

Board of Supervisors Minutes  
February 11, 2013

Chairman Elston opened the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 11, 2013.

Roll call was taken and all three supervisors were present: Gary C. Elston, David L. Mast and Nelson R. Beam. Others present were Frank Newhams, Zoning Officer, April M. Barkasi, Engineer and Sigmund Fleck, Solicitor taking Kristin S. Camp place who couldn't attend tonight's meeting.

Chairman Elston called for Public Comment on tonight's agenda, since there wasn't any comment he continued with the meeting.

**Minutes:** The January 11, 2013 Reorganization Minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was approved until further audit. Balances were as follows:

General Fund - Money Market:	1,324,065.05
General Fund – Checking	3,000.60
General Fund – EMS	6,511.78
State Fund – Money Market:	108,606.85
State Fund – Checking:	4,266.34
PLGIT Regular:	536.50
PLGIT Recreation	284.93
Open Space	12,601.55
Act 209	1,891.62
CD'S	
National Penn	126,376.04
Capital Reserve	128,576.32
New Truck	48,471.58
Elverson Ambulance	30,848.25
TVFD	30,848.25

**Audience:**

H. Barclay Hargreaves reviewed his monthly report that was filed with the township previously. He is reviewing resumes for the position of deputy EMS to cover for him when he is not available. Chairman Elston suggested he contact Michael Spirito to see if he was interested in the position.

**Donald and Shelva Cohick, 82 Bollinger Rd, Elverson, PA:** Mr. Cohick has been working with Mr. Newhams to build a barn on the property. His property doesn't meet the zoning requirements to enable him to build another barn as with the buildings that are presently on the property he exceeds the foot print of his home. The Cohick's feels that they are agricultural and should be exempt from the zoning regulations. This issue has been discussed with our solicitor and she feels that having horses for your pleasure doesn't meet the standards for agricultural uses. Chairman Elston explained that the board can not waive anything in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Fleck suggested that their best recourse, if they wanted to go forward, was to go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Due to the size of the building he Stormwater Management will be an issue. Mr. Cohick said instead of spending \$800.00 for a Zoning Hearing he inquired to what type of animals he would have to buy to be deemed agricultural. He was told the type that would qualify and was also told that he would have to show a receipt showing that the animals were purchased. Once he is established as agricultural he will be required to only obtain a zoning permit.

**Esther and Calvin Kurtz:** Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have taken some courses and are Official Pennsylvania Forest Stewards. Mr. Kurtz reviewed the different programs and pointed out that the decisions we make locally will affect us for years to come. They distributed pamphlets and other brochures for the township. Chairman Elston thanked them for coming.

**Mr. Tom Marks:** Mr. Marks was here regarding the noise complaint he initiated this fall. Mr. Fleck said that all the correspondence and tests were going to be reviewed and the Board of Supervisors will take this under advisement and discuss in an Executive Session that will be held with Ms. Camp at a later time.

### **Reports:**

**Zoning:** Frank Newhams reviewed his monthly report that is file in the township.

**Planning Commission:** Nelson Beam gave the report from the Planning Commission Minutes

**Roads:** Robert Sautner gave the Road Report. David Mast will take Mr. Sautner's place for snow removal while he is on vacation. More salt has been ordered.

**Recreation:** Ms. Barkasi reviewed the grant application from DCNR. She has been waiting for some documentation from DCNR and after speaking with her contact person she is hopefully that she will receive the letter by the end of this week. She has been notified that even if we if we go through CoStar's if the cost is over \$25,000.00 we have to pay prevailing wage. The other option is to buy the materials from CoStar's and put the installation out for bid. Ms. Barkasi will work on the bid and have it ready for the March meeting. Hopefully, we can advertise for April and open the bids at that meeting.

Mr. Mast will get prices on the new mower for the park. We decided to go with diesel and now we have to decide to sell the mower outright or use as a trade in. He will see what will be offered as a trade in.

**Historical Commission:** Susan Ward gave the report. On Saturday, March 9, 2013 the commission will be taking a grant writing course. We hope to apply for grants to repair the stone walls. We also have a local stone mason that has done dry stone wall repair that will be attending our March 13, 2013 meeting.

**New Business:**

**Curtis D. Lamme:** Mr. Beam made the motion to appoint Curtis Lamme to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Mast. Motion carried.

**Vacancy Board:** Mr. Mast made the motion to appoint H. Barclay Hargreaves III to fill the Vacancy Board position, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried.

We will need to find a new auditor, Mr. Mast suggested Judy Stoltzfus. The secretary will contact Ms. Stoltzfus to see if she is interested in running for the position.

The menu was selected for the Appreciation Dinner to be held on March 9, 2013.

Motion to pay for rental and meal outside of a meeting was made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried.

Mr. Hargreaves will prepare some information for the Spring Notes that accompany the tax bills when they are mailed.

Liens, correspondence, transfer and reports were reviewed.

The bills were paid as listed on a motion made by Mr. Beam, seconded by Mr. Mast. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$18,616.54
Payroll:	\$ 5,795.96

With no further business to discuss, adjournment took place at 9:11 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Ward, Secretary

