

The monthly meeting of the Plunketts Creek Township Board of Supervisors was called to order Monday December 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the township building.

PRESENT: Gary Abernatha, Supervisor
Ray Lewis, Supervisor
John Blair, Supervisor
Patricia (Pat) Johnson, Secretary
Carrie Stine, Treasurer
Jim Etzel
Brad Stine

Guests: Dolly Schafer, David Aldenderfer, Susan Emick, Nancy Wentzler, Sandy Spiro, Wendy & John Hooper, Audrey Moon, Maggie Emery, MaryAnn Lewis, Christy Moyer, and Annie Aumen

Supervisor Ray Lewis made a motion with unanimous approval to approve the meeting minutes as written.

Susan Emick expressed her anger about the auditors being elected by the Township voters being replaced by an auditing firm to audit the Township records for year ending 2014 without taxpayers voting or being notified. Supervisor John Blair read the Township Code which specifically states the appointment of an accounting or auditing firm is allowed by the 2nd Class Township Code by the Board of Supervisors instead of using the elected auditors. Annie Aumen gave the number of hours it has taken to do the audits over the past several years with the time increasing each year. Annie went on to explain about the discrepancies found and adjustments that needed to be done. The Supervisors went on to explain that due to the increase of time over the last two years plus the large Dunwoody Road project just completed that an outside auditing firm would be able to clean up QuickBooks and correct any problems that are present plus make sure the Dunwoody project was ready for Federal audit when projects closed out. Christy Moyer spoke against the move as well as many out bursts from the attendees with the meeting becoming a bit out of hand. The meeting was brought back to order and continued with the rest of the agenda.

Another item brought up by the attending Residents was the new key system which the Township has agreed to fund for the Township building and Fire Company/ EMA office. The expense of the project was discussed and why the Township needed such an expensive system. EMA Tom Schafer explained the need for the EMA office to be monitored at all times. In addition the key system will let Supervisors know who is coming and going and at what times as well as allow them into an area quickly when needed. Christy Moyer raised the question as to whether the maintenance building was included due to problems there in the past. Supervisor Ray Lewis requested Tom get the cost to add the maintenance building to the project.

Jim Etzel informed the Township Supervisors that the James V. Brown Library has responded to the requests and suggestions made to them on their tour and he was pleased with the response as well as the addition and deletions of books requested.

REPORTS:

PCTVFD:

Brad Stine stated ALS service to the Township is straightened out and the Township does have ALS service. Brad also informed the Township that the Fire Hall was selling Christmas trees that were donated at \$15.00 each on the honor system until all trees were gone.

Planning Commission:

No meeting

Recreation Commission:

Breakfast with Santa for adults and children will be held at the Township Fire Hall on December 13th from 10:00 to 12:00. RSVP's are needed and all Plunketts Creek Township residents are invited.

Emergency Management:

Tom Schafer went over the flood insurance study packet sent to the Township for rate maps that will be forthcoming. Tom stated a Coordination Officer should be coming to a Township meeting within 90 days after this study was issued and what the Township received is a preliminary map which if the Township has any issues they can let Hazard Mitigation aware of them . Tom will call Hazard Mitigation for more information.

Roadmaster:

David Aldenderfer from Upper Manor Road was pleased the Township is not using fly ash this year and agreed the rock salt was working so far.

There is garbage being dumped on Cemetery Road which Roadmaster Ray Lewis will clean up. There is also a tree dead on the corner so he will contact the property owners.

Also are moving forward with the bank on Scaife Road

Sewage Officer: No Report

Zoning Officer:

- PC14-15 Ralph Kisinger, 14403 RT 87 Hwy –Roof over carport
- PC14-16 Mowrey Contracting – construct 2nd floor addition at 9484 Rt 87 Hwy- Jason and Michelle Metzger

CII (Code Inspections Inc.):

- Dan Cioffi, 12999 Rt 87, Williamsport, PA –SFD –demolition of house and foundation

- LY/PC 14-0005- Jason & Michelle Metzger, 9484 87 Hwy, Williamsport – 2 story addition

Continuing Business:

- O'Brien property gravel parking lot

Permission has been given by FEMA to go forward with the gravel parking lot per email received from Sal.

- Britt & Diane Bassett request to lease flood properties (Brown & Woodward)

This is being tabled until 2015 plus permission needs to be received for gravel parking.

- Zoning Ordinance – gas well drilling inclusion

Supervisor Gary Abernatha stated the Supervisors will begin the process with Kathy Hunter in February 2015 to proceed with including gas wells regulations in the Township Zoning Ordinance

- Property Maintenance Ordinance enforcement

Maggie Emery inquired if this was moving forward with enforcement – the Township is waiting on fees to enforce the ordinance from Jim Fenstemacher at Codes.

- Resumes for CPA and Accounting Firms – were given to Supervisor's for perusal.

Christy Moyer questioned what firms resumes were received, which were Wienecke & Verrastro, PC, Parent Beard and Rogers Huber and Associates.

New Business:

- Variance Hearing Board Volunteers- John McCarty- Resolution to approve

Supervisor Ray Lewis made a motion with unanimous approval to appoint John McCarty to the Variance hearing board as an alternate.

- Budget approval for 2015

Supervisor Ray Lewis made a motion with unanimous approval to approve the 2015 budget.

Dates to Remember:

- Recreation Commission Meeting – December 15th
- Planning Commission – Meeting- December 17th
- Township Meeting Supervisors – December 29th
- Meeting on January 5, 2015 for re-organizational meeting and Auditors meeting on January 6, 2015

Deeds Reviewed:

- Neil R. Bixler, II and Donna R. Bixler to Anthony C Alconada- 1517 Lower Manor Road, Williamsport, PA

Treasurer's Report –attached

Checks Reviewed and Signed

Mail Received:

- Bassett Engineering Inc. – Act 89 Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Paved roads funds.
- Assessment Totals by District and Class Code – Plunketts Creek Township
- Mathers & Strapp, PC – approval of variance for Dan Lockcuff and Barbara DeCoursey, 12325 Wallis Run Road – hearing held 10/20/2014

CHECKS APPROVED AND SIGNED

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Johnson, Secretary