

September 4, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on September 4, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the minutes were approved as read.

John Bartron stated that at the last meeting a request was made to make a contribution to the Wayne County Public Library in memory of Supervisor Jack McDonald. John said that this request was made by people who chastised and criticized Supervisor McDonald over the past couple of years. Jack never had any contact with the library and that they are using his death to get what they want for their charity. John stated that if the supervisors go along with this they will be exploiting Supervisor McDonald's death. All the supervisors were also criticized by the same people who are asking for the donation and they are starting the same criticism all over again.

Carol Santos asked the supervisors were going to discuss the donation again? They stated that they were but Carol could comment on it at this time. Carol stated that with the way the economy is she is not big on donations. Carol stated that grants are also taxpayer's money and she disagrees with the contribution to the library. She stated that donations should not be started and that the resident's tax money should be kept within the township.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that a Zoning Hearing Board has been scheduled for Sept. 11, 2012 for Advanced Auto's new store for placing a larger than allowed sign on their new building. Received a telephone call from the Seelyville Fire Chief about illegal burning. Steve sent him a copy of the ordinance and will meet with him at a future date to discuss. Closed garbage violations case on Fords Road, Went to court for sign violations on Rt. 6, They have resolved some of the items, however not all of the signs have been removed. Steve called Children and Youth to see if he should contact them when he condemns a property when children are involved and they stated that they would prefer a phone call but it is not a requirement. A permit was given of the Advanced Auto Store and also for Tick Tocks restaurant with conditions which have been met. A CO was also issued for a Day Care on Rt. 6. The court case on Mill Street has been postponed for 30 days to allow the owner to get it cleaned up. Steve stated that has not checked on the driveways on Elizabeth Street to see if they have been repaired. Supervisors Southerton asked why we asked for a contingent and Steve stated that they were going to comply and take the signs down. They have also agreed to pay the court costs.

The following correspondence was received:

A copy of the Texas Township Planning Commission minutes were received from their meeting held on August 21, 2012.

Received a notice that the annual Wayne County Association of Township Officials will be held on October 10, 2012 at Lukans Farm Resort beginning at 8:30 A.M.

Received a letter from the Wayne Conservation District regarding the EKG Partnership for their proposed fill site on Route 191. They have applied for an NPDES permit for the site and the was found acceptable and has been assigned a permit number.

Received a copy of a letter from Engineer Steve Knash with his review and comments on the proposed fill site on Rt. 191.

Received a copy of a letter from the Wayne County Dept. of Planning for the Leonard and Patricia Bates sub-division. There were three comments that will be addressed by the townships planning commission.

Received a copy of the Liquid Fuels Audit Report for the two years ended December 31, 2010.

Received a copy of the annual inspection report from DEP for the flood protection project in White Mills. The report stated that the project was found acceptable and stated that by this rating it is an indicator of the townships commitment to the monitoring, operation, maintenance and repair of the project.

The road masters reported that they have cut down a cherry tree by Lollipop Pond and that the repair work on Old State Road has been completed. The project did not take the amount of material as estimated and the actual bill was less than the quote received for the work. They have fixed the hole on Church Street and put cold patch on Erie St. and have also fixed the washout by the guiderails.

Supervisor Southerton stated that he like what Carol said and stated that the township should not make any donations until the projects are completed within the township. He stated that he would like to do something in memory of Supervisor McDonald. A motion was then made by Supervisor Southerton and seconded by Supervisor Wickle not to make any donations outside of the township. Supervisor Southerton also stated that he had talked to the Wayne Conservation District about the Modern Gas issue and was told until DEP approves the plan nothing can be done by either Modern Gas or the township.

Supervisor Doney stated that they had plans for putting an addition on the township building but they have decided not to go ahead with the project this year. Also no road projects have been done this year. Supervisor Doney stated that they will be criticized this year at budget time for having money in the bank but this is due to the above stated reasons. Supervisor Doney instructed the secretary to set up a meeting with township Engineer Steve Knash to see what can be done with the bridge on Old Willow

Avenue. Some repairs may still have to be made until a decision is reached as to how to approach the problems with the bridge.

John Bartron stated that he had to go to Wall mart this past weekend and saw volunteers from the White Mills Fire Company collecting money. John stated that the volunteers work hard for their money and if any extra money was found to keep the fire companies in mind. John stated that at the last planning commission meeting his wife took the minutes of the meeting and the planning commission recommended to the supervisors to appoint Mrs. Bartron to provide secretarial support at the planning commission meetings. Mrs. Barton would volunteer her time so there would be no expense to the township

Carol Santos asked about the meeting that was held at the Wayne Conservation District concerning E & S plans. Carol stated that would have attended the meeting if she was aware of it. Supervisor Southerton who attended the meeting that the meeting notices was read at the last meeting. Carol stated that she has lived on Lakeside Drive for 47 years and would like to request a meeting with the supervisors to review the traffic on the roadway from Tick Tocks to the School. Carol stated that only buses that picked up children on the road would be allowed to use the roadway. She stated that there are no several buses that use the roadway to avoid the traffic on the other street. She stated that the 1000 feet of roadway that is owned by Cherry Ridge is very narrow and that cars park up on the roadway and makes it only possible for one lane traffic. All the busses are supposed to use the new roadway that was widened and completed by the school district. The supervisors will send a letter to the school district advising them of their concerns and tell them that the only buses allowed on Lakeside Drive is for picking up children in that area.

Supervisor Southerton stated that he had received as estimate for sealing the blacktop for \$ 940.00.

The secretary then reported the following cash balances as of August 31, 2012: General Fund ( Checking) \$ 71,862.69; General Fund (Savings) \$ 61,350.84; Liquid Fuels Fund \$ 113,937.56; Fire Tax Account \$ 18,451.93; Escrow Accounts; \$ 33,665.65; \$ 30,347.95 and \$ 26,052.65.

The secretary then presented outstanding invoices for the period and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the bills were ordered paid.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

## INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
William Carson	\$ 100.00	Sewer Permit
Leonard Bates	300.00	“ “
Anthony Diehl	100.00	“ “
Ginger Golden	3,307.50	Transfer Tax
Ginger Golden	4,307.10	“ “
William Hansen	20.00	Local Services Tax
Ellen Memorial	40.00	“ “
Dunkin Donuts	80.00	“ “
Tick Tocks	30.00	“ “
Family Eye Care	20.00	“ “
Bunnell Waste	10.00	“ “
Seamans Marine	10.00	“ “
Tobacco Road	4.00	“ “
Rusty Palmer	30.00	“ “
Lil Sprouts	535.00	Zoning Permit
Westlake Development	9,531.26	Building Permit
Advance Auto		
North American Signs	324.00	Zoning Permit
Georgette Pascotto	154.00	Building Permit
Mike Flederbach	585.12	“ “
Stephanie Joseph	112.50	Fine
Julie Kinzinger	230.25	Building Permit
Daniel Bates	104.00	Occupancy Permit
The Alpine	454.00	Zoning Permit
James Robbins	104.00	Occupancy Permit
North American Signs	1,000.00	Conditional Use
C & M Sales	484.00	Building Permit
Landplan Engineering	2,100.00	Zoning Permit
Rutherford Surveying	50.00	Sub-Division Fee
District Court	206.92	Fines
Comm of PA	800.00	Liquor License
Tanya Gibbons	447.69	Taxes Collected
Wayne Bank	10.42	Interest
Liquid Fuels		
Wayne Bank	19.35	Interest
Fire Tax Account		
Tanya Gibbons	1,141.99	Fire Tax

## Escrow Accounts

The Dime Bank	6.27	Interest
The Dime Bank	5.65	Interest
The Dime Bank	4.86	Interest

## DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
Bill Hansen	14104	\$ 30.00	Meeting
John Torrick	14105	30.00	"
John Bartron	14106	30.00	"
Wayne Independent	14107	29.62	Advertising
Void	14108	Void	
Pa Rt. 6 Alliance	14109	333.34	Dues
UGI/PNG	14110	44.11	Utility
Quality Printing	14111	115.06	"
Stephen Knash	14112	400.00	Engineering
Cindy Furman	14113	10.00	Meeting
Lorraine Gallick	14114	10.00	"
Sandy Kowalczyk	14115	10.00	"
PP&L	14116	110.71	Utility
Aqua PA	14117	368.91	"
Blue Ridge Communications	14118	49.95	"
Don Doney	14119	5.30	Supplies
John Klinkiewicz	14120	3,715.00	Road Repairs
Robert Coons	14121	50.00	Lawn Mowing
Richard Henry	14122	187.50	Legal Fees
Steve Ostrander	14123	1,173.88	Payroll
Don Doney	14124	167.55	"
Don Doney	14125	78.79	Meeting
Allan Wickle	14126	32.04	Payroll
Allan Wickle	14127	99.79	Meeting
Rick Southerton	14128	226.23	Payroll
Rick Southerton	14129	127.79	Meeting
Rick Southerton	14130	50.00	Workshop
PP&L	14131	432.47	Utility
Tanya Gibbons	14132	20.93	Commission
Joseph Cavanaugh	14133	7.65	Refund
Chris Martin	14134	385.70	Commission

September 17, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on September 17, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Richard Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the minutes were approved as read.

The supervisors then discussed the status of the bridge on Old Willow Avenue. Supervisor Southerton has reviewed the inspection report that was conducted by Cecco Associates and has contacted Dave Osborne to attend the supervisors meeting to discuss the options that the supervisors have concerning the bridge. Mr. Osborne stated that the far abutments are scoured at least 19 inches. Both parapets are significantly deficient and the deck is deteriorating. The parapets are in danger of falling off of the bridge. Mr. Osborne stated that there is no way to structurally repair the bridge. He stated that it is posted for three tons and that it was built in the 1920's and no drawings are available for the structure. Mr. Osborne stated that the township has addressed the issues that were listed in the report. The missing signs were posted and they have seven months to plan the repairs. Mr. Osborne recommended that a temporary barrier be placed on the top of the bridge to help protect the parapets. They looked at guide rails but the concrete barrier would be a better solution. The scour can be monitored and rip rap could be used to protect it until the bridge can be replaced. Mr. Osborne stated that some of the work could require a permit from DEP. The replacement of the structure could have some historical significance due to its location. Mr. Osborne stated that if federal or state funds were used to replace the bridge he estimated the cost to be around \$ 450,000 to \$500,000, dollars. If only township funds were used it would probably cost half of the above cost. A permit would be needed from DEP but an emergency permit could be issued and then apply for a general permit. Mr. Osborne stated that possibly a permit could be obtained from DEP for box culvert. If the barriers were placed on top of the bridge it would be reduced to a one lane bridge and would be posted for the same. Mr. Osborne stated that one reason for the 3 ton weight limit is to keep the big trucks off the bridge and to help maintain its integrity. Mr. Osborne stated that he will get a sketch for the supervisors for the placement of the barriers on the bridge. Georgette asked Mr. Osborne if the township can legally close the bridge and if something did happen would the township be liable. Mr. Osborne stated that the criteria that have been established and the township have met the requirements. He does not recommend that they bridge be closed. Supervisor Southerton stated that Engineer Steve Knash said that they could close the bridge. Mr. Osborne stated that he felt that it is not at that level.

Bill Spry told the supervisors that the weight limit sign by Lillipop Pond need to be straightened out because it is leaning out onto the roadway. The supervisors stated that they would take care of it.

Bob Gray asked about the status of sewer system for White Mills and the secretary stated that it has been sent to DEP for their review which will take about a year for their comments and approval.

John Bartron stated that at the last meeting it was stated that a donation be made in memory of Jack McDonald. John stated that after hearing the conversation about the bridge he recommended that the bridge to dedicated to the memory of Jack.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he had issued a Stop Work Order at Seaman's Marine and has cited then for failure to obtain the necessary permits. Garbage has been cleaned up on Canal Street. Steve contacted Steve Knash regarding Advanced Auto about moving a line two feet but Advanced Auto never followed up on it. Cited EPSCO for failure to obtain a permit for its damaged building. Steve has photographed G's Plaza for violations that are still continuing which is in the court system. Condemned a house on Bridge Street which the sign was removed but look like no one is living there. Has sent a letter to Superintendent Greg Frigeletto about the school traffic and he then called Steve and said that it would be taken care of. Met with Jenny Young about the Mill Street property and they are going to board up the building to keep the kids out. They stated that they are having real problem with the kids breaking in and causing problems. They are keeping the brush as a buffer to the property and the road. Steve has attended the Variance Hearing for Advanced Auto and also attended the work shop for the planning Commission. Steve was called to investigate an illegal burn on Laurel Hill Drive. Steve asked to look at the burning and was given permission by Jeff Deihl which he took photos told him to put the fire out because it was too close to the house. At this point Steve stated that he started to scream at him and told him to leave the property. Steve stated that he left the property and notified the State Police. Steve also investigated the trash on Bucks Cove Road and found names in the trash and sent violations to the proper people.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from Honesdale EMS stating that they are ceasing operations immediately and will sell certain assets to Wayne Ambulance assuring continuous emergency care.

A letter was received from Richard Henry with a copy of the decision of the Texas Township Zoning Hearing Board in regard to Advanced Auto Variance Application for a Sign Variance. The application was approve and granted contingent with the scope, terms and conditions of the plans submitted.

The road masters reported that some cinders will be needed to top off the pile from last year. Supervisors Southerton and Wickle stated that they will get together and discuss the plowing routes for the upcoming winter season.

At the last meeting it was stated that the township planning commission recommended to the supervisors to appoint Maureen Bartron to serve as secretary to the townships planning commission. A motion was then made by Supervisor Southerton and seconded by Supervisor Wickle to appoint Mrs. Bartron as secretary to the planning commission. This will be a nonpaying position as Mrs. Bartron has volunteered her services.

The supervisors stated that they will hold off on sealing the parking lot until next year.

Carol Santos stated that last week she met the mailman as she was coming out towards Tick Tocks and school bus was coming thru at the same time and both she and the mailman has to move off the road in order for the school bus to pass. Carol suggested that Speed limit signs be posted and possibly make the roadway one way. Carol stated that the most dangerous places are around the two curves in the roadway and speed is worst on the Cherry Ridge part of the roadway. Engineer Steve Knash said that the supervisors could just make a motion to post Speed limit signs on the roadway. The supervisors stated that they will talk more about the problem before a decision is made as to how and handle the problem.

John Bartron suggested that the supervisor could consider dedicating the township building in honor of Supervisor McDonald. John also suggested that speed bumps be installed to control the speed on Lakeside Drive. Signs are not going to stop the speeding. Supervisor Southerton asked about the possibility of asking Honesdale Boro police patrol the speeding on Lakeside Drive. He will ask the boro if they would be interested.

The secretary then presented outstanding invoices for the period and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the bills were ordered paid.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

## INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
William Carson	\$ 100.00	Sewer Permit
Lenny Bates	300.00	“ “
Andy Diehl	100.00	“ “
Ginger Golden	3,307.50	Transfer Tax
Ginger Golden	4,307.10	“ “
Wm. Hansen	20.00	Local Services Tax
Ellen Memorial	40.00	“ “
Dunkin Donuts	80.00	“ “
Tick Tocks	30.00	“ “
Family Eye	20.00	“ “
Bunnell Waste	10.00	“ “
Seamans Marine	10.00	“ “
Tobacco Road	4.00	“ “
Rusty Palmer	30.00	“ “

## DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
AT&T	14135	\$ 147.75	Telephone
Lehigh Hanson	14136	242.55	Material
Cellular One	14137	87.33	Telephone
Wayne Independent	14138	127.58	Advertising
Dick Palmer & Sons	14139	297.63	Truck Repair
Chamber Choice of NE PA	14140	23.02	Insurance
PP&L	14141	57.95	Utility
Wayne Highlands School	14142	1,926.50	Insurance
Highhouse Oil	14143	65.13	Gas
Mary Plevyak	14144	100.00	Court Reporter
PP&L	14145	18.91	Utility
Void	14146	Void	

October 1, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on October 1, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Doney the minutes were approved as read.

Tom Shepstone was present representing Rusty Palmer to comment on the proposed sign regulations. He stated that Texas Township does not need thirty-one pages of sign regulations. Tom stated that this is similar to ones he has seen in other areas and he has been hired to reduce the size of the regulations. We have a unique situation in that we have two sport utility dealers located within the township. At this time Rusty showed those in attendance a super imposed picture of what the signage would look like that he requesting to place on his building. Everyone that they have showed this to have stated that it looks good. The total area of the signage that is depicted in the picture is 1296 Square feet or 11.3% of the facade. Both of the businesses have the same situation where they have multiple franchises in order to survive. They are asking the supervisors to adopt an ordinance to allow Rusty to be able to place the signage on his building. They had given the township a proposed ordinance to review that would allow the placement of the signs. The proposed ordinance would allow only 300 square feet of signage on the building. Mr. Shepstone urged the supervisors to reject the proposed thirty-one page ordinance and adopt the one that they had suggested. In the proposed ordinance it even regulates ATM signs and the flying of Commercial flags within the township. The proposed ordinance is over the top and should be rejected. They suggested going back and incorporating their ordinance as they had proposed earlier in the year.

John Bartron stated that Rusty is paying Mr. Shepstone to represent him and that The ordinance that they are asking to be approved was to satisfy Rust's requirements. Members of the Texas Township Planning Commission have agreed to the proposed sign ordinance. John stated that they have the same ordinance in Monroe and Wyoming counties. John stated that they have not added anything from the old ordinance but have tried to clarify the items that were in the old ordinance.

Clyde Kreider stated that he supports Mr. Shepstone on rejecting the proposed ordinance. Mr. Kreider stated that he was on the original Zoning Board and that the purpose of Zoning was for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the township. He stated that with the proposed ordinance it handcuffs the businesses located within the township. You would need an attorney to read it and understand it. The township should be encouraging industry and business to flourish and not to handcuff them. Rusty stated that Mr. Kreider is one of the originators of the Habitat for Humanity program.

Steve Motichka asked the supervisors if they had contacted any of the businesses within the township to see what they would like in the ordinance. The supervisors stated that there was an advertised public hearing concerning the proposed ordinance to receive any comments on the ordinance. Steve also stated that they proposed ordinance is way too much.

Bob McGraw from Linde Corporation stated that they own the lot at Rt. 6 and 652 and if developed they will need signage to show people what businesses are located there.

Planning commission member John Torrick asked that if they leave this happened what will happen to the other businesses located in the township.

Dr. Michael Rogers stated that they are not trying to turn the township into a Vegas strip but are asking for reasonable regulations. He stated that he felt shafted because he was not contacted about the proposed ordinance. He stated that the ordinance must work for everyone and feel handcuffed with his business by the proposed ordinance.

Judy Rubin stated that you have to be careful how you put regulations into effect. In the current economic times businesses need help in advertising and promoting their business. Judy also stated that she would like to see the integrity of the area maintained and work out a compromise with the ordinance. She suggested a committee be appointed to help the supervisors with the ordinance.

Maureen Bartron stated that the people here tonight have a lot of feelings about the proposed ordinance. She stated that for the supervisors to come to all the businesses would be impossible. All the township meetings are open to the public along with the public hearing that was held. Some of you here tonight just got a copy of the ordinance tonight and you are criticizing it without reading it or knowing what is in the proposed ordinance.

Jack Gumper stated that the area is zoned Commercial and businesses need the appropriate signage to keep them here.

Bill Spry stated that all the signs that Rusty want to put on his building him already has on his big sign out front. Bill stated that the building does even have Rust's name on it. More signs are not going to bring in more business.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he had an audit conducted by Labor & Industry and those they looked at three buildings that were issued CO's to for the last year. They found some issues but they are being corrected. After reviewing Advanced Auto construction project Steve found that they were not following the approved plans for the building and told them they needed to follow the plans or they will not receive a CO for the building. Was told that PennDot was exempt from township permits. Has spent some time with the planning commission on updating the current Zoning

Ordinance. Have met with several people including attorneys for complaints that have been filed and are continuing with court proceedings.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from the Wayne Conservation District stating that the EKG Partnership application for an NPDES permit was found not adequate to meet the requirements of Pa Title 25 Chapter 102 regulations. There were ten items that need to be corrected and then resubmitted for approval.

Received a letter from the Wayne County Board of Elections asking for permission to use the township building for the General Election which will be held on November 6, 2012.

Road masters reported that they have worked on the roads and have cut some limbs where needed. They have also fixed the sign by Lollipop Pond, and cleaned out the pipe on Lock Street.

Bob Richards stated that his neighbor has been burning all hours of the night. Two weeks ago he had a fire burning and Bob had to close his windows because the smoke and smell were so bad. Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander stated that he has been up there several times but has not been able to catch him when the burning is going on. He will continue to monitor the situation. Bob stated that he does it after it rains and the smoke is real bad then.

The supervisors then reviewed the sub-division for Leonard and Patricia Bates on Shady Lane. They are sub-dividing one lot into two separate lots. The supervisors stated that everything was in order and approved of the sub-division.

Supervisor Wickle asked if it was possible to set up a meeting with the businesses in the township to further discuss the proposed sign ordinance.

Bob Suhosky stated that under the proposed ordinance signs would be limited to 300 feet for buildings. He stated that this area is considered the commercial hub of Wayne County and businesses need the proper signage to advertise their business. Bob stated that the US Constitution only has 45 pages and the proposed sign ordinance has 31 pages. Bob asked the supervisors if this was really needed and felt that it was overkill.

Gordie Potratz stated that he would like to thank the supervisors for their service and he also felt that the proposed ordinance is overkill and is too prohibitive for businesses.

Clyde Kreider stated that he has read the comments from the Wayne County Planning Commission and they stated that 31 pages are too much. Mr. Kreider asked the supervisors to meet with the businesses to discuss the proposed ordinance. Steve Ostrander stated that in the process of reviewing the Zoning Ordinance they are finding

that some of the definitions are not there. If they are not defined they are not enforceable. Steve stated that it takes seven pages to define an adult store. In certain cases it is hard to determine what is allowed or not. All they are trying to do is to protect the residents of the township. The planning commission has put hours into the proposed ordinance. They have also scheduled more workshops to review the Zoning Ordinance.

Tom Shepstone stated that this is not Monroe County and this is the commercial hub of Wayne County. Tom stated that you cannot tell me that Rusty does not need these signs. Tom stated that he has taken a similar ordinance of 31 pages and condensed it into 8 pages. He urged the supervisors to look at the ordinance that himself and Mike has proposed for the township. He stated that he will work with the township towards getting a better ordinance at no cost to the township.

Bob Suhosky stated that you should be able to put up a sign to advertise your business.

John Bartron stated that it was brought up that people working on this are small minded. John said that they are talking about the townships planning commission and a professional planner. John stated go down and look in the area of Rt 196 to 940 and see the growth in that area. They make Taxes Township tiny and we are in the middle. John said that a comment was made that it should be shortened and they did not even read the proposed ordinance. John asked where the people were when the public hearing was held for the proposed ordinance. John asked if they should have written the ordinance to meet Rust's needs. Supervisor Wickle stated that there is both good and bad points about the proposed ordinance. All of the fast food chain signs are only five feet high. John asked Supervisor Wickle to write down the good and bad points in the ordinance and they can discuss them at the workshop tomorrow. John stated that Pocono Township had the foresight to adopt this ordinance. John stated that the supervisors are either going to cave on the proposed ordinance or make Texas Township an upscale community.

Rusty stated that the meeting was advertised and not many people saw it. He suggested advertising on a bigger sign because signage makes a big difference.

Tom Shepstone stated that what John was referring to is Paradise Township and he is working with them to correct the ordinance.

Mr. Thomas stated the last three vehicles he bought he found by searching the internet. He suggested that by going on the internet you can find what you are looking for and they will point you to the nearest dealers in your area, which you do need a sign for.

Wade Seaman stated that he does not understand how someone can paint their house any color but there are regulations for putting signs on a building.

The secretary reported the following cash balances as of September 30, 2012: General Fund (Checking) \$ 103,997.06; General Fund (Savings) \$ 61,360.25; Liquid Fuels \$ 113,955.04; Fire Tax Account \$ 18,519.40; Escrow Accounts \$ 33,670.63; 30,352.44 and \$ 26,056.50.

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Secretary,

John Haggarty

FROM	INCOME AMOUNT	REASON
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Rusty Palmer	10.00	“ “
Pizzas Hut	80.00	“ “
DGK Insurance	426.00	Refund
North American Signs	399.00	Zoning Permit
Georgette Pascotto	2.25	Copies
Seamans Marine	150.00	Zoning Permit
Barbara Blockberger	199.00	“ “
North American Signs	429.00	“ “
Haviland Builders	364.00	Building Permit
Robert Green	112.50	Zoning Permit
District Court	220.72	Fines
Wayne Bank	9.41	Interest
Liquid Fuels		
Wayne Bank	17.48	Interest
Fire Tax Account		
Tanya Gibbons	67.47	Fire Tax
Escrow Accounts		
The Dime Bank	4.98	Interest
The Dime Bank	4.49	Interest
The Dime Bank	3.85	Interest

DISBURSEMENTS			
TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
EMC Insurance Co.	14147	\$ 154.00	Insurance
UGI/PNG	14148	43.38	Utility
DCED	14149	52.00	UCC Filing
John Bartron	14150	120.00	Meetings
Robert Roe	14151	90.00	“
John Torrick	14152	90.00	“
Bill Hansen	14153	90.00	“
Steve Ostrander	14154	55.92	Supplies
Community Planning	14155	867.60	Professional Fees
Steve Ostrander	14156	1,511.80	Payroll
Texas Twosp. Firemans Relief	14157	19,517.38	Foreign Fire Tax
PP&L	14158	138.87	Utility
Richard Henry	14159	600.00	Legal Fees
PSATS CDL Program	14160	60.00	Testing Fee
Blue Ridge Cable	14161	49.95	Utility
Don Doney	14162	19.96	Supplies
Jerry Piercey	14163	45.00	Repairs
Don Doney	14164	234.58	Payroll
Don Doney	14165	78.80	Meeting
Allan Wickle	14166	202.92	Payroll
Allan Wickle	14167	99.80	Meeting
Rick Southerton	14168	285.96	Payroll
Rick Southerton	14169	127.80	Meeting
PA UC Fund	14170	6.68	Payroll Taxes
PSATS UC Group Trust	14171	194.49	“ “
Internal Revenue Service	Debit Memo	1,537.69	Payroll Deposit

October 15, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on October 15, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Doney the minutes were approved as read.

Clyde Kreider stated that he feels that the proposed sign ordinance is too long and asked the supervisors to vote it down and make one more industry friendly.

Tom Shepstone stated that he has prepared a shortened version which incorporates some of Carson Helfrichs ideas into the new plan.

Sally Talaga stated that she has lived in the township for 31 years and owns two properties and also owns parcels in White Mills. She stated that she feels the ordinance is to cumbersome and should be edited. Sally also stated that they should take into consideration if larger means better. She stated that the state of Vermont has very strict signage regulations. She also asked where the proof is that bigger is better. Sally stated that she knows exactly what is in Rustys know.

John Bartron read a letter from the Texas Township planning commission urging the supervisors to adopt the ordinance as presented. Mr. Bartron stated that they have put a lot of time into developing this ordinance and had professional help in writing the ordinance. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he had a meeting with Solicitor Krause, Grace Anderson and her attorney over the sign violations. Nothing has been settled yet. Followed up on a complaint about mud on Shady Lane and forwarded the complaint to the Conservation District and found that the property owner was in violation. The Mill Street complaint has been resolved and the garbage has been cleaned up on Bucks Cove Road. Checked a Willow Avenue residence about horses and they are in compliance and have issued a permit for an addition.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from the Wayne County Solid Waste Department for a "Citizens Appreciation Day" which will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 A. M. until 2:00 P.M.

Received a letter from the Wayne Conservation District concerning the National Flood Insurance program. They are asking the townships to send in their draft ordinances

for their review by the end of November 2012. The deadline for final adoption for Wayne County is May 16, 2013.

Received a letter from Damascus Township inviting anyone to attend the mandated training for CDL drivers. Damascus Township will hold the training if they can get at least 20 people to attend.

The roadmasters reported that they had attended the Wayne County Township officials Convention which was held at Lukans Farm Resort. They also noted that the headwall needs to be fixed on Locust Street. A large rock has fallen into the ditch. They have also received a quote from John Klinkewicz for the repairs on the flood control project in White Mills. The cost to parge the area would cost \$ 1,775.00. The cost to repair the abutment in the bridge would cost \$ 12,000.00 and to put rip rap around the abutment would be \$ 2,800.00. The supervisors stated that they will be able to make the repairs themselves. They would not need a permit to do the necessary repairs. Supervisor Southerton stated that he had checked on speed bumps and the liability is the issue if they were installed. Carol Santos suggested that signs be posted for 25 MPH. Supervisor Southerton also stated that he had checked with the Honesdale Boro Police Dept. about patrolling that area and they would need permission from the Boro Council. Supervisor Southerton stated that after the last meeting that everyone agreed to table the proposed ordinance and meet with the business owners. Rick stated that he feels that we need more input from the business community before a decision is made. At this time Supervisor Southerton made a motion to not adopt the proposed ordinance as prepared. Supervisor Doney seconded the motion and Supervisor Wickle voted in agreement with the motion. Supervisor Wickle stated that the supervisors should meet with the business owners and discuss the ordinance with them.

Linda Suhosky who is a member of the Lake Cadjaw Watershed Association was in attendance to update the supervisors of the status of the lake. Linda stated that the dam has been there for over 200 years and there was never a permit issued for the dam. They have spent \$ 25,000.00 so far and still do not have a permit. They have put up a 470,000.00 bond in case the dam is breached. If the dam is not repaired by 2016 the dam will have to be breached. They have applied for grant funds this year to help pay for the cost of the repairs. They have done a lot for the community and never asked for a money. The lake is a public lake and not private. They have formed a 501 c 3 and they have plans to raise the level of the lake a foot a year. Linda stated that they have a lot of support from all the state and county officials.

Planning commission member John Torrick stated that he felt somewhat slighted that he was not invited to Rusty's wine and dine. John stated that the supervisors will give Rusty what he wants. John stated that Rusty is not in conformance with some things know. Supervisor Southerton stated that they got invited as a group to go to Rusty's to talk about his concerns. Supervisor Doney stated that there was no wining and dining going on. Supervisor Doney stated that he felt that it was not right and feels that the supervisors owe the business community a right to be heard.

Bob Roe Chairman of the planning commission stated that he agrees with members John Bartron and John Torrick on the ordinance issue.

John Bartron then read a letter from the planning commission members stating that effective immediately they are resigning from the Texas Township Planning Commission. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

Mike Wood stated that an earlier comment was made that they have been working together and had worked out a draft to streamline this ordinance and use this as a starting point that would work for Texas Township. Mike stated that 14 years ago the 300 feet would have worked and he noted that there are several businesses that have exceeded the 96 feet of signage for their business. Something needs to be fixed or updated and Mike volunteered to help with the proposed ordinance. If the supervisors were interested they would be willing to help with and work with the township to update the ordinance. Tom Shepstone stated that this is only a starting point and the county will also have to review any proposed ordinance.

Bob Suhosky applauded the decision tonight that the supervisors made. Bob stated that this is the commercial hub of the county and businesses need to advertise their products.

Sally Talaga stated that bigger signs are not better. Sally stated that the reason they moved here was for the beauty and she has seen the beauty decrease in Texas Township. With more signs you will be creating another New York and New Jersey with all the signs. Sally asked where is the Comprehensive Plan that stated a decrease in signage was in the plan. Sally understands the business needs but stated they are not taking the residents concerns into consideration. If you are not going to use the plan then why was all the time spent on the plan.

Carol Santos stated that when you build a building it is built to the products that you are going to sell. It is the business people that hire people and pay the wages and the businesses bring a lot of money into the area.

Bill Spry stated that Rusty has a billboard and his name is not on the sign. His previous building burnt down and he still has signs advertising at Tri State Sports.

Kelly Waters asked when the meeting will be held with the business people and Jolene stated that it will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:00 at Rusty's.

The supervisors will discuss the ordinance at a workshop at 10:00 AM. At the township building. Clyde Kreider stated that he will attend the workshop.

The secretary then presented outstanding invoices for the period and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the bills were ordered paid.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Doney and seconded by Supervisor Wickle.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
Tanya Gibbons	\$ 612.84	Taxes Collected
Ginger Golden	386.77	Transfer Tax
Eastern Shelter All	20.00	Rent
Treas. Of Wayne County	1,154.00	Deliq Taxes
Treas. Of Wayne County	497.19	“ “
Comm of Pa	260.23	PURTA Tax
Tick Tocks	10.00	Local Services Tax
Wayne Highlands	20.00	“ “
Ellen Memorial	20.00	“ “
Penn Pay	20.00	“ “
Honesdale Golf Club	40.00	“ “
HNB	10.00	“ “
EPSCO	9.80	“ “
Invest	14.00	“ “

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
DGK Insurance	14172	\$ 6,063.24	Insurance
Highhouse Oil	14173	141.00	Gas
Dick Palmer & Sons	14174	2,099.09	Truck Repair
Aqua PA	14175	369.80	Utility
Home Depot	14176	103.88	Supplies
Bob Bates	14177	3,326.89	Commission
Wayne Independent	14178	49.76	Advertising
Tanya Gibbons	14179	28.88	Commission
AT&T	14180	147.14	Telephone
Chamber Choice of NE PA	14181	23.02	Insurance
Wayne Highlands School	14182	1,926.50	"
Don Doney	14183	59.40	Convention
Tanya Gibbons	14184	55.00	"
Sandy Kowalczyk	14185	51.00	"
John Haggarty	14186	54.90	"
Allan Wickle	14187	61.90	"
Geo. W. Kinsman Inc.	14188	83.14	Truck Repair
DCED	14189	64.00	UCC Fees
John Torrick	14190	60.00	Meeting
John Bartron	14191	60.00	"
Bill Hansen	14192	60.00	"
Robert Roe	14193	30.00	"
Cellular One	14194	87.80	"
PP&L	14195	504.05	Utility

November 5, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on November 5, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the minutes were approved as read.

John Bartron stated that at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting there were comments made that were disturbing. A comment was made that our heads are too small for this plan and John said that it was made by Clyde Kreider. John also stated that he looked at the 196/940 intersection and see the growth there. Tom Shepstone said that it was in Paradise Township but it is in Mount Pocono. John then said at that meeting only two people had signed in to speak. You took the planning commission and held them out like a piñata and hit them with all you could and then stabbed us in the back. John then said that the supervisors then had secret meetings with Rusty about the sign ordinance. No planning members were invited to any of those meetings. Supervisor Southerton stated that there were never any secret meetings with Rusty. John asked Supervisor Doney if they were going to be at the work session the next day and Don said no that they would be attending the fall convention for the Wayne County Township Officials. John said now that Jack is gone the leadership is also gone. John stated that he asked that in attendance that night what they wanted changed and some said that they had not read the ordinance. John stated that Supervisor Doney said that we have to do what we can to help Rusty. Don stated that he said it and will talk to any businessman or resident to hear what concerns they might have. John stated that they cut the size of the ordinance down by making the print smaller. The schedule on the back you would need a magnifying glass to read it.

Supervisor Southerton stated that there was no secret meeting and they went down and Rusty explained his position to them. The planning commission wanted to meet with the business people. Supervisor Southerton stated that no decision has been made on the ordinance. Supervisor Doney made the comment at the meeting about Ms. Anderson's signage and stated that we also have to be fair to Rusty's concerns. Nothing has been decided on the ordinance and they have never met nor have discussed the new ordinance. Supervisor Doney stated that he had two calls this week and stated that it I there duty to meet with residents and hear there problems or concerns. Supervisor Wickle stated that they just wanted to talk about the issues with the proposed ordinance.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he had issued a permit for a car port and reviewed signs installed at Wal-mart to verify compliance. A letter was given to the Lake Cadjaw Assoc. stating that the township does not have Zoning to prohibit the raising of the dam. A blacktop permit was issued for Woody's and the antique store in

White Mills. Steve will not be in the office on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Permits were also issued for a house remodel and a loading dock permit.

A letter was received from the Wayne Conservation District stating that they have received a complete application for an NPDES permit for the PP&L Varden line rebuild project.

The road masters reported that there were out last Tuesday cleaning up leaves and trees that had come down from the storm. The new road signs came in for Buck Cove Road and they were installed.

Under Old Business Supervisor Doney stated about an article in the Wayne Independent that stated that the large rock pile across from Rusty's was done improperly and rules were violated. Don stated that he would like to meet with whoever stated this so they can explain what rules were violated.

The supervisors then reviewed the maps for Vernon Horst sub-division. The county had no detrimental comments on the sub-division. A motion was then made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to approve the sub-division.

Supervisor Doney stated that Joanne Perry had cleaned the township building and stated that he would like to hire her to clean the building once a month. A motion was then made by Supervisor Southerton and seconded by Supervisor Wickle to hire Joanne Perry at the rate of \$ 13.00 per hour.

Supervisor Southerton stated the township should consider buying a generator for the township building. When the power goes out it is very hard to open the large garage doors. Supervisor Southerton will get more information and present it at the next meeting.

Paul Sprague then commented that he really appreciates the jobs that the supervisors are doing. The state store has just relocated to the township and hopefully something will be going into the old Arby's building. Paul stated that there has to be a limit on the signage but the supervisors are also trying to create more jobs. The taxes are dirt cheap and the supervisors should be proud of what Texas Township has become. There has been conversation about the bridge and Paul stated that the state was going to take over the roadway and possibly the bridge. He stated that it is very hard to keep everybody happy.

Carol Santos stated that she had asked the supervisors to come out and look at some concerns that she had about the roadway and they did. Anyone who wants to talk to the supervisors should be able to. Carol stated that anything talked about outside the meeting she considers street talk. The supervisors should be able to meet and talk to anyone in the township about there problems or concerns.

Kelly Waters asked the supervisors how the storm affected the township. They stated that some trees were down but fortunately there was no major damage and only one day was needed to clean up after the storm.

John Bartron asked if there were enough leaves on the road that the plow had to be used to clean them off. John said that Paul Sprague never read the sign ordinance and that his wife was also being trashed. John stated that he wanted to apologize to Kelly Waters on behalf of the planning commission. John stated that he did not go up and slam the letter down in front of the secretary and stormed out.

The supervisors stated that the plow was used because there were so many leaves and branches down that it would have taken hours to clean up by hand. Supervisor Southerton stated that nobody has trashed his wife and none of the supervisors have ever trashed the planning commission.

The secretary then reported the following cash balances as of October 31, 2012: General Fund (Checking) \$ 66,049.65; General Fund (Savings) \$ 61,371.35; Liquid Fuels \$ 113,975.65; Fire Tax Account \$ 18,617.17 and Escrow Accounts \$ 33,676.53; \$ 30,357.77 and \$ 26,061.07.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Southerton and seconded by Supervisor Doney.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
John Bartron (Cash)	\$ 1.75	Copies
Sally Talaga	619.00	Building Permit
A + E Group	1,953.00	“ “
Woody's	332.40	Zoning Permit
Scott Gardner	104.00	Occupancy Permit
Chris Peroni	461.68	Building Permit
Jeff Southerton	651.28	“ “
Greg Spinosa	154.00	Zoning Permit
NE Firearms	148.12	“ “
District Court	396.75	Fines
Quality Business	30.00	Local Services Tax
Ginger Golden	1,695.40	Transfer Tax
Wal Mart	670.00	Local Services Tax
One Source	440.00	“ “
Rite Aid	10.00	“ “
Comm of PA	30.00	“ “
Wendy's	110.00	“ “
Highhouse Oil	40.00	“ “
Paytime	90.00	“ “
Subway	50.00	“ “
Carl Milks	10.00	“ “
Maple City	10.00	“ “
Pizza Hut	2.25	“ “
Comm of PA	20.00	“ “
Prime Med	10.00	“ “
Weis	310.00	“ “
Baer Sport	20.00	“ “
K Mart	380.00	“ “
Advance Auto	40.00	“ “
Home Depot	50.00	“ “
Radio Shack	60.00	“ “
McDonalds	40.00	“ “
Woodforest Bank	10.00	“ “
Wayne Bank	11.10	Interest
Liquid Fuels		
Wayne Bank	20.61	Interest

Fire Tax

Tanya Gibbons 97.77 Fire Tax

Escrow Accounts

The Dime Bank 5.90 Interest  
The Dime Bank 5.33 Interest  
The Dime Bank 4.57 Interest

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
Internal Revenue Service	Debit	\$ 831.32	Tax Deposit
PA Dept. of Revenue	Debit	310.75	Quarterly Tax
John Haggarty	14196	2,035.36	Commission
John Bonham	14197	526.39	Truck Supplies
Stanton Office Equip.	14198	383.90	Office Supplies
Aqua PA	14199	370.27	Utility
PP&L	14200	113.18	"
UGI/PNG	14201	59.47	"
Steve Ostrander	14202	38.90	Supplies
Pratts Decorator	14203	219.36	New Carpet
Blue Ridge Cable	14204	49.95	Utility
Joanne Perry	14205	104.00	Cleaning
Robert Coons	14206	50.00	Lawn Mowing
Home Depot	14207	137.24	Supplies
Pocono Landscape	14208	300.00	Tree Cutting
Community Planning	14209	2,952.35	Planning Services
Steve Ostrander	14210	1,359.08	Payroll
Don Doney	14211	204.78	"
Don Doney	14212	78.80	Meeting
Allan Wickle	14213	272.34	Payroll
Allan Wickle	14214	99.80	Meeting
Rick Southerton	14215	285.96	Payroll
Rick Southerton	14216	63.89	Meeting
Dirlam Bros.	14217	32.29	Supplies
Chris Martin	14218	345.10	Commission
PP&L	14219	445.07	Utility
Highhouse Oil	14220	58.70	Gas

November 19, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their-monthly meeting on November 19, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander and Solicitor Lee Krause. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read with the following corrections. Supervisor Southerton stated that no one was trashing Mrs. Bartron and that they had meetings with Rusty one at a time and the planning commission was invited. With the following corrections noted a motion was made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Doney and the minutes were approved as read.

The secretary then presented outstanding invoices for the period and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the bills were ordered paid.

John Bartron read a letter stating that the planning commission is withdrawing there resignations effective immediately and will begin there monthly meetings tomorrow night. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes. Supervisor Doney stated that the planning commission had resigned and the supervisors had accepted there resignations. Solicitor Krause stated that the resignations had been accepted and acted on by the supervisors. Unless the supervisors decide to reappoint the planning commission they cannot meet as such. Solicitor Krause stated that they do not have the authority to withdraw there resignations or assume their duties as a planning commission. Supervisor Wickle stated that they would see if they were going to proceed with a planning commission and if they did it would be done the first of the year. A motion was made to have more discussions on the future of the planning commission at the end of the year. The motion was made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton. John Bartron stated that if they wait until the first of the year John would be gone. John stated that he wanted the supervisors to show him in the minutes were the supervisors accepted there resignations. Solicitor Krause stated that being that they had resigned he did not believe official action would have to be taken to accept the resignations. Solicitor Krause stated that the minutes should be reviewed to see if the resignations were accepted. Solicitor Krause stated that if they were accepted formally he does not think that they can do this. Mr. Krause will review the information and get back to the supervisors with his opinion on the matter. John stated that if they did not act on there resignations that cannot act on them know.

Mike Wood and Tom Shepstone have met with the local business's concerning the sign ordinance. They have prepared a draft for the supervisors to review which Mike has given to each supervisor tonight. They would like to supervisors to review them and make any comments on them. They said they would be willing to have workshop if the supervisors wished to discuss the draft with them.

Georgette would like to have a copy of the draft sign requirements to post on the web site. A copy was given to Georgette as she requested. Georgette asked about the rock pile that was mentioned in the minutes and Supervisor Doney stated that there was nothing illegal about the pile. Georgette stated that Lee Krause Jr. fined them for not leaving a buffer zone. Supervisor Doney stated that there was minimal fine for leaving some trees. Georgette stated that her question is this we have two historical districts which Texas Township surrounds Honesdale and White Mills areas. The rock pile is the worst thing that could have happened and Georgette suggested that while they are updating the ordinances if they could include in the ordinance that something like the rock pile could be not allowed to happen again. Supervisor Doney stated that it was his understanding that DEP and the Soil Conservations District had complete control over that project. Georgette stated that those two agencies are in control of erosion and sediment and have not control over the township's ordinances. Supervisor Doney stated that he was not sure anything could be done. Solicitor Krause stated that there are ordinances that deal with ascetics that are in places in some areas. They are very complicated and he stated that he could get some examples of some that are in place. Milford has quite an ordinance involving Historic districts but he was not sure how involved it was as far as ascetics. Supervisor Southerton stated that what Supervisor Doney was referring to was the article in the Wayne independent that there were violations that the township did not look into and Don stated that he would like to meet with whomever to see what violations that they were referring to. Georgette stated that if you are going to control signage a rock pile is more of an issue than signage. Georgette stated that the supervisors have the power to stop this type of a rock pile from happening again. Steve stated that the he and planning commission was in the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance and this was discussed in the updates. Steve stated that the county is now reviewing the sub-divisions for the township. The updates on the Zoning ordinance have come to a standstill until the supervisors see which direction they are going with the planning commission. They are currently working on the sign ordinance and the floodplain ordinance at the present time. Steve stated that it will take time probably six months to a year to update the zoning ordinance.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he has issued a CO for the liquor store at the mall and also for the Wal-Mart remodel and signage. Steve has sent letters and an invoice to all the trailer parks as well as violations that were found during the inspections. Steve has met with Joelee to go over sign information that the business community has suggested. There was a problem with the Pylon sign at Advanced Auto and Steve is working on another location for the sign.

Road masters reported that they have done some work on the bridge by the Halfway House and the traffic signal at the end of Wall Mart Drive needs to be looked at. Supervisor Wickle stated that something has broken and the light needs to be fixed. Steve stated that he will take care of it tomorrow. Also Supervisor Wickle stated that lines on the roadway need to be painted and they were not sure who is responsible for doing this. Solicitor Krause stated that he does not remember anything in the agreement and thinks that it is the townships responsibility. If we are plowing the roadways then it

would be our responsibility. Lee stated that there is an agreement in place for the maintenance of the roadway for that area. Supervisor Doney stated that they had received a drawing for the placement of the concrete barriers on the bridge by the Halfway House. Supervisor Southerton stated that he is still waiting on information for the generator for the township building.

Carol Santos stated that she was not clear on the roadway going into Home Depot and Wal Mart. Supervisor Wickle stated that the township plows that roadway and the contractors for the Home Depot and Wal mart plow up and down from Rt. 6. Carol asked if the question was who does the line painting on Wal Mart Drive and Lee stated that was correct and they are going to look at the agreement.

John Bartron said that nobody on the planning commission was ever invited down to discuss Rusty's signage. Supervisor Southerton stated that he disagrees with John and at the work session they agreed to meet with Rusty and business community before the ordinance was adopted. John asked the supervisor being that they are behind on everything if they could meet tomorrow night or would they be locked out. Solicitor Krause stated that the supervisors have stated that they are not sure whether they are going to have a planning commission and will make that decision at the beginning of the New Year. Solicitor Krause stated that it is not a lock out and that they cannot meet tomorrow night. John stated that the planning commission has been put out and has received comments about them. John stated that two weeks ago the supervisors took criticism and all they had to do was gavel the meeting over. The only way for the planning commission to stop the critizm was to resign. Supervisor Wickle stated that they asked the planning commission to compromise on the ordinance and make some adjustments as it was presented. John stated that the supervisors have no idea how much compromising went into the ordinance. Under the proposed ordinance Rusty would have been allowed 375 sq feet of signage up from 96 sq feet and it is still not enough. John asked Supervisor Doney why he thinks he owes the businesses anything. The planning commission feels that they do not owe anybody anything. They did the best they could to try and meet all the needs of the business community. Supervisor Southerton stated that nothing has changed.

Georgette asked the supervisors for an update on the status of the bridge. Supervisor Wickle stated that they have out riprap under the bridge and will be reviewing the plans that they have received from Cecco Assoc. Supervisor Southerton stated that they have couple of options one of which was to put up Jersey barriers on the bridge. They will probably make the bridge one lane but will review the information that they received tonight and then make a decision.

Cal Teeple said that he sits on one of the township boards and has received critizsm and the sign ordinance is a very contentious thing that should be easy. Cal stated that this is not the citizens versus the businesses because business is citizens also. Businesses need to spend money to make money and they also employ citizens.

With not further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Acting Secretary

Steve Ostrander

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
Walter Stolle	\$ 175.00	Sewer Permit
Matt Bowman	300.00	“ “
Tanya Gibbons	352.96	Taxes Collected
Motion Physical Therapy	20.00	Local Services Tax
Bunnell Waste	30.00	“ “
Tick Tocks	10.00	“ “
Aarons	20.00	“ “
Pizza Hut	30.00	“ “
Ellen Memorial	30.00	“ “
Dunkin Donuts	250.00	“ “
Case Tire	10.00	“ “

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
Tanya Gibbon	14221	\$ 16.33	Commission
Middlecreek quarry	14222	372.96	Material
Chamber Choice of NEPA	14223	92.08	Insurance
PP&L	14224	127.54	Utility
AT&T	14225	147.25	Telephone
PA One Call	14226	31.02	Fee
Wayne County Chamber	14227	200.00	Dues
Frank Miller	14228	73..00	Shirts
Northeast Signal	14229	361.29	Repairs
Cellular One	14230	87.80	Telephone
Seelyville Fire Dept.	14231	3,000.00	Contribution
White Mills Fire Dept.	14232	3,000.00	“
John Haggarty	14233	948.77	Commission

Fire Tax Account

Seelyville Fire Dept.	294	\$ 9,308.59	Expenses
White Mills Fire Dept.	295	9,308.58	Expenses

December 3, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on December 3, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion by Supervisor Southerton and seconded by Supervisor Wickle the minutes were approved as read.

The secretary then presented outstanding invoices for the period and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the bills were ordered paid.

John Bartron stated that there was one thing missing in the November 5 minutes and it was that Supervisor Doney said that we have to be fair to Rusty Palmer. John stated that Supervisor Doney stated that we must do everything we can to help Rusty. The whole thing is an aversion to the sign ordinance. John asked when is Rusty going to get his Certificate of Occupancy for his building. It was pulled for violations and Rusty said that he will get it when he is ready. According to the UCC Code the building is not safe. John stated that the supervisors are so concerned about Rusty that they are leaving citizens walk in a building that is not safe. The building should have been closed when the CO was pulled. This is why the sign ordinance did not go through because they are worrying about Rusty. John stated that either he stays open without a CO or they close the building and protect the citizens in the township. Supervisor Doney stated that Rusty has a temporary CO. John stated that he does not and zoning Officer Steve Ostrander stated that he does not have a CO.

Tammy Clause attorney for Grace Anderson was present to ask the supervisors questions regarding G's Plaza. Tammy stated that the supervisors have to do what is reasonable to help the businesses located in the township. She stated that about nine months ago a grave mistake was made by the Zoning Officer concerning signage for her client. She stated that because her client does not have the proper signage she is losing business and tenants in her building. She states that the Advanced Auto signage is bigger than her clients. She had written correspondence to both the township solicitor and the township asking for a date for a scheduled Variance hearing for her signage. Her client has offered to pay the difference for the permit for the different sizes of her signs. She stated that her client went to the zoning officer for a permit for an LED sign and was told that she cannot have one. They are trying to follow all the regulations and at this point are asking the supervisors for help. Tammy stated that they are asking for two things 1, is a date for the Variance hearing and the application for an LED sign. Supervisor Doney stated that Advance Auto had a Variance hearing for their signage that they are installing. Supervisor Southerton asked when the letter was sent to the township and Tammy stated that it was sent November 15 to Lee Krause and the township. Supervisor

Southerton stated that the township had agreed to waive the fee for the hearing. Grace stated that she had stopped at the township building to get an application for the LED sign and that the Zoning Officer said that he was just leaving and she would have to come back later. Grace stated that all she wanted was the paperwork for the sign. The one she was replacing was grandfathered in. She said that because it was grandfathered in she did not need a variance for this sign. She asked Steve why the sign was not allowed and she did not get an answer. Grace stated that she has been looking for help for the last nine months and nothing has happened. She came to Steve and he stated that he does not want anything to do with it. Supervisor Southerton stated that he thought the process for the variance was moving along. The township has agreed to waive the fee for the variance and they are upset it is taking so long. Steve said that there are violations and Tammy stated that the only issue was a temporary signage and that they are not in the state right of way. Tammy stated that her client has not knowingly violated any ordinances. Supervisor Southerton stated that he will meet with Steve tomorrow to see what the issues are and try and get the variance hearing set up. Attorney Krause has been to the property and stated that the problems should be rectified. The only other means was to sue to the township and they do not want to do that. They asked how Advance Auto got the variance for their sign. Steve stated that they applied for a variance and the hearing was held and the variance was granted. Grace stated that she has lost one tenant already and is at risk of losing other ones due to the lack of signage.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he had issued a permit for Dein Nursery and one for the Village Carpet Building. A CO was issued for Smith Lane and the burned building has been cleaned up. Received a letter from the District magistrate dismissing the G's court case and the Van De Walter case. Checked on the status of the permit for Seaman's storm water and that it is still pending.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from FEMA concerning the townships final flood elevations determination. The 90 day appeal period has ended and FEMA did not receive any appeals to the proposed maps. Prior to May 16, 2013 the township must adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations to be eligible to participate in the program.

A letter was received from DEP stating that the Closure/Remediation file for the PENNDOT maintenance facility has been closed. All necessary remediation has been completed from the January 19, 1995 and March 27, 1995 releases of diesel and leaded and unleaded gasoline.

The road masters reported that they had plowed and cindered from the last snow storm. Traffic was tied up on Eire Street with school buses. They were using that route due to the construction on Terrace Street. The supervisors stated that they will be placing an ad for drivers for winter road maintenance as back ups when needed. The supervisors also stated that the winter ad for no parking on township roads will be advertised in the paper. Supervisor Southerton stated that he is still waiting for more information on the generator for the township building.

The term for Tim Moffitt who serves on the Central Wayne Regional Authority will expire on January 1, 2013. Mr. Moffitt has stated that he would like to continue on the board as a representative for the township. A motion was then made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded to Supervisor Southerton re-appoint Tim Moffitt to the Central Wayne Regional Authority for a five year term beginning January 1, 2013.

John Bartron stated to the supervisors that he would like to thank them for giving Grace whatever time was needed to present her issue to them and not limiting her to the five minute rule. John stated that the proposed sign ordinance would have addressed Grace's problems but was held up because of Rusty Palmer.

Georgette Pascotto stated that she would like to comment about the comments that are made at the township meetings. She stated that when the comments are made there is no proof of the allegations that are being made. She stated that if it is printed in the paper it is perceived as the truth. She asked the supervisors to comment on statements that are made at the meeting. Supervisor Doney stated that Bob Bates is working with Rusty on his issues that need to be addressed. John Bartron stated that Rusty has a dangerous situation with the outstanding issues that he has in his building. Supervisor Doney stated that he was not aware of any dangerous situation. Steve stated that the CO for Rusty has been pulled and he does not have a CO at the present time. Flame retardant material and fire proof sheetrock needs to be installed in certain areas of the building. Rusty has been working on getting the issues resolved. The next step would be close the doors on the building. Steve stated that the CO was pulled based on the UCC regulations. Supervisor Southerton asked Steve if anyone from the township had asked him to close Rusty down and Steve said no. Grace Anderson stated that everything had to be completed before Steve would give her a CO for her business. Grace stated that we just heard that one person can make or break a business. Working without a CO is not a safe environment to be working in. Grace stated that here is a business that does not have a CO and all she wants is the proper signage for her business. Supervisor Southerton stated that this is Steve's job and if you disagree you can appeal his decision.

Corey Southerton asked the supervisors who decides how much they are paid. They stated that their rate is set by the township's auditors. Corey stated that he heard that someone had been hired for \$ 15.00 per hour. The supervisors stated that it was not true. No one has been hired and as was mentioned they will be advertising for winter maintenance drivers.

Maureen Bartron then read a letter concerning the supervisor's actions toward the townships planning commission. Maureen stated that their actions toward the planning commission members is one of the likes of which she has never seen or experienced in all of her 47 professional years. You not only allowed this disrespect to be directed to the planning commission but you actually encouraged it by no offering one single word in defense of the members you appointed. A copy of the letter is attached and is part of the minutes.

The secretary then reported the following cash balances as of November 30, 2012; General Fund (Checking) \$ 58,292.45; General Fund (Savings) \$ 61,381.44; Liquid Fuels \$ 113,994.39; Fire Tax Account \$ 18,666.27; Escrow Accounts \$ 33,682.25; \$ 30,362.92 and \$ 26,065.50.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
John Bartron (Cash)	\$ 3.00	Copies
AW Auto	500.00	Junk Yard License
Wayne Bank	145.00	Lieu of Taxes
Ginger Golden	170.85	Transfer Taxes
Ginger Golden	1,270.82	" "
North American Signs	300.00	Zoning Permit
Case Tire	647.40	" "
Jody Rowe	284.72	" "
Robert Boogertman	879.00	Building Permit
Dein Nurseries	329.00	Zoning Permit
Northeast Signs	334.00	" "
Woody's Fireplace	158.20	" "
Al Bucconear	80.00	Sub-division fee
GSP Mngt.	45.00	Trailer Park Fee
GSP Mngt.	291.00	" " "
Wayne Bank	10.09	Interest
Liquid Fuels		
Wayne Bank	18.74	Interest
Fire Tax Account		
Tanya Gibbons	49.10	Fire Tax

Escrow Accounts

The Dime Bank	5.72	Interest
The Dime Bank	5.15	“
The Dime Bank	4.43	“

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
Blue Ridge Cable	14234	\$ 52.95	Utility
Aqua PA	14235	37.72	“
UGI/PNG	14236	60.87	“
PP&L	14237	163.90	“
Northeast Signal	14238	312.05	Repairs
Steve Ostrander	14239	1,150.52	Payroll
Don Doney	14240	100.53	Payroll
Don Doney	14241	78.80	Meeting
Allan Wickle	14242	224.28	Payroll
Allan Wickle	14243	99.80	Meeting
Rick Southerton	14244	153.22	Payroll
Rick Southerton	14245	127.80	Meeting
Internal Revenue Service	Debit	925.93	Payroll Deposit

December 17, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on December 17, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. By Chairman Doney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read with the following corrections noted Supervisor Southerton stated that the supervisors did not ask Steve to close Rusty Palmer's, they did not hire a part time driver and Supervisor Southerton noted that he would like more advance notice when and appointment is to be made. With the above corrections noted a motion was made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to approve the minutes as read.

The secretary then presented outstanding invoices for the period and on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton the bills were ordered paid.

Supervisor Doney stated that he had made a mistake when he stated that Rusty Palmer had a Certificate of Occupancy and he did not have one.

John Bartron stated that the supervisors destroyed the planning commission. John stated that nobody asked if Rusty had a CO the supervisors volunteered the information. It was not a mistake about the CO for Rusty either Supervisor Doney or Zoning officer Steve Ostrander lied about it. John stated that Supervisor Doney was not aware that the CO was revoked. When the permit is pulled there is paperwork that goes with it. John stated that the Supervisors cannot separate themselves from Rusty's. John stated that if anything happened at Rusty's insurance will not pay a dime without a valid Certificate of Occupancy. Supervisor Southerton stated that he thought that Rusty had a temporary CO for the building. Supervisor Southerton stated that he had called the Dept. of Labor and Industry and the supervisors cannot overrule a UCC officer ruling. John stated that the old ordinance limited him to 96 Square feet and the new proposed ordinance would have given him 375 Square feet.

Georgette stated that there are two separate entities involved and Supervisor Southerton stated that some mistakes were made by the township. Georgette asked what the elected auditors do and Supervisor Southerton stated that they set the hourly rate for the supervisors and the supervisors set the rates for the remaining employees in the township.

Zoning Officer Steve Ostrander reported that he and Bob Bates went down and did an inspection at Rusty's on December 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup>. After the inspections were completed Steve issued Rusty a Certificate of Occupancy for his building. Steve stated that about 97% of the building is in compliance with the other areas are off limits to

employees until the final work is completed and inspected. Steve reported that he made Advance Auto move a directional sign as it was not on their property. Other questions arose about a pylon sign at Advanced Auto as it was approved by the planning commission and the supervisors. Steve sent it back to the supervisors/planning asking to move the sign to the other side of the property. Steve was granted permission and followed up and permission was given to Advanced Auto to move the sign. The sign is still within the set back allowances of the township. A Variance hearing was set up for Grace Anderson for the signage on her building. The hearing will be held on December 20, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. at the township building. Steve stated that he had not received an application for the hearing and called Attorney Henry and stated that we needed one. The supervisors wanted to know what the variance is for specifically. Certificate of Occupancy's were issued for the following: Advanced Auto Store, Mr. Horst and Mr. Ferhinger. A permit was also issued for a utility building.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from the Wayne Conservation District on reference to a Notice of Violation for Matt Bowman. They stated that the Notice of Violation has been rescinded based on the information that was provided to them. The amount of earth moved was below the one acre threshold requiring a NPDES Permit.

A letter was received from the Wayne Conservation District concerning the E & S Control plan for PP&L new power lines. There were deficiencies noted that will have to be addressed and resubmitted for approval.

A letter was received from DEP concerning the General Permit for Bluestone Mining. The application was approved and the GP-105 General Permit was issued. The letter noted that the set back shall be at least 44 feet from all permit boundaries in order to prevent off permit impacts and to maintain a minimum undistributed 25 foot buffer between the permit boundary and the top of the final reclamation slope. The 44 foot setback must be field marked and maintained during active mining operations.

Received correspondence from Attorney Henry stating that the Zoning hearing Board will hold a meeting for the purpose of reorganization and for any and all other matters which may come before them at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at the township municipal building.

A letter was received from Supervisor Southerton stating that at recent supervisors meetings he had requested that the Texas Township Auditors review the hourly wage they assigned him as a new township Supervisor. Supervisor Southerton stated that he was provided a short letter from the auditors stating that they had arrived at an hourly rate of approximately \$ 12.00 per hour and they did not think that paying a higher rate was appropriate because of the rate they were paying to the other supervisors. At the same time Supervisor Southerton stated that he was told that he would not be able to receive health insurance from the township. Supervisor Southerton stated that the hourly rate assigned by the auditors must be comparable to compensation paid in the

locality for similar services. This is clearly discussed in the PA Township Code Section 606. Currently there are several township employees including an individual providing cleaning services being compensated at a rate of \$ 13.00 per hour and a part time snow plow truck driver who is receiving \$ 15.00 per hour. Since I am not receiving and health care benefits I believe that my salary should be adjusted to take this into consideration. Therefore, I request that the township auditors adjust my salary to a level comparable to compensation paid in the locality for similar services and also taking into consideration the fact that the township is not paying for my health insurance.

A letter was received from Grace Anderson requesting the townships approval of the transfer of a Restaurant license by Sweet Enterprises Inc. 598 Sterling Road having a liquor license R-20023 and Lid # 65496 to G's Hot Skillet Buffet. The license will be used so that alcoholic beverages can be served with meals provided by the said location.

The road masters reported that things have been quiet. Supervisor Doney stated that he had a complaint on the Brook Road about a cut in the roadway. He stated that this is a state highway and Steve stated that he called Penn Dot and reported the problem to them. Two people have called so far for an interview for the part time truck driver position. The supervisors stated that they need more information about the drawings for the bridge that were submitted by Ceco Associates.

John Bartron asked Supervisor Southerton to return all the documents that he had given him and wants them returned to him at the next meeting. John asked the supervisors what Rusty's concerns were about the sign ordinance. Supervisor Southerton stated that they did not reject the ordinance and only asked the planning commission to meet with the business people to discuss the proposed ordinance. John said that the people in attendance that night would not have said the things they said if they were told the truth. It goes back to the Commissioners office in Wayne County. John stated that the Comprehensive plan is written for the county and one for the township. The proposed ordinance would have given Rusty 2700 Sq feet in the front of the building. Supervisor Southerton stated again that they did not ask to change the ordinance but only to meet with the business people. John stated that they were not obligated to meet with anyone concerning the proposed ordinance.

Georgette Pascotto had some questions concerning the proposed budget for the Year 2013. Georgette stated that if you close a business and pull the CO this opens the township up for legal issues. She stated that everyone should be talking so that everyone knows what is going on. The supervisors stated that the communication between themselves and Steve is being resolved. Steve stated that all the fire violations have been corrected and all the necessary sheetrock was installed. Steve stated that they did not have the bail exit signs on the doors. A small section of the building is not complete but he has given a CO for the building and that about 97% of the building has been approved current CO. Georgette asked about the budget number for health insurance and the Supervisor Doney stated that they did not have enough participants to have an insurance plan. Supervisor Doney stated that they are planning to put the addition on the township building this year. Georgette asked about the liquid Fuels budget and asked if any of this

money was being used. The supervisors stated that some of the money will be used for road projects this coming year. Georgette asked about replacing the bridge and the supervisors stated that it will be a couple years down the road for the bridge. They are looking at options for the bridge now until it can be replaced. The supervisors stated that they did not do any road project last year and that they will be doing some in 2013.

John Bartron stated that he had received copies of minutes and they were not signed. Secretary Haggarty stated that it was his error for not signing the copies provided to John.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME		
FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
Tanya Gibbons	\$ 274.14	Taxes Collected
Pizza Hut	10.00	Local Services Tax
Ellen Memorial	90.00	“ “
Fire Tax Account		
Tanya Gibbons	44.04	Fire Tax

DISBURSEMENTS			
TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
PSATS	14246	\$ 140.00	Minute Book
John Haggarty	14247	45.00	Postage
DGK Insurance	14248	6,063.24	Insurance
Aqua PA	14249	709.28	Utility
AT&T	14250	146.38	Telephone
DGK Insurance	14251	250.00	Bond
Highhouse Oil	14252	248.76	Gas
PA One Call	14253	13.92	Fee
PP&L	14254	525.59	Utility
Jo Anne Perry	14255	13.00	Cleaning
Tanya Gibbons	14256	12.93	Commission
Howell, Howell, Krause	14257	225.00	Filing Fees
Wayne Independent	14258	35.94	Advertising
Chamber Choice of NE PA	14259	46.04	Insurance
Cellular One	14260	53.87	Telephone
John Haggarty	14261	335.19	Payroll
Chris Martin	14262	121.79	Commission

December 27, 2012

The Supervisors of Texas Township held a Special meeting on December 27, 2012. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, and Secretary John Haggarty. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doney.

The Supervisors then reviewed the proposed budget of the Year 2013. With no changes being made a motion was made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to the adopt the budget as presented. The budget reflects the same millage rates as last year.

The supervisors have interviewed several people for the advertised truck driver position for the township. After interviewing all the applicants a motion was made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to hire Eric Abel for the truck driver position. A motion was then made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to set the hourly rate for Eric Abel at \$ 12.00 per hour.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty