

The regular meeting of the Plunketts Creek Township Board of Supervisors was called to order Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:05 PM in the township building.

PRESENT: Gary Abernatha, Supervisor
Marvin Springman, Supervisor
Ray Lewis, Supervisor
Christy Moyer, Treasurer/ Assistant Secretary
Patricia (Pat) Johnson, Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Tom Schafer and Jim Etzel
Chet and Wes Musser, Britt Bassett, Maggie Emery, Jean Fetterman and Harold Sausser

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

GUESTS:

Continuing Business: Maggie Emery stated since the township does not have a code to cover problem of ageing gentleman in run down home she called the Office of the Aging to get help. The gentleman she had concerns over was placed into another home. Maggie feels there are only two or three situations in the township of this manner that the IMPC would be used to correct. Maggie also feels current codes are not enforced. Since Maggie does not have a draft of the International Property Management Code (IPMC) she was not ready to present.

Chet and Wes Musser stated they have concerns over the IPMC code and do not feel any type of ordinance of this nature needs to be put in place. Chet Musser does not think any type of code officer can pick and choose what is and is not legal under a code. Since it is a non-elected position he or she may take hard core choice towards enforcement. Both gentlemen feel this is not an ordinance the township should adopt.

Supervisor Abernatha stated an ordinance needs to be addressed due to the many flood damaged homes throughout the township as well as buildings like the Shelly property next door to the former Last Chance which is in such terrible shape and a health hazard but the township had no legal standing to correct. Supervisor Abernatha stated there would not be any vote without citizens input and discussion at the current time is premature. Jim Etzel suggested code should be read and evaluated then forwarded to the solicitor for help in wording once decisions to go forward are made. Treasurer Christy Moyer stated township will determine what to put in the ordinance then draw up and advertise for a public hearing.

Jean Fetterman questioned why township needs code such as IPMC.

Supervisor Abernatha tabled the discussion and stated all the concern and issues arising currently are premature and everyone should wait until the IPMC code is read and discussed as well as sent to the Planning Commission to discuss during their June meeting.

REPORTS: PCTVFD: No Report

Planning Commission: Jim Etzel is waiting on sketch plans for the former Palotas property; there will not be a meeting in May

Recreation Commission: No Report

Sewage Officer: No Report

Emergency Management: Tom Schafer thanked the supervisors for the opportunity to attend the PSATS conference as he collected valuable information in reference to reverse 911 and the use of RGIS which Plunketts Creek does have in place currently. Tom explained social media is becoming more important in daily lives when staying in touch during emergency situations. Tom will continue to evaluate reverse 911 software which he stated is a necessity as this type of software gives the public notification in minutes as well as being usable by township and fire company top officials. Tom is evaluating three different software programs that are available and found one with perfect pricing which includes a onetime fee and a resident fee of approximately .35 cents per resident per year. Tom will present a list of the different softwares along with specifications at the next township meeting.

Tom also discussed information on dredging permit GP3 which allows townships to go into waterways 50 feet above or below a home. DEP will come and go over areas with the township in reference to removing large gravel piles left in creeks from flooding. The township can remove debris, fallen trees and garbage without a permit. When going into creek and streams to correct the township should notify surrounding areas in case of any impact on downstream areas.

Tom stated some residents have filled out the forms included in the newsletter but they have not gotten the responses they would have liked to receive.

Roadmaster: Christy and Ray have gone over the roads damaged during the September flood again with FEMA including Turkey Farm Road and Lower Manor Road and are meeting the FEMA official this week to go over paperwork. Ray gave update on Big Bear Creek stating the trees being pulled out of the creek is about complete. Work left is to come in and put the channel back and stabilizing the banks.

The gas company is not rebuilding Dunwoody Road and to fix that road will require approximately 1.4 million dollars which will come from FEMA and PEMA. Township is moving forward with the options that are available. Tom and Brad will ride the road one more time and video tape the damage between the two stone piles. The township would like to put Dunwoody Road back to pre-flood shape but the feasibility of doing so needs to be addressed. The stream is not what it was so if the monies are put into the road what will happen during the next flood?

Britt Bassett raised the question that if the monies were available to put roads back can the roads be moved and not rebuilt along streams. Example Britt made was Lower Manor Road which if built behind the homes would remove the road from flood plain. FEMA requires that roads be put back to pre-flood condition where they existed. If a road is moved to the mitigation side FEMA only gives the amount necessary for putting the road back to the pre-flood conditions and the township will foot the bill for any improvements they want to make. FEMA will give a percentage of money for township to abandon the road and walk away.

Scaife Road was discussed as to what could be done with FEMA money if Dunwoody was not rebuilt.

Britt Bassett suggested looking for other monies to move roads – suggested maybe the gas drilling impact fee would give the township monies to consider. Britt further suggested township should form a committee to pursue funding and check with gas companies in reference to aid in fixing roads.

Zoning Officer: Permit12-13 @ 10983 Rt 87 Hwy-Bret Hickok-Shade structure on deck issued 4/5/12 – fee \$ 25.00

Permit12-14 @ 389 Lower Manor Rd-Jack Marlow-New house-issued 4/11/12
no fee flood damaged

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray made a motion with unanimous affirmative vote, to waive the variance fees for any property owner who was flooded and would like to re-build their structures further out of the floodplain. The fee for Brooke Barton's variance hearing has been waived.

Marvin made a motion with unanimous affirmative vote, to accept Taguinot Electric LLC estimate to replace sub panel in basement and upgrade wire from main load center for total price of \$878.89.

Ray made a motion with unanimous affirmative vote, to accept offer from George Welding and Supply Co. for the purchase of the 1980 Dodge D200 owned by Plunketts Creek Township for the price of \$500.00.

Ray made a motion with unanimous affirmative vote, to pay Tim Wentz Engineering to review FEMA's estimate to repair to pre-flood condition Dunwoody Road.

Marvin Springman made a motion with unanimous affirmative vote, to hire Patricia (Pat) Johnson as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer for Plunkett's Creek Township.

DEEDS: Michael Myers/Sharon Myers to Creekside Manor LLC
KLJ Enterprises LLC to Jeffery/Leanne McPeck
Leo C. Armbruster to James/Robyn Rogers

CHECKS APPROVED AND SIGNED: See attached treasurer's report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Johnson, Secretary

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