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NEWTON TOWNSHIP

AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

1528 Newton-Ransom Blvd.
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting April 12, 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

7:38 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 accept the minutes as prepared for the Ordinance Hearing on March 8, 2010, the General Meeting on March 8, 2010 and the Special Meeting on March 22, 2010, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

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

New Business:

Solicitor: Sileo discussed that the skatepark lease is being breached and has been an outstanding issue for a very long time. **Motion by Koldjeski to negate the lease with the skatepark for not paying the rent, no insurance certificate and no progress, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.** Sileo also discussed that the pending litigation with Susquehanna Wind Farm has ended and is over.

New Business:

NRVFC: Chief Jeff LaCoe, EMS 8-1 Frank Miller, EMS Captain James Waters, Chinchilla Hose and Community Life Support Owner and President of Clarks Summit Fire Company, Tim Rowlands, were present to discuss with the Supervisors the issue that was raised by Mr. Rowlands in regard to the poor response time to an ambulance call in Newton Township last week and that Clarks Summit ambulance is not on the run card for NRVFC. LaCoe stated that as of tonight the run card has been changed. The first called out will be NRVFC, second out will be Chinchilla Hose and third called out will be Clarks Summit. Rowlands had no comment and the Supervisors felt that the situation is handled. Koldjeski stated that all the Board is concerned with is that there is adequate coverage to cover the Township for any emergency.

Abington Rotary Club Fireworks: Mr. Harry Mumford was present to discuss the annual fireworks display to be presented at the Abington Heights Middle School on July 2, 2010 with a rain date of July 3, 2010. The Rotary will be working with Chief Reese and an updated insurance certificate will be provided before the event. **Motion by Koldjeski to grant approval for the 2010 fireworks and**



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waive the mass gathering fee of \$1000, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Abington Heights Middle School Medieval Fair: Mr. Patrick McGarry of the AHMS was present to discuss the medieval fair for the sixth grade students to be held on the 4-H grounds Tuesday, June 8 with a rain date of June 10. The event will take place from 7am to 2pm. Mr. Gable, horse owner, will give the Township a certificate of insurance before the event. The school has already spoken with Chief Reese regarding the crossing of the students to the horse ring. **Motion by Pallman to approve the use of the grounds on June 8 or June 10, 2010 and to also have Chief Reese on duty to assist in the crossing for public safety, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Bike Race: Mr. Phil Cable was present to discuss a proposed bike race through Newton and Ransom Townships on May 29, 2010. It is a five event race originating from and to the AHMS. He proposes having two people at each turn and 10-12 security people. The event should last from 8am to 3pm. Mr. Cable has been in touch with Jim Rau, fire police captain of the Newton Ransom Volunteer Fire Company, for assistance. Supervisors stated that we need to know how many people they have to volunteer, information on emergency services, insurance, police coverage, basically following the ordinance for a mass gathering permit. The Township will grant tentative approval based on the above information being provided by our work session on May 5 for a final approval.

AT&T Land Development: Mr. Steve Boell was present on behalf of AT&T requesting the final approval for the land development of the cell tower to be located on Airport Drive. **Motion by Koldjeski to approve the requested variances as listed except for the 403.3J for stormwater and drainage management, which was deemed adequate from Lackawanna Conservation, 2nd by Pallman, added to the motion by Pardue that this is based on AT&T providing final drawing and a mylar omitting the variance request for the stormwater and drainage management plan. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED – Planning Commission

Road Master: Supervisors will discuss with our engineer, Ned Slocum, the posting of roads to discuss at our next work session or general meeting.

Wage Tax Collector: Scandale reported that we have collected approx. \$30,000 delinquent wage tax and that there is still approx. \$36,000 still owed from 2007.

SAPA: Jamison was not present but reported that SAPA is still working on the intergovernmental agreement. North Abington is fine tuning their agreement and Scranton is again discussing. The deadline is May 19 to get it adopted.

Recreation Center: Cathy Hardaway reported items that took place at the committee's meeting on



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April 6. The committee is recommending Terry Winowich to replace Evonne Buranich on the committee. **Motion by Koldjeski to approve Terry Winowich to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Evonne Buranich, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.** Hardaway was given a paper that was received by the Township that a \$40,000 grant is running out of time and an extension needs to be obtained. A bill for Vicki Vargo was faxed to the Township to pay the balance of the Easter egg hunt. **Motion by Pallman to pay the balance due for the Easter Egg Hunt of \$226.00, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that there were a total of 34 calls for the month with 17 in Newton, 14 were fire and 3 were EMS and there were nine outside assists. The remainder of the calls was in Ransom Township.

Planning Commission: Haan reported that AT&T land development was complete and we reviewed the preliminary subdivision of Joseph Kelly on Upper Maple Drive.

CEO Report: Haan reported that a resident on Cherry Hill Road will require a variance for height restrictions.

Unfinished Business

Lawn Maintenance: Bids were received by three companies for lawn maintenance. DeAngelo Landscaping came in with the lowest bid of \$175.00 per cut for the Recreation Center, \$60.50 for the Township building and \$12.50 for the triangle and sign area. **Motion by Koldjeski to award the bid for lawn maintenance to DeAngelo Landscaping, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Constellation Energy: After some discussion and having Sileo check into the Township signing the contract, Pallman received the price of .080541 for two years for both the Township and the Recreation Center. **Motion by Koldjeski to accept the contract for Constellation Energy for the next two years, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Bills: Bills were signed and discussed. **Motion by Koldjeski to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller