

SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES of PORTER TOWNSHIP

October 5th 2015 Township Building 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Chairman Kevin Frank, Karl Walizer Jr. Larry Dotterer, Secretary Carol Colucci, Zoning Officer Rich Brungard, Solicitor O'Connor, news reporter Jim Runkle and 27 members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Chairman Kevin Frank at 7:00PM opening with the pledge of allegiance. Frank reminded to sign in and the meeting is being recorded

The minutes of the September 14th meeting were reviewed and on a 1st motion by Supervisor Walizer and a 2nd by Supervisor Dotterer motion passed to accept the minutes as presented.

The Public Comments were Kate Bowman was requesting 2 signs warning heavy accident area. Its needed to slow cars down in front of her house. There has been many accidents. It is a dangerous curve. O'Connor replied an ordinance is not needed for that kind of sign.

Mary Ann Clark stated she has never seen the annual Audit report posted in the newspaper. Secretary Carol replied that would have been in the paper back in March sometime right after the audit. She will send her a copy.

Janice Keller stated a correction is needed for the officers of the 175th Anniversary Committee. She is not the assistant treasurer of the committee. It is Linda Ellie. Janice also reported the figures on the August minutes for 1B stones winter mix are not correct. Secretary Carol reported yes she is aware that was an error and has corrected it. See her in the office for the corrected figures.

Gary Robinson stated he is opposed to a race track. Pat Robinson is opposed to a race track. Doyle Moore commented the road project in Stone House was a good job. He was asking for guard rails to be put up. Rich replied there will be when the job is finished. Supervisor Chairman Frank presented the Nittany Valley Fire Company with a Fire Relief yearly allocation of \$9,489.41. It was accepted by Ben Stoltzfus.

The 175th Anniversary Committee reported there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 7th at 7PM to continue brainstorming plans for events and activities. A nice photo and article of the check presentation to the committee from the township was in the LH Express.

(PTAC) Community Building Activity Committee secretary Sharon Brungard reported there was a breakfast held Saturday October 3rd and 64 people attended the 1st breakfast of the season. There is a yard sale scheduled for Saturday October 10th from 8-4PM indoors at the Community building. A Halloween Party is planned for Saturday October 31st from 1-4PM come in costume to enjoy the fun.

Treasurer Judy Briggs presented a finance report. There is a balance in of \$7,954.32 in the checking account. Supervisor Frank gave Judy the USDA meal reimbursement check for \$780. and a \$25.00 check for a reservation reimbursement.

Park manager Kevin reported the park will be closed for the season the end of October. The restroom floors have been refinished with epoxy and all painting outside was completed. The improvements on the park will continue to get as much done to the walking trail depending on the weather.

Road update was given by Rich. Stone House paving project is completed. The guide rails will be installed this week. He needs to get a quote from HRI to fiber mat on McClain Rogers Road. We can repair what is needed and fiber mat next spring. It was suggested that we take care of it this year. Henry's Asphalt gave a quote of \$16,635. to mill and replace bad pieces. They can get asphalt until November. Gary asked if there were specs for this project? Rich replied it would be milled out 1 ½ inch. It is not necessary to put it out for bid. Henry's is the only that got back to him. On a 1st motion by Supervisor Frank and a 2nd by Dotterer motion passed to approve Henry's for a total of \$16,635.

Property Manager Rich gave an update on the Fishing Creek Bridge floodway concerns. He contacted the State to find out what was needed to get someone to come evaluate the condition of the water way at the bridge. He reported the State told him this has been an issue before and also involves DEP and Fish and Boat Commission. A permit can be given but they feel there is no need to clean out the stream because it is much wider at the bridge than the rest of the stream so it can hold more water and the flow is much less.

The Planning Board is recommending to the Supervisors to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers and all departments that would be involved requesting an updated evaluation of the waterway. O'Connor stated other Townships had the same issues. He suggested a blanket letter be sent to all appropriate entities such as State Representative Hanna, G.T Thompson. O'Connor replied for Carol to contact him and peruse more agencies. On a 1st motion by Frank and a 2nd by Dotterer motion passed to send out a letter to all needing involved to get response.

Brungard also reported the Community building had a roof leak repaired hoping it will last the winter. A new roof is needed. The existing roof was put on in 2003. It was inspected by the same company in 2013 when there were problems of leaking. The warranty was for ten years which had just expired. Rich will get quotes for options of pitches and cost of a new roof.

Solicitor O'Connor stated an ordinance is needed for a bridge weight limit. The sign changes at ramps will be on the same ordinance. He will have prepared for next meeting due to it must meet required time to be advertised. Also an ordinance is needed for signs at the park. On a 1st motion by Walizer and a 2nd by Dotterer motion passed to prepare necessary ordinances.

New Business was Trick or Treating hours were discussed. The decision was made for Trick or Treating in the Township to be Saturday October 31st from 6-8PM for participating homes with porch lights on only.

A Planning Board meeting was held Sept 29th. Chairman Funk reported a discussion was held about the Fishing Creek Bridge waterway.

Zoning Officer Brungard reported there were \$658.00 in Permits for the month of Sept. 1 pole building, 2 sheds, a new resident and driveway in Stone House Development.

Secretary Carol reported a letter was sent from the Ross Library in Lock Haven asking for donations. The Supervisors made the decision to keep the support here in the township at the township public library. There is an LED Street lighting workshop for municipalities available. Rich commented that we do have 2 old street lights that could be replaced.

HA Thompson Insurance representative is requesting to meet for the yearly evaluation at the next meeting at 6:30PM for a review before the meeting. Supervisors agreed to be present.

Carol presented a workshop she would like to attend for \$79.00 in Williamsport October 14th 9AM-4PM. for office management improvements. It is provided through Career Track. The office would already be closed on a Wednesday. Supervisors approved.

Finance Report

The State Account has a balance of \$248,036.88. No transactions in the past month. Act 13 Account balance \$40,247.88

The Jersey Shore State Bank General checking acct has a beginning balance of \$526,799.51 beginning check# 1082 ending balance \$520,352.90 ending check #1114. Carol read thru the bills and on a 1st motion by Walizer and a 2nd by Frank motion passed to pay the bills as presented.

Total Revenue for the month of September until to date is \$20,577.71 Expenses \$29,850.60 net income -\$9,350.43.

Reporter Runkle inquired what is the current status of the proposed raceway? O'Conner replied the matter has been indefinitely tabled. There were no comments from the audience or Supervisors. On a 1st motion by Dotterer and a 2nd by Frank motion passed to adjourn 7:45PM.

A Recreation Planning Committee will be held following the Supervisor meeting tonight. The next meeting is October 19th 7:00PM for a Budget Workshop. The next Supervisor meeting is November 2nd 7:00PM.

Supervisor Chairman
Kevin Frank

Township Secretary
Carol Colucci
