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# NEWTON TOWNSHIP

AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

1528 Newton-Ransom Blvd.  
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## Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting January 4, 2010

Continued from Reorganization Meeting.

Board Members in Attendance: John Pardue, Ronald Koldjeski and Douglas Pallman

Board Guests in Attendance: Joseph Sileo, Solicitor; Scot Haan, CEO; Francine Miller, Secretary/Treasurer

7:32 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared from the General Meeting on 12/14/09, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.**

### **New Business:**

***Fire Police:*** Pardue swore in fire policeman, Wesley Latham for the Newton Ransom Volunteer Fire Company.

***South Abington Township Police Contract:*** New police contract was received. The rate of \$48.25 per hour was raised to \$50.42 per hour. **Motion by Koldjeski to accept the South Abington Township Police Contract not to exceed our \$30,000 budgeted amount for the year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

***Resolution 2010-1:*** This resolution is to establish new fees for the SEO work and not an increase in wages. The increase in fees is to offset costs since there is no reimbursement from DEP. **Motion by Koldjeski to accept Resolution 2010-1 as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

***Tax Claim Bureau:*** A tax claim letter was received for a property with a total bid of \$2249.92 from Marger Inc. of Peckville. **Motion by Pardue to accept the bid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor, Koldjeski abstained due to his position with the Tax Bureau.**

**Correspondence:** Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

**Standing Committee Reports:** POSTED - Planning Commission

***Abington COG:*** Jamison reported that the COG will reorganize on Thursday. The subject of conversation will remain the issue with the single tax office.

***Planning Commission:*** No report because there was no meeting in December.



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**SAPA:** Jamison reported that the plans were accepted unanimously except by Dalton Borough. The plan has taken great pain to make sure that no one's rights were taken away and this plan allows for Newton Township to be as much of a rural community as possible.

**CEO Report:** Haan reported the progress on Church Hill Road. It was discussed that the property maintenance code can adopt this ordinance. **Motion by Koldjeski to get our Solicitor to expeditiously act to get a condemnation ordinance in effect so the Township can move on it by February's meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

**Recreation Center:** Pardue read a letter received from Sandy LaCoe regarding the recreation center committee's report. Effective September 1, 2010 there will be an increase in rent for The Country Place Preschool to \$425.00 per month. A letter will need to be sent to them to notify them of the increase by February. **Motion by Koldjeski to increase the monthly rent for the Country Place Preschool to \$425, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.** The committee also recommends that the lease for the Daydreamers Daycare be increased from \$1100 per month to \$1275 effective March 1, 2010. The daycare will also rent the cafeteria for an additional \$250 per month but this will not be part of the lease, it will be on a month to month basis. **Motion by Koldjeski to increase the rental of the Daydreamers Daycare to \$1275.00 per month and \$250 per month for the cafeteria, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor. Motion by Koldjeski to accept as read the remainder of the rental costs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

**Solicitor Report:** Sileo reported that he is working with our insurance attorney to dismiss the Woodhaven Crest issue due to a lack of prosecution. Sample cell tower and wind tower amendments will be sent out to the planning commissions for review and comment. The road bids from last month were inspected by Ned Slocum, Milnes Engineering. The math was correct for the two lowest bidders. The lowest bid did not have the Worker's Compensation statement attached. Pending confirmation that the Worker's Compensation statement can be provided right away, we can award the bid to Roto Rooter. **Motion by Koldjeski to award the bid to Rot Rooter provided they show us proof of workers compensation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.** After some discussion, it was decided that Wood will have to go for a variance before the Zoning Hearing Board for the business they are operating at their residence.

Being no further public input and discussion, **Pallman motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller