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Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting December 13, 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

7:50 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance after executive session.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared for the General Meeting on November 8, 2010 and the Work Session on December 8, 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: The Newton Township Board of Supervisors will reconvene a conditional use hearing on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 7PM regarding Scranton Sheet Metal. Sileo reported that the owner will not be available that day and they are requesting a new date. Koldjeski stated that this meeting is by call of the chair and for Sileo to ask them to send another person to represent the owner. The Township does not want to keep spending money on advertisements.

New Business:

2011 Budget: Sal Pileggi was present to state that he wanted the budget on the Township's website. He complained that the Township is paying for a website that he was doing free of charge. He believes that the website should have more information on it and that it is not practical for people to come in to the Municipal Building to look at the budget for inspection. Sileo stated that everything with this budget was done according to law. Pallman stated that the Township will take this under advisement and he appreciates Pileggi's interest with the doings of the Township. Pallman also stated that he wished more people in the Township would show interest in what is happening in their community. Pileggi stated that he is disappointed that the budget was not on the website. Pileggi then asked what the hourly rate is of the solicitor and engineer and wanted to be put on record that he objects to renting South Abington Police Department. Pileggi then proceeded to question how much land each of the Supervisors own which was in regards to questions concerning SAPA. Pileggi stated that he does not trust SAPA and believes that they are not up front with information. **Motion by Koldjeski to accept the 2011 Budget with no tax increase, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Linda Nealon: Mrs. Nealon of Port Royal Road asked if the Supervisors received an example ordinance from Pittsburgh City Council regarding banning gas drilling. She also requested that a



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meeting be set to get this ordinance passed. Supervisors stated that they will take it under advisement. Nealon also requested a committee from both sides be put together with regards to drilling. Board will discuss.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED – Planning Commission

Road Master: Pallman reported that the road crew has been maintaining equipment and preparing for the winter.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported on the number of calls the company responded to for a total of 35 calls for the month of November.

Planning Commission Report: Haan reported that the Commission reviewed a subdivision/lot-line adjustment for John Roy Thompson for a property on Newton Ransom Blvd.

Solicitor Report: Sileo reported that he has been in contact with Ron Bittner regarding a pension issue. A letter was sent to the property owner regarding the Township having to replace a driveway pipe; all letters have been returned unsigned.

Unfinished Business

Pole: The pole and electrical service needs to be replaced outside the building, a price quote from Walsh Electrical was received. **Motion by Koldjeski to hire Walsh Electrical for the quote of \$3,750.00 to repair the line and replace the pole, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Bills: **Motion by Koldjeski to approve the payment of bills as presented, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller