



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2013



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM (TIME) BY VAUGHN TANTLINGER, CHAIRMAN

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-ABSENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT
VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT CITIZENS-10

III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING 5/9/2013: APPR BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY JIM; UN-YES(2)

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 5/24/2013: APPR BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY JIM; UN-YES(2)

IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED MAY 2013.
APPR BY JIM; 2ND BY VAUGHN; UN-YES (2)

V. CORRESPONDENCE: **1. MT. CARMEL** SMALL FLOW TREATMENT NOTICE IS A YEARLY REPORT ON THEIR HOLDING TANK FOR TWP RECORDS. **2. WPX ENERGY APPALACHIA**—DERRY TWP GAS WELL DRILLING NOTICE **3. CAVALLO SEWAGE PLANNING—RES # 1- 2013**—SEO LOOKED OVER THE FORMS AND HE ALSO HAD TO CONTACT JOE DAVIS ON SOME ITEMS NEEDED. COUNTY LETTER RECEIVED. VAUGHN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RES#1-2013 FOR CAVALLO SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE PROVIDING THE TWP SEO SIGNS THEM WITH HIS APPROVAL; 2ND BY JIM; UN-YES(2) JEFF ASKED IF SEO APPROVED, SECRETARY SAID HE HAS THE PLANS AND HAS REVIEWED THEM.

VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: **1. CAROL FENTON**-STOP SIGNS TURKEY INN RD COMING FROM RUDDER RD MAKING A LEFT, THE BRUSH ALSO NEEDS TRIMMED—CARS FLY THERE. VAUGHN MET WITH PENDOT REP AND STOP SIGNS CAN NOT BE PLACED FOR SPEED CONTROL. PENDOT SAID CAN HAVE ENGINEER STUDY DONE, AND BECAUSE OF SIGHT DISTANCE AND PREVIOUS ACCIDENTS IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT WARRANT A STOP SIGN. KEN FRISK SAID IT IS A SPEED LIMIT ISSUE WHICH MAKES IT A SAFETY ISSUE. VAUGHN SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A SPEED LIMIT SIGN THERE, KEN SAID IN THE MIDDLE . VAUGHN SAID HE CAN PUT ANOTHER 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN UP. KEN ASKED WHY THEY HAVE STOP SIGNS ON CANTERBURY AND RUDDER, BUT CAN'T PUT THEM ON TURKEY INN? VAUGHN SAID BECAUSE IT IS A THRU ROAD. CANTERBURY AND RUDDER COMES TO A STOP THEY DO NOT GO THE WHOLE WAY THRU. CAROL SAID MORE PEOPLE ARE USING IT. VAUGHN WILL GET BRUSH CUT BACK AND SEE ABOUT ANOTHER SPEED LIMIT SIGN. CAROL ALSO SAID AFTER LAST NIGHTS RAIN THERE ARE STONES ALL OVER THE ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF TURKEY INN AND RUDDER. SHE ASKED FOR A DITCH BY KNUPPS DRIVEWAY. VAUGHN SAID IT STARTS FROM HARR'S DRIVEWAY. VAUGHN SAID TWP HAD PLANS TO PUT IN A BOX IN THE CORNER TO SHOOT IT DOWN THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. VAUGHN SAID TWP WILL TAKE CARE OF GRAVEL, TWP DID SWEEP ALREADY.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. NO OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. VAUGHN ANNOUNCED TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO DATE, PAUL'S MOM HAS PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK, THAT IS WHY HE IS ABSENT.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: **1. MAUREEN BLON 2. TOM BLON 3. RUSS FENTON** VAUGHN SAID THEY ARE GOING TO DO THE CROSS PIPE THAT STILL HAS THE DUST IN, THEY WANT IT TO SETTLE IN FRONT OF WILL'S. **4. CAROL FENTON** SAID IT SLOWS THE TRAFFIC DOWN, WHEN TWP PATCHES LEAVE IT HIGH. DON HOWARD SAID HE WANTED IT PAVED WHEN HE MOVED IN THERE 27 YRS AGO, NOW HE WISHES HE DIDN'T FIGHT TO HAVE IT PAVED. **5. KEN FRISK**—ASKED WHAT XTO INCOME WAS FOR. VAUGHN SAID XTO USES HYPOCRITE ROAD HEAVILY AND THEY HAD SPENT SOMEWHERE AROUND \$50,000 IN PATCHING AND WORKING ON PIPES, NOW TWP IS GOING TO DO A SINGLE SEALCOAT ON IT SO THEY GAVE TWP HALF OF THE ESTIMATED COST. DON HOWARD SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR IT—THEY USE OUR TWP ROADS. SECRETARY STATED THEY DO BOND THE ROADS AND THE TWP DID RECEIVE THAT ACT 13 MONEY—THEY DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE ANY EXTRA MONEY; THEY WORK VERY WELL WITH THE TWP. VAUGHN APPRECIATES THE HELP XTO HAS GIVEN US IN THE PAST AND NOW. TWP RECEIVED AROUND \$97,000 FROM GAS WELLS. VAUGHN SAID WHEN THEY WERE IN HERSHEY, THE OTHER TWPS HAD GAS WELL DRILLERS THAT DO NOT WORK WITH THEM. **6. DON HOWARD**—ASKED ABOUT THE PUBLIC WATER. HE DOES NOT WANT IT AND WHEN SOMEONE TRIES TO PUSH SOMETHING ON HIM—HE DOES NOT APPRECIATE IT. VAUGHN SAID TWP HAD TO CANCEL THE MEETING WITH CURT FONTAINE, BUT HAD TO CANCEL BECAUSE PAUL WAS NOT AVAILABLE. TWP DID GET THE FINAL NUMBERS, BUT AS OF RIGHT NOW JIM AND HE ARE WORKING ON EACH INDIVIDUAL THAT THIS WILL AFFECT WILL GET A LETTER IN THE MAIL WITH A SURVEY. TWP WILL GO FROM THERE. DON ASKED WHO WANTS IT NOW, HE HAS TALKED TO A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT IT NOW—AND SOME CAN NOT AFFORD IT. VAUGHN SAID TWP WAS APPROACHED BY SOME INDIVIDUALS AND PETITIONS THAT DID WANT IT, THAT IS WHY TWP DID WHAT THEY DID. LIGONIER FELL THROUGH. DON SAID YOU CAN TAKE IT TO HIS FOR FREE, HE STILL DOES NOT WANT IT. HE DOES NOT WANT CITY WATER. VAUGHN SAID THAT IS NOT THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT WORKS, IF IT GOES THRU IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR YOU TO TAKE THE WATER IF IT GOES THRU. DON ASKED IF THE WELLS ARE NOT CONDEMNED HOW CAN THEY MAKE YOU TAKE CITY WATER. VAUGHN SAID TO ASK DEP. VAUGHN SAID WITH THE PRICE HE SAW, HE DOES NOT KNOW. DON SAID WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT CAN NOT AFFORD IT, IS IT GOING TO BE LIKE FOR WELFARE PEOPLE AND LET THEM HAVE IT FOR FREE? IF SO, PUT HIM IN LINE FOR IT—HE DOES NOT WANT NOR WILL HE USE IT. TWP CAN RUN IT UP HIS ROAD, BUT HE WILL NOT USE IT OR PAY FOR IT. VAUGHN SAID YOU KNOW THE TWPS STAND FOR BOTH SIDES OF THE PARTIES. SOLICITOR SAID THE TWP SUPERVISORS DID NOT START THIS. PEOPLE CAME AND THEY WANTED IT, THEN TWP SUPERVISORS WERE APPROACHED BY LTMA. SUPERVISORS LISTENED TO EVERYONE INVOLVED. DON ASKED WHY 271 HOMES DO NOT HAVE TO TAP IN. VAUGHN SAID SOME MAY HAVE TAPPED IN. SOLICITOR SAID THOSE WERE DIRECT TAPS. DON SAID THEY GOT FEDERAL GRANT MONEY TO RUN THAT LINE FROM JOHNSTOWN TO LIGONIER WHICH MAKES IT TAXPAYERS MONEY AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY IT BACK, AND NOW THEY WANT FFTWP RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR THEIR LINES. SOLICITOR SAID THAT ENTIRE PROJECT WAS NOT PAID FOR BY FEDERAL GRANTS. SOLICITOR SAID THE SYSTEM WIDE IS PAYING FOR IT, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF WESTMORELAND CTY DID THAT IN COOPERATION OF JOHNSTOWN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY. KEN FRISK ASKED IF TWP GOT A NOTICE OF THE MEETING WITH MIKE REESE ON THE WATER. VAUGHN SAID YES FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEETING THEY WILL BE ATTENDING AND IT IS AT THE TOWN HALL FOR THEM. VAUGHN SAID YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT BOTH SIDES; TWP IS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE. DON SAID HOW DO YOU MAKE PEOPLE PAY FOR IT IF YOU CAN NOT AFFORD IT, AND IF THEY CAN'T AFFORD AND DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR IT, WHY SHOULD HE HAVE TO PAY FOR IT IF HE DOES NOT WANT THE WATER. SOLICITOR SAID HE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT, EXAMPLE THE WORST CASE HE SAW: A FAMILY IN DERRY TWP SAID THEY COULD NOT AFFORD TO TAP IN TO A SEWER SYSTEM AND AS FAR AS HE COULD TELL FROM READING THE PAPER, THERE WAS

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PROBABLY SOME TRUTH TO THAT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE SEWER AUTHORITY EVENTUALLY HAD THEIR HOME. DON SAID THERE IS A REVOLUTION COMING TO THIS COUNTRY, HE HAS BEEN ALL OVER THERE IS A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE TIRED OF THE GOVERNMENT TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO. NOT THE SUPERVISORS, THAT IS WHY HE IS HERE. **7. MIKE CAVALLO**-ASKED TWP IF THEY WERE EVER GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT PIPE ACROSS THE ROAD—ARE YOU EVER GOING TO DIVIDE THE WATER UP. CAVALLO PUT THE DRIVEWAY IN AND MORE WATER COMES IN. THE GAS COMPANY PUT IT IN, BUT HOW CAN HE GET AWAY WITH TAKING THE PIPE OUT? VAUGHN DOES NOT HAVE ANSWERS, THE WATER COMES DOWN ON THEIR SIDE OF THE ROAD AND IT WILL STILL BE ON THEIR SIDE ON DOWN THE ROAD FURTHER. **8. FAITH CAVALLO**-ASKED IF THE COULD PUT PIPE BETWEEN DRIVEWAYS. VAUGHN SAID JIM AND HE HAS TALKED ABOUT PUTTING A BOX IN AND THEN A FRENCH DRAIN OR PUTTING A PIPE THE WHOLE WAY. JIM SAID TWP HAS BEEN CHASING A LOT OF PROBLEMS, SO TWP HAS NOT HAD TIME TO ACTUALLY GET UP THERE AND DO IT. MIKE SAID HE HAS TO CLEAN IT ABOUT EVERY WEEK. MIKE SAID HE IS THINKING ABOUT PUTTING A GRATE ON THE OTHER SIDE AND IF THE LEAVES GET CAUGHT OVER THERE IT WILL RUN OVER THE ROAD. JIM SAID TWP WILL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT IT. VAUGHN ASKED IF THEY WERE DONE WITH THE DRIVEWAY FOR THEM TO LOOK AT IT, FAITH SAID YES THEY ARE DONE. MIKE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PIPE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD. VAUGHN ASKED IF A 15" PIPE COULD HANDLE THE WATER, MIKE SAID THERE IS A LOT OF WATER. VAUGHN SAID IT HAS TO COME DOWN AT LEAST PAST THEIR HOUSE. **9. PAULA BROWN** **10. DAN BRENDLINGER** CAROL FENTON ASKED ON TURKEY INN, WHAT DID LIGONIER TWP DO ALONG THE ROAD SIDE THERE, IT REALLY LOOKED NICE. JIM SAID THEY PAVED THE CULVERT. VAUGHN SAID IT IS TO AVOID A WASHOUT AND LIGONIER HAS A 3.5 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. DON ASKED WHY YOU HAVE TO PAY ENGINEER TO DESIGN, WHY CAN'T THEY JUST GO GET SOMEONE WHO BUILDS SHEDS COME IN AND GIVE A BID FOR NOTHING INSTEAD OF PAYING AN ENGINEER. VAUGHN SAID IF TWP WANTS TO USE LIQUID FUELS AND WE HAVE TO DO IT ACCORDING TO THEIR SPECIFICATIONS. SECRETARY EXPLAINED SOMETHING TO DON, WHEN THIS WATER STARTED THE BOARD WAS APPROACHED BY SOME INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS MR. FRISK AND OTHERS THAT WANTED WATER WHICH WAS THRU LTMA AT THAT TIME---AND THAT WAS BEFORE THE FIGURES CAME OUT. AND THAT FELL THRU BECAUSE LIGONIER TWP SAID IT WAS TOO COSTLY AND COULD NOT AFFORD IT. SO NOW MAWC CAME IN WITH THE PRICES AND A LOT OF THE PEOPLE THAT DID WANT IT, NO LONGER WANT IT BECAUSE OF THE COST. THAT IS WHY THEY CAN DO ANOTHER MEETING AND SURVEY. AND YOU NEED TO GET EVERYONE TO SEND IT BACK. MY POINT AT SOME OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS WAS NOT EVERYONE RETURNED THEIR SURVEY; THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE RESPONDED WAS NOT 100%. DON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT UNTIL THEY CAME AND WERE MARKING THE ROADS. SECRETARY SAID IN ORDER FOR WATER COMPANY TO GET A LOW INTEREST PENVEST LOAN—THE TWP HAS TO GUARANTEE THE LOAN AND THAT IS WHEN THE BOARD HAS TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE AND ENFORCE IT WITHIN THE 150 FT OF MANDATORY TAP IN. SECRETARY HAS PUBLIC WATER AND THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT WHEN HIGHRIDGE EXPANDS—THEY PASS A SURCHARGE ON EVERYONE'S BILL TO FUND THE PROJECT; MAWC IS THE FIRST ONE KNOWN ABOUT THAT JUST THE ONES INVOLVED IN THE WATER EXPANSION PAYS THE DEBT BY A MONTHLY ADDITION ON THE WATER BILL. PUBLIC UTILITIES SUCH AS SEWAGE CAN AND DID PUT SHERIFF SALE NOTICE ON HOMES DURING THE INSTALLATION OF MANDATORY SEWAGE IN ROBINSON AND BOLIVAR. SECRETARY ALSO FEELS IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT YOU CAN SELL A PERSON'S PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEN THEY CAN NOT AFFORD THE MANDATORY SEWAGE OR WATER.

X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY VAUGHN; 2ND BY JIM; UN-YES TIME (7:30 PM)

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