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NEWTON TOWNSHIP

AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

1528 Newton-Ransom Blvd.
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting December 12, 2011

General Meeting called to order at 7:35PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes of the General Meeting on November 14, 2011 and the Work Session minutes of December 7, 2011 as prepared, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Announcement: Tonight is Mr. Pardue's last meeting; everyone is welcome to stay for cake and coffee.

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

New Business:

***White Subdivision:* Motion by Koldjeski to pass the Karen White minor subdivision as prepared, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Road Master: Pallman reported that there is nothing new to report for this month and the DPW is ready for the snow.

NRVFC: LaCoe reported that the fire company responded to 34 calls this month. Pardue discussed that he received a price from Stahl about painting the fire lane lines for approx. \$250-\$300 for 100-150 feet. **Motion by Pallman to contact Stahl and have them paint the fire lane lines for the approximate cost of \$250 to \$300, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Planning Commission and Gas Committee: Haan reported that they met with the consultant, Jack Varaly, to discuss an ordinance.

Rec Committee: Michelle Breslin, Grant Writer, came with the Rec Committee to discuss that the committee would like to apply for a DCNR Grant. She explained that the first \$20,000 was paid and everything after that, up to \$60,000, was matching. They would like to replace the gym floor for an approx. cost of \$32,000, the backboards for an approx. cost of \$5,000 and the windows for an approx. cost of \$19,000. After some discussion, the board stated the committee should move forward with the grant and it will be discussed at the meeting in January.



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Prices for the mortar joint repairs was received from Sheridan Masonry for \$8700, Summa and Iezzi for \$9306 and Pace Construction for \$9680. **Motion by Koldjeski to award the bid to Sheridan Masonry, the lowest bidder, after discussion Pardue will have with them and the attorney's review, as long as it is done in a timely manner and Sheridan will hold the price, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Solicitor: Sileo reported that the Newton View status review was done at court. Albright litigation was given an extension to file their briefs. Scranton Sheet Metal was granted conditional use related to a contracting business to fabricate sheet metal within certain boundaries. There is a meeting scheduled with Kevin Foley, a church representative, Ned Slocum, Joe Sileo, Ronald Koldjeski and a resident from School Street to discuss the water issue on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 2PM at the site. Sileo also presented the Board with a draft letter in response to a letter received from attorney Pat Lavelle for the new owner of Woodhaven Crest.

CEO: Haan discussed an issue with the owner of a property on Newton Ransom Blvd. that has stated she will hire an attorney because Haan sent a letter of denial for a building permit because the building does not meet Township ordinances.

Unfinished Business

Resolution #2011-2 and Resolution 2011-3: The two Resolutions required by Berkheimer Assoc. for tax collecting have been discussed in past meetings. **Motion by Pardue to pass the Resolutions, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

2012 Budget: **Motion by Koldjeski to pass the 2012 Budget as prepared, posted and advertised, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Public Input

Sandra Mitchell, owner of the property on Newton Ransom Blvd., that Scot Haan was speaking of earlier, came up to discuss the situation with the Board. Haan stated that she is not following Ordinance 305 of the zoning and ordinance 305.3 for reconstruction. He stated that they cannot exceed the foot print of the original building. Mitchell will have to get the opinion of the zoning hearing board. They will be having a hearing tomorrow night at 7PM.

Pardue discussed that he spoke with Airline Propane with regards to two 1,000 gallon propane tanks that will be needed at the rec center. Underground tanks will cost \$3,000 each and above ground will cost \$1,900 each plus installation. Holly Gilpin, Chairperson, will get another price.

Bills: **Motion by Koldjeski to pay the bills as approved at the Work Session and any additional bills that were presented tonight, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Koldjeski stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board with John Pardue and that they accomplished a lot for the Township.



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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 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller