

**TUNHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING – September 8, 2010**

In Attendance: Chairman Maureen Sterner, Vice-Chairman George Ewald, Supervisor Fran DePiano, Secretary Maria Wieand and area residents. Attorney Dan Lyons was not present.

Chairman Sterner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. For the record, all Supervisors are present.

The minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Supervisor DePiano made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Supervisor Ewald seconded the motion. There being no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Sterner noted that an executive meeting was held 8/11/10, prior to this meeting 9/8/10 and will continued after this meeting for personnel issues.

Supervisor Sterner asked for public comments or questions pertaining to items on the agenda. Peg Yenko asked if she could question the bill list, and asked what Custom Administrative Services were and what the Staples bill was for.

Supervisor Ewald reviewed the 911 readdressing project under matters arising, he informed the public that the county has rolled out two (2) townships; Paradise and Eldridge. We are at the end of this list and might be rolled out sometime between now and the September 2011 deadline. Letters will be sent from the postal service to the residents explaining their new address and street name (if changed). Once the changes are rolled out, the remaining Township street names being changed will be replaced by the Township. An Ordinance for renaming of certain public and private streets will need to be completed along with a resolution for sign size, color and posting of property according to the Emergency responders building numbering system. Supervisor Sterner noted that our Grounds/Maintenance employee Bruce Yerk retired and the Township will have an opening for a groundskeeper. A job description and information will be available at the end of September.

Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Wieand gave the financials as follows:

General Account for August:	Opening Balance	\$630,454.05
	Income	\$112,208.79
	Expenses/Payroll	\$18,386.59
	Bills	\$163,441.35
	Ending Balance	\$560,834.90

Liquid Fuels:	Opening Balance	\$95,593.71
Expected expenditures for September & October		\$68,240.71
(Salt, Cinders, Tar/Chip road projects and general items as budgeted)		
	Estimated Balance	\$27,353.00

Supervisor Sterner noted this will have to carry us until April of 2011 when our Liquid fuel funding comes from the state. Supervisor DePiano made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report; it was seconded by Supervisor Ewald. There being no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Wieand explained the CPA was in last week and all financials were in order. The YTD reports along with line items adjustments will be ready for the board to review at the October meeting.

Treasurer Wieand presented the bills in the amount of \$37,839.44, Supervisor DePiano made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,839.44. Supervisor Ewald seconded the motion, there being no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The property owned by Mr. Waltermeyer, Long Pond Road, PIN #20633300368956, was inspected by William Burton, Building Codes Officer from Bureau Veritas and Zoning Officer Dot Trauger on Friday September 3, 2010. A report and recommendations will follow next week when Dot is back from vacation.

New Business:

Supervisor DePiano reviewed the information he had about representation for a solicitor concerning union negotiations. After speaking with Solicitor Lyons and his recommendation to utilize a firm that handles this on a regular basis, he recommended CDBP & M, a firm from Pittsburgh who Regional Police has and is very comfortable with. He also explained that if we become a member of the Pennsylvania Employee Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS), the Township would be charged at a reduced rate. Supervisor Sterner made a motion to appoint Gretchen Love, of Campbell,

Durrant, Beatty, Palombo, & Miller, P.C., as solicitor to represent the Township for union negotiations and to join the PELRAS if the fee does not exceed \$500. Seconded by Supervisor Ewald, after comments and questions were heard the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Ewald reviewed the need for a cleaning service with the recent retirement of Bruce Yerk. After having secretary Wieand review cleaning requirements with everyone interested, written quotes were accepted. The board would like to contract with a company who carries their own insurance and will bill the Township monthly for services performed on an hourly rate. Supervisor Ewald made a motion to appoint Landscape Plus, Cleaning, minor repairs and renovation for the job, supervisor Sterner seconded the motion. Comments and questions were heard and Supervisor Ewald noted two (2) companies and two (2) individuals applied for the job. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Perch, President of the Pocono Mountain West Little League requested the ball fields be upgraded as follows: the upper ball field be returned to a slow pitch softball field as is was in the past, if they get the grass out now before spring it will be in better condition for the start of next season. The slow pitch softball field can also be used for 5 & 6 year old T-ball players. They have only been able to utilize the lower field here for the past two years and are short on fields. The board will look into this and Supervisor Ewald will direct the DPW department as to what is being removed as far as grass from the upper field before winter.

Pending:

Reports:

Joe Warriner Regional Police Report: None

William Byron, EMA: Meeting scheduled to review our current program and meeting with EMA volunteers to be scheduled.

Pat Kager, no report she wasn't present.

Maria Wieand, TCC EIT meeting scheduled for September 9 to vote for MC TCC.

Comments and questions were heard from the following: Mike Gillen, Bill Byron, and Jim Davenport. Items covered where MMC Violations, signs removed by Zoning officer with follow-up, and newsletter recommendations

to include Homestead Act and Tax assistance to residents. Supervisor Sterner commented on the PPL meeting attended for the new line. Secretary Wieand reminded the Board and the Public that the meeting cancelled tonight for the bridge review is rescheduled for October 13th, held by Ceco Associates. They will be reviewing the intended work on the bridge and after the meeting will present it to the board at our regular meeting.

Supervisor DePiano made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Ewald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved: 10/13/10 MSW

Maria S. Wieand
Secretary/Treasurer