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AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

1528 Newton-Ransom Blvd.
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting August 9, 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

7:35 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared for the Work Session and General Meeting on July 12, 2010 and Conditional Use Hearing and Work Session on August 4, 2010, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

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

Announcements: There will be two zoning hearings on August 16, 2010 beginning at 7PM. The first hearing is by request for a variance to allow for an additional driveway on a private road and the second is for a variance from the height restrictions for the Church on Orchard Drive.

New Business:

Andy Bettelli: Andy Bettelli of 2174 Port Royal Road came by request of the Supervisors regarding his mobile home being located on his property along with a house that he is renovating. The allowing of the mobile home began in 2006. Haan asked Bettelli when it was that he took out the permit for the renovations on the home. Bettelli stated that at least two years has elapsed. Supervisors stated that he will need to contact BIU and get an extension on the renovations permit and be back to the Supervisors on September 13, 2010 to discuss the mobile home.

Public Input

Jennifer Calvert: Jennifer Calvert of 1303 Winola Road came to the meeting to get answers to her questions from last month regarding the cell tower near her property. Sileo stated that he needs to get more definitive answers and was still looking into the matter of her not being notified of the conditional use hearing. Calvert stated that she was not aware that a variance hearing had occurred until she received the information that she requested from the Township. Sileo stated that he is more than willing to have dialog with her attorney, Nichols, to discuss anything.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED – Planning Commission



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Road Master: Quotes were received for the purchase of a hopper spreader. One of the bidders was not on the piggyback. Since all the quotes were over \$10,000 we would have to bid it out or stay on the piggyback. The lowest bidder was Powell's for an 8.6 cu. Yd. stainless steel spreader with all the necessities (bids in file). **Motion by Pallman to move forward with the Powell's bid and purchase the spreader for \$11,937, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Wage Tax Collector: Scandale was not present but left a report with the Supervisors for review. Sileo stated that he has had dialog with DWA regarding payment and was assured that the check would be to the Township this week. Miller to contact Sileo when the check arrives. Sileo also has left messages for the attorney for Ransom Township regarding delinquent taxes owed to Newton Township.

Abington COG: No August meeting. The September meeting will discuss the ongoing issues of pursuing wage taxes and also discussion on Marcellus shale.

SAPA: Jamison discussed with the Board the issue of Scranton definitely being out which means that Dunmore will also have to be out. Discussion ensued that with Scranton not opting into the plan that puts everything back to square one for the plan.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe was not present for a report.

Planning Commission Report: Haan reported that the Commission reviewed the land development plans for Countryside Community Church. We are waiting for DEP on the Phillips and Thompson subdivisions.

CEO: Haan reported that he was able to check on the new business on Orchard Drive. It is not classified as a kennel due to the fact that there are only five dogs, four of which belongs to the owner.

Solicitor Report: Sileo reported that there are no developments on pending litigation matters.

Bills: Bills were signed and discussed. **Motion by Koldjeski to approve all the bills as presented at the Work Session and the few bills presented tonight, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Koldjeski: Koldjeski stated that we need to move forward in to looking at the posting of roads and the budget. The Board discussed having a budget meeting and open discussion for posting of roads with weight limits on October 6, 2010 at 6:30PM with the Work Session at 7:30PM. Miller to advertise.

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



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Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller