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NEWTON TOWNSHIP

AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

1528 Newton-Ransom Blvd.
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting February 8, 2010

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

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

7:40 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance after executive session to discuss ongoing litigation matter.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared from the Reorganization and General Meeting on 1/4/10 and the Conditional Use Hearing on 1/20/10, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor. Motion by Koldjeski to accept the minutes as prepared for the Work Session on 2/3/10, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.

New Business:

***Wage Tax Collector:* Motion by Koldjeski to resolve that the payment for the EIT Collector, Joan Scandale, is changed from 3% to 3 1/2%, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

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

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Road Master: Pallman reported that it has been quiet for the most part and the DPW has been working on maintaining the equipment and snow removal as well as some cold patching. The F550 has been sent to a private garage for repair; it has been to several places and is still not fixed correctly. The injectors need to be replaced, prices to come.

Abington COG: Jamison reported that an engineer for petroleum and gas gave an overview of the Marcellus shale drilling. At the meeting on April 1, 2010, the head of DEP drilling, Scott Parry will speak. The meeting will be held at the Clarks Green Borough Building at 7:30PM.

SAPA: Koldjeski reported that they were working on getting Scranton and North Abington on board with the plan. They set the house elections. They have enough funding to finish this step of the process; however, they will need more funding to move forward.



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Recreation Center: Cathy Hardaway reported that the Recreation Committee is down three members. Gary Roberts and Evonne Buranich's terms were up at the end of 2009 and did not want to renew. Sandy LaCoe and Diana McDonald's terms end the end of 2010 and they have already stated that they will not renew. Holly Gilpin is now the chairperson, Cathy Hardaway is the vice-chairman and Diana McDonald is the secretary. Our Lady of the Snows has contacted the center about using the facility, as in the past, for the annual bazaar from August 1 through the 8th at a rate of \$1500.00. Our Lady of Snows will also be having their bible study class June 21 through 26 from 8:30am to 12:30pm for a charge of \$450. The Roast Beef Dinner for March is cancelled due to the lack of volunteers. Michele Breslin will speak at the April 6, 2010 at 6:30pm meeting to discuss aiding the center in grant preparation. The fund drive is down approximately \$1000 from last year. Pardue explained that we had a meeting with Commonwealth Energy and they did a study on energy usage of the lighting at the Center. If the fixtures are changed it would result in a decrease. The total cost of the project is \$13,275 to make the changes. With these changes, we would get a rebate from PPL in the amount of \$6450. We this change of fixtures we would save \$311 per month approximately. This project will pay for itself in two years. This is a professional service and does not require it to be bid. Sileo stated that we would be engaged in a professional service and maintenance on existing items so bidding is not required according to the second class township code. **Motion by Koldjeski to do a professional service contract for the implementation of energy saving lighting project for \$13,275 with Commonwealth Energy, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

CEO Report: Haan reported that there was a zoning hearing held to discuss the appeal of Richard and Sandra Albright for a tennis court that was put in with no permit and did not meet the setback requirements. The Albright's were not present at the hearing but, their attorney was present for them. There will be a decision from the zoning board in March. Haan asked if Sileo was aware of an appeal by Paolucci for a decision from the magistrate. Sileo will find out tomorrow.

Solicitor: Sileo stated that the case involving Albright/Lombardo has had no decision handed down by the judge as of yet. The briefings of the Albright zoning hearing are scheduled for 3-3 ½ weeks. The zoning hearing board handed down their decision in the appeal of the Colombo matter as denied. As far as Sileo knew, an appeal has not been filed and would need to be done within thirty days of the decision. There will be a hearing regarding the cell tower ordinance amendment on March 8, 2010 at 7PM followed by a meeting at 7:30PM at the General Meeting for consideration and vote. Sileo suggested that the Board let the proposed amendments to the wind tower ordinance stand. There is no amicable resolution and to let the litigation matter run its course. **Motion by Koldjeski to table the amendments to the wind tower ordinance, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Unfinished Business



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Pardue stated that there is a clean-up of River Road. Ransom Township received a grant for \$10,000 and only used \$4,000 of it to clean up their part of the road. DEP called Pardue to explain that we may be able to use the remainder \$6,000 to clean up Newton's side of the road. When Ransom was performing their clean-up, they found six drums of possible hazardous waste so the federal and state may step in to finish the clean-up. Pardue will check into the matter more and find out if we are able to use the remainder of the grant money.

Koldjeski stated that the Act 32 will take effect in 2012. There will be a meeting at 7PM at the South Abington Municipal Building to develop the RFPs. The by-laws were structured but not approved. Also, Reese has acquired a \$10,000 grant from Senator Mellow's office for an office upgrade.

Daydreamers Daycare Lease: Motion by Pardue to accept the lease for Daydreamers for the 2010-2011 year, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.

Bills were signed and discussed. Koldjeski stated that there is a check for \$1000 for Scot Haan for his vehicle and cell phone use because Haan does not take pay for his services to the Township. **Motion by Koldjeski to pay the bills for the Township, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor. Motion by Koldjeski to pay the bills for the recreation center, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller