

## FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2009



- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM BY PAUL ALTIMUS. CHAIRMAN.
- II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT (EJB) CITIZENS-11 VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT
- III. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING HELD ON FEB 12, 2009: VAUGHN ABSTAINED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING. APPROVED BY PAUL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM, MOTION CARRIED 2 YES.
- IV. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 2009: APPROVED BY VAUGHN, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY PAUL, UNAN-YES.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE AT THIS TIME
- VI. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: 1. ANDY LONG-ASKED IT TWP HAS A LEASH LAW IN FAIRFIELD TWP. PAUL SAID NOT THAT HE IS AWARE OF, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW ALL THE PAST ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS. ANDY WAS TOLD BY DOG OFFICER THAT FAIRFIELD TWP DIDN'T. ANDY PRESENTED THE TWP WITH PHOTOS (WITH NAMES ON THE BACK) OF PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE WEST BOLIVAR AREA REGARDING TRASH JUST BEING PUT IN THEIR BACK YARDS AND JUST BURNING IT OCCASIONALLY. HE WANTS THE TWP TO TALK TO THE RESIDENTS OR GET ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THIS. THE BAIRD'S DAUGHTER WHO RENTS OFF BOB STAHL LETS THE GARBAGE PILE AND THEN BURNS IT, REPEATEDLY. ANDY POINTED OUT BOB BAIRD'S PROPERTY. HE HAD PICTURES OF RIDGEVIEW, PROPERTY BEHIND HIS OTHER PLACE HAS PILE OF TRASH. ANDY STATED THIS IS CREATING A RAT PROBLEM AND ALSO GETTING TRASH INTO HIS YARD AS WELL AS OTHER RESIDENTS. ANDY SHOWED DEEMER PROPERTY WHERE IT HAS BEEN CONDEMNED FOR OVER A YEAR, AND THERE IS STILL GARBAGE BUILT UP. PAUL SAID DEEMER'S WAS RED FLAGGED BY DEP. VAUGHN SAID HE WAS THERE THE DAY DEP WENT OUT, AND HE CAN NOT MAKE THEM TAKE IT OFF PORCH, BUT CAN MAKE THEM CLEAN UP THE YARD. ANDY GAVE THE TWP THE PICTURES TO KEEP. HE WOULD LIKE THEM TO CHECK INTO THE MATTER. PAUL SAID THE TWP HAS A DEP CONTACT. ANDY STATED BOLIVAR HAS AN ORDINANCE, SOLICITOR CONFIRMED IT.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: 1. ORD. #1-2009 UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT REPEALER; PAUL ANNOUNCED THE STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE WAS ENACTED IN JULY 2004, TWP DECIDED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE BY "OPTING IN" WITH A THIRD PARTY INSPECTION AGENCY, THAT DID NOT WORK OUT; SO NOW TWP DECIDED TO "OPT OUT". WHICH MEANS THE TWP WILL NOT SUPPLY THE SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE IN FAIRFIELD TWP. RESIDENTS WILL NOW HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN INSPECTORS. MOTION BY VAUGHN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1-2009 OPTING OUT OF ENFORCING ON LOCAL LEVEL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM, UNAN-YES. ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT ON MARCH 31, 2009. 2. PROPOSED ORD. #2-2009 PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FROM HYPOCRITE CREEK ROAD TO LYNN ROAD. THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE READY FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING. ANY COMMENTS ON THIS ORDINANCE. MIKE McCREERY IS HERE TO SUPPORT THE NAME CHANGE. DANA McCREERY SAID THEY WANTED IT CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE HASSLE. 3. PAUL ANNOUNCED THAT TOMORROW IS THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY CONVENTION AT THE FOUR POINTS SHERIDAN, GREENSBURG. IT IS THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION, PAUL ASKED SECRETARY, JIM, YES; VAUGHN MAY ATTEND DEPENDING ON MICHELLE. PAUL SAID THERE WILL BE A BRIEF SUMMARY AT NEXT MEETING. SECRETARY STATED THAT 2 AUDITORS ARE GOING, AND OTHER AUDITOR MAY GO. SECRETARY ASKED SOLICITOR IF HE WAS ATTENDING, HE MAY SHOW UP.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 1. FUEL BIDS ANY ITEM OVER \$10,000 MUST BE BID OR USE THE STATE CONTRACT. AND OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS OUR DIESEL CONSUMPTION HAS FALLEN INTO THAT CATEGORY. VAUGHN SAID WE SPENT OVER \$17,000. PAUL MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR DIESEL FUEL BID TO BE OPENED AT SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2009 AT 3 PM, AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING; 2<sup>ND</sup> BY VAUGHN, UNAN-YES. 2. EQUIPMENT RENTAL PAUL ANNOUNCED TWP NEEDS CERTAIN EQUIPMENT THAT TWP DOES NOT OWN, AND PAST PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO PUT OUT RENTAL CONTRACT TO ACQUIRE SUCH EQUIPMENT. IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR YEARLY TAR/CHIP AND ASPHALT APPLICATIONS. MOTION MADE BY PAUL TO ADVERTISE FOR THE EQUIPMENT RENTAL CONTRACT ALSO OPEN AT THE APRIL 16, 2009 @ 3 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  $2^{\rm ND}$  BY JIM, UNAN-YES. SECRETARY SUGGESTED SUPERVISORS SHOULD MAKE A MOTION REGARDING BIDDING THRU THE COG FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AND WHEN THEY ARE OPENING THEIR BIDS. PAUL SAID THAT THE COG BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON MARCH 30, AND THE COG DOES THE ADVERTISING. PAUL SAID IF TWP ACCEPTS ANY BIDS THEY HAVE TO THRU A MOTION. SECRETARY STATED YES THE COG DOES THE AD AND THAT WE HAVE TO ACCEPT BID THRU A MOTION AT PUBLIC MEETING, BUT FEELS IT IS JUST LIKE IF WE WERE DOING THE BIDDING, THERE SHOULD BE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE WITH THE COG. SOLICITOR SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE TWP NEEDS TO DO THAT, HE FEELS IT IS JUST LIKE THE PIGGYBACK ON THE STATE. SECRETARY SAID JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE TWP MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BIDDING PROCESS. PAUL SUGGESTED CALLING MARY TRUNZO TO MAKE SURE.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. LISA TELFORD 2. MIKE TELFORD 3. DEB GAWLAS-WEBSITE IS GOOD, DOING A NICE JOB ON STIFFLER ROAD, NEEDS THE SLIPPERY HILL YET, OPEN SOME DITCHES ON THE SIDES.
  - **4.** BOB MALNOSKY **5.** PAULA BROWN **6.** TOM BLON **7.** MA **9.** DANA McCREERY **10.** DAN BRENDLINGER **11.** ANDY LONG 6. TOM BLON 7. MAUREEN BLON 8. MIKE McCREERY

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY VAUGHN, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY PAUL, UNAN-YES. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:20 PM Submitted by Emma J. Brendlinger, Sec-Tres