE TWP RECEIVED A LETTER OF INTEREST FROM SANDRA FRYE, 138 DERRY RIDGE ROAD. SUPERVISORS MET WITH SANDY ON MONDAY FOR A SLIGHT INTERVIEW. SOLICITOR ASKED IF SANDY HAD VERIFICATION THAT SHE RESIDED IN TWP A LEAST 1 YEAR, VAUGHN SAID HE VERIFIED HER INFORMATION AND HE KNOWS THE CURRENT 2 AUDITORS WOULD APPRECIATE A THIRD ONE. VAUGHN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT SANDY FRYE AS TWP AUDITOR FOR PERIOD OF 2 YEARS AND THEN SHE WOULD HAVE TO RUN ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND GET IT FOR 4 YEARS TO GET THE ELECTIONS BACK ON THE 6 YEAR TERM, MAUREEN BLON ASKED IF IT WAS A VOLUNTEER POSITION. PAUL SAID IT WAS A PAID POSITION AND AUDITORS CURRENTLY MAKE \$10 PER HOUR AND IT ONLY FOR APPR. 20 HRS A YEAR, AND IT IS TAXABLE; AND YOU MUST RESIDE IN THE MUNICIPALITY. JAMES 2ND VAUGHN'S MOTION TO APPOINT SANDRA FRYE AS TWP AUDITOR, UNAN-YES. SOLICITOR SAID TOWNSHIP SHOULD NOTIFY ELECTION BUREAU OF THE APPOINTMENT. VAUGHN SAID SHE WOULD NOW HAVE TO GO TO DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OFFICE TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE AND GIVE COPY TO TWP. SOLICITOR SAID TO ALSO GIVE HER STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST TO BE RETURNED TO THE TWP. SOLICITOR SAID SHE ONLY HAS TO BE NOTIFIED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF THE APPOINTMENT. **2. COAL BED METHANE** INFORMATION MEETING JAN. 23, 2008 AT 7 PM AT THE FAIRFIELD V.F.D. BOB MALNOSKY SAID THERE IS TO BE 4-5 SPEAKERS—MT. WATERSHED ASSOC., CENTER FOR COAL FILL JUSTICE, KURT LIMBAUGH, BOB ZIMBALL, AND BARRY TUSCANO. VAUGHN SAID BEN WRIGHT FROM WESTMORELAND CONSERVANCY IS GOING TO BE THERE, HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KURT, THEY ARE REAL ACTIVE IN PROTECTING TUBMILL BECAUSE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES. DEB SAID ABOUT CONTACTING DEP BECAUSE IT IS GETTING CLOSE TO A YEAR NOW.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. PAUL** ANNOUNCED THAT CURRENT CONTRACT FOR STONE EXPIRES IN MARCH. PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR STONE BIDS TO BE OPENED AT THE MARCH 13, 2008 REGULAR MEETING; 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES. **2. SOLICITOR** SAID SUPERVISORS NEED TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO BEGIN WORKING ON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO SATISFY INSURANCE COMPANY, WHICH HAS GIVEN THE TWP 120 DAYS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL BE AS BASIC AS POSSIBLE, HE WILL PREPARE A ROUGH DRAFT FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO REVIEW. PAUL SAID HE HAS SUPERVISORS PERMISSION TO PREPARE. SECRETARY CONTACTED PSATS REGARDING THESE ISSUES WHICH SHE CAN SHARE WITH THE SOLICITOR. PSATS SAID EACH MUNICIPALITY SHOULD ONLY USE WHAT PERTAINS TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL TOWNSHIP, THEY ONLY PROVIDE EXAMPLES. VAUGHN SAID TWP IS ALSO TO CHECK ON THE DISABILITY ACT, POSSIBLY CHECK INTO GETTING A GRANT FROM LIGONIER VALLEY ENDOWMENT. SOLICITOR SAID IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR A GRANT. SECRETARY ASKED IF THE TWP HAD TO MEET THE DISABILITY ACT YET, HEARD THAT YOU WERE GRANDFATHERED IN UNTIL YOU REMODELED THEN YOU HAD TO MEET THE DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS. SOLICITOR SAID IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT TWP MAY NOT BE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME, BUT WHEN THE APPLICATION WAS FILLED OUT IT WAS IMPLIED THAT WE WERE NOT COMPLIANT, BUT THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE-DEPENDS IF TWP IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME TO UPDATE FOR THE DISABILITY ACT; BUT HE WILL LOOK INTO IT AND SEE IF THE TWP IS CURRENTLY COMPLIANT AND IF SO, WE CAN WRITE TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND EXPLAIN THE REASON, THERE MAY ALSO BE EXEMPTIONS THAT THE TWP MEETS.
- XI. PROGRESS REPORT: NONE GIVEN**
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. ROMAINE ALTIMUS 2. LEO ALTIMUS 3. BOB MALNOSKY**-HAS SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ORDINANCE OFFICER POSITION—REQUIRE BONDING? SOLICITOR SAID HE HAS NOT EVER SEEN IT BEFORE, HE WILL LOOK INTO IT. PAUL SAID HE DOES NOT HAVE TO MAKE A



DECISION TONIGHT AND HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO HIM AFTER THE MEETING. **4. DEB GAWLAS**
5. MIKE SHAPIRO ASKED IF TWP HEARS ANYTHING FROM GREAT LAKES. PAUL DISCOVERED
YESTERDAY THAT AT THE HAMILL SITE HAS IN PLACE A PUMP JACK, IT IS JUST SETTING THERE.
PAUL SAID COMPRESSOR IS ENCASED. MIKE SAID THEY WERE NOT GETTING ANY WATER OUT OF IT.
PAUL SAID THEY CHANGED THEIR NAME TO RANGE RESOURCE. PAUL SAID BASED OUT OF TEXAS.
PAUL SAID CAN MAKE SOME CALLS TOMORROW TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE PUMP JACK AT THE
HAMILL SITE, BUT THE STANISLAW SITE HAS REMAINED THE SAME. MIKE SAID THOUGHT COULD
NOT USE PUMP JACK ON HORIZONTAL SITE. PAUL ASKED BOB MALNOSKY IF HE WANTED THE COAL
BED METHANE GAS PEOPLE AT THE MEETING. HE IS TO LET PAUL KNOW. **6. JOAN SHAPIRO**
7. JIM STIFFLER. JR UPDATE ON FIRE COMPANY TOTAL ROSTER OF 40, ACTIVE ROSTER 25-INCLUDES
3 JR FIREFIGHTERS. CONTINUE IN TRAINING—166 HR PROGRAM BROKE INTO 4 MODULES. HAVE 6
CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS. NEW ENGINE IS IN SERVICE AND WORKING WELL. COMPLETED 800 MHZ
RADIO PROJECT, INCLUDES A LAPTOP COMPUTER IN THE ENGINE WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED TO
THE 911 CENTER MAPPING, COMPUTERIZED DISPATCH AND IT WILL HAVE HAZMAT ON IT. GOAL IS
TO HAVE EVERY STRUCTURE IN THE TWP ON THE MAPPING. 2007 GRANTS-\$5000 FROM REP. STAIRS
FOR RADIOS, \$24,000 FROM SEN. WHITE ALSO FOR RADIOS AND COMPUTER FOR THE TRUCK.
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA \$93,000. 2ND FEDERAL GRANT TO PURCHASE AN
ATTACK FIRE TRUCK IN AMOUNT OF \$166,000. WILL BE ORDERING NEW ATTACK TRUCK WITHIN THE
NEXT FEW MONTHS. BAD NEWS FIRE DEPT. NEEDS TO REPLACE FURNACE, THE ATTACK TRUCK IS
REPLACING THE 1978 MINI ATTACK TK., IN PROCESS OF TRYING TO REPLACE THE 1954 BRUSH TK. TRY
TO GET PARKING LOT PAVED. WEEKLY BINGO HAS SHUT DOWN DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE,
WORK ON DIFFERENT FUND RAISERS, TURKEY DINNER, SUPER BINGOS, WILL TAKE ANY IDEAS OR
HELP. SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEARS, FIRE COMPANY NEEDS MORE
HELP ON FUND RAISING & FIRE FIGHTING. NEW LIST OF FIRE OFFICERS FOR 2008, WILL GET THE
ACTIVITY LIST TO TWP WITHIN A COUPLE WEEKS. 2007 HAD 97 CALLS – 58 OF THEM WERE FOR
FAIRFIELD TWP., 21 LIGONIER TWP. 926 PERSONAL HRS ON CALLS. DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAINING OR
FUND RAISING HOURS. JIM SAID DALE JONES DOES A GREAT JOB ON RECORDS. DEB GAWLAS ASKED
ABOUT A SMALL FIRE TAX. SOLICITOR SAID IT WOULD TAKE AN ORDINANCE. DEB THINKS IS WOULD
BE A GOOD IDEA. SOLICITOR SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE SUPERVISORS. IF IT WOULD BE LOOKED
INTO IT WOULD BE FOR THE NEW YEAR. SOLICITOR SAID WOULD HAVE TO ELECT SOMEONE TO
COLLECT THE TAX. **8. ERN HENDERSON** **9. MAUREEN BLON** **10. ANN MARIE BLON**

ADJOURN: PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES.