

SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION MEETING JAN. 7, 2008

- MTG ORDER** At 7 PM on January 7, 2008 the Supervisors of Fairfield Township met at the Municipal Building for the purpose of organizing the Board for the fiscal year 2008. Members present were Paul Altimus, Vaughn Tantlinger, and James Brown (presented Oath of Office) (Secretary-Emma Brendlinger-present)
- TEMP CHRMN** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, PAUL ALTIMUS was elected **Temporary Chairman** of the board for the ensuing year. Motion was UNAN.
- CHRMN** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by JAMES, PAUL ALTIMUS was elected **Chairman** of the board for the ensuing year. Motion was UNAN.
- VICE CHRMN** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, VAUGHN TANTLINGER was elected **Vice-Chairman** for the ensuing year. Motion was UNAN.
- SEC/ TRS** On a motion by VAUGHN seconded by PAUL, EMMA BRENDLINGER was elected **Secretary-Treasurer** for the ensuing year. Motion was UNAN.
- BOND** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, the **bond** for the Secretary-Treasurer was recommended to the Auditors to be fixed at **\$250,000**. Motion was UNAN.
- SEC WAGES** On a motion by VAUGHN, seconded by JIM, the **compensation** for the **Sec-Tres** was set at \$10.50 per HR. Motion was UNAN. Discussion: Libby Hughes felt that was not enough for everything the sec-tres Does, should be at least \$12, if secretary is on lay off—her work is backed up for weeks, and she still has to do all her work. Vaughn agreed, but feels can not raise it all at once—they discussed it today. PAUL made motion to go into executive session, Vaughn 2nd, Motion was UNAN. Upon returning from executive session, Vaughn announced that after discussion, he has decided to rescind his previous motion—same comment he agrees, but the bottom line personally-the others can say what they want, the twp can not go all at once. PAUL 2nd; Motion was UNAN. On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, the **compensation** for the **SEC-TRES** was set at **\$10.75 per HR**. Motion was UNAN. Vaughn explained that he would like to give more, but it has to be done gradually. Secretary said she appreciated it, even before.
- SEC BENEFITS** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, **Benefits** are to remain the same for all insurances, benefits, and pension, unless Auditors change them at their reorganization meeting, Motion was UNAN.
- BANK** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by JAMES, FNB OF PA, NEW FLORENCE BRANCH was designated as **depository** for the township funds. Motion was UNAN.
- SOLICITOR** On a motion by VAUGHN, seconded by PAUL, JEFFREY MILLER was appointed **Township Solicitor**, and retaining fee for routine work was \$80.00 per HR for the ensuing year. Motion was UNAN.
- MONTHLY MTGS** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, the regular **Monthly Meetings** of the Board will be held on the 2nd THURSDAY of each Month at 7 PM at the Municipal Building. Motion was UNAN.
- VAC. BOARD** On a motion by VAUGHN, seconded by PAUL, DEBRA BARTLEY was appointed to the **Vacancy Board**. Motion was UNAN.
- VOTE DEL** On a motion by VAUGHN, seconded by PAUL, JAMES BROWN was appointed **Voting Delegate** to the State Association. Motion was UNAN.
- ROAD MASTER** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by JAMES; VAUGHN TANTLINGER was appointed **Road Master**. Motion was UNAN.
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- EMPEE BENEFITS** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, **wages** for hired Road Employees will be set at \$10.50 per HR subject to change. Motion was UNAN.
- MILEAGE RATE** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, **mileage rate** will be set at **IRS RATE** for the ensuing year for personal vehicle use. Motion was UNAN.
- SEO** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, MICHAEL D'ARRIGO was appointed **Sewage Enforcement Officer** at the Fee Schedule provided by SEO. Plus Mileage. Motion was UNAN.
- ORD. OFFICER** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by _____, **TABLED TILL LATER DATE** was appointed as **Ordinance Officer** at the rate of \$_____per _____. Plus mileage rate paid. Motion was _____ Paul asked Bob Malnosky if he would be interested, Bob said he would think about it.
- ACT 511** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, P A M S was appointed to collect all **ACT 511** Taxes, paid a commission. Motion was UNAN. Secretary said the rate has never increased.
- SEWAGE AUTH** On a motion by PAUL, seconded by VAUGHN, DONALD WYNN was appointed to the **Tri-Community Sewer Authority** for the term of FIVE years (2013 expires). Motion was UNAN. Vaughn explained the twp needs a 2nd representative on the sewage board, and twp has tried to get someone for 3 or 4 years. Paul asked Bob Malnosky if he would be interested. Bob said no, he does not have public sewage—and he can not see sitting on a board when he does not have it, if he raises rates—people would be upset.
- PUBLIC COM** 1. **Libby Hughes** still feels they could have given secretary at least a \$1. Vaughn said health insurance jumped \$13,000 last July, and if by chance another employee would come on with Health insurance. Libby asked if he meant hiring someone else? Vaughn said the previous employee did not want twp health, and if they decide to bring someone else on fulltime and offer them health insurance—its \$1400-\$1600 a month. Libby said it was \$1400/month, but did twp take into consideration the money saved by Bill not taking his vacation, sick days, personal days. Vaughn said that is a true statement, but now with the new Supervisor

coming on that is possibly going to work fulltime, that will change. Libby said what if raised salary and paid for portion of health benefits. Paul said it would then just be a series of money flow going back and forth. Libby said yes, and it also would affect their taxes. Vaughn said he thinks it has to be duly noted the current rate is 2.1 mills for Fairfield Township, James brought in information from Derry twp and theirs is 3.1 mills, and it is only 1/10th of 1 cent is a mill, and they did some calculating and if they raised taxes it would only bring in around \$22,000 and it barely would cover what the health insurance went up. Vaughn said they are going to look into other health insurances, or at least look around. Vaughn said Paul has been looking into it. Libby said they have a base plan and a buy out plan, which depends on what deductibles you want. Secretary said insurance rates have increased for everyone. Vaughn told Libby he appreciates her concern and he has been at the twp the longest and worked with Secretary the longest, and he definitely feels that they have taken into consideration distance to work, full hospitalization and other benefits. Vaughn asked Paul if he was speaking out of turn, Paul said no. **2. BILL HUGHES 3. BOB MALNOSKY**—Paul asked Bob if everything is still set for Jan. 23rd meeting? Bob said yes. Paul asked if there is a snow storm—how going to notify public if canceled? Bob said it is going to be on the flyer. Vaughn said all they can do is put a notice on the door, and if it is a small snow, he will plow/ash the parking lot. Vaughn feels the ones who care about this issue will be there. Bob said they are putting flyers up at business and it is word of mouth. Bob said they are just going to go over the updates and what the legislators should be doing that they are not doing; the court battles that the water shed assoc. is involved in now, and Salem Twp Supervisors hopefully attends to give his presentation on their active law suit. Bob hopes Bill McConnell comes, they are talking about putting 2 more wells on his property, and they already have 6 or 8 on his property, where does it end? They already destroyed the lower end of his property. Bill Hughes asked if that was the farmer from Indiana County? Bob said yes, and the law states that you only have to give them the right to access, but where does the right of access go—the whole property? There are too many loop holes in the gas act, and the legislators aren't going to do anything about it unless the residents keep complaining or vote them out of office. Vaughn asked Bob if Ligonier Twp has any ordinances enacted, Bob said Ligonier Twp has some kind of Ordinance that they have to go thru their Commission before it is approved. Bob said Bolivar is going thru it right now with the strip mining company that is stripping at Church Camp in Ligonier Twp, they have something like a land use ordinance that was enacted years ago which is preventing the gas company from going onto these properties without consent; and that is what Salem Twp is trying to pass now, but since they did not have it enacted back at the cut off date, it is illegal. But it is at the Supreme court level now. Bob asked what the ordinance position pay and mileage rate. Paul said the pay rate would be set by the supervisors. Bob talked to Bolivar Mayor and they would like to offer the Township free police coverage from the Township Line on SR 259 between the arches to the New Bridge by Robinson, and also from Cemetery Hill to the Borough Property. They already have to go to the Foundry entrance to turn around, and when they put the gate on Grave Yard Hill from timbering the property and they have to patrol their property from the Game Commission this year—they have to go up past the Cemetery anyway and there is a lot of vandalism at the Cemetery. The only thing they ask for is any money paid to the twp for any citations written be given back to the Borough. If Fairfield is interested in it, and he would approach the Council and if everyone agrees, the solicitor would have to prepare and agreement. Bob said they were advised that they would be on a township road till they get to the top of the hill. Bill Hughes said a few years ago when the twp was approached for police protection in certain parts of the twp, solicitor said could not provide police protection for certain parts as to all of it. Bob said there is a difference when it is free, they are not asking for payment out of tax payers' money. Vaughn asked if Bolivar's liability would cover them while in Fairfield twp. Bob said it would be in a contract, no money other than the restitution and also about the liability, etc. Jeff Miller is solicitor for both municipalities, so outside counsel may have to be consulted. Paul said for whom? Bob said he would discuss with the Council. **4. JOSH BROWN 5. MITCHELL BROWN 6. PAULA BROWN 7. IRVIN TANTLINGER**—stated someone wrote his name in for township auditor and he asked if twp received his letter stating he could not accept that; is this board considering appointing a third auditor that has been needed for the past 2 or 3 years—the auditors are going to be making some decisions soon and he did not know if twp acted on that yet or not. Paul said no. Vaughn said the twp received a letter from a lady and possibly see if she will set in on the auditor's meeting tomorrow and see if she is interested—Sandy Frye, she lives off SR 259. Vaughn said they have been asking for a 3rd auditor for the last few years. Libby asked how much the auditor's make now, secretary said still \$10/hr.

ADJOURN

On a motion by VAUGHN, seconded by VAUGHN, the Reorganization Meeting was Adjourned. Motion was UNAN.

 SECRETARY-TREASURER