June 17, 2013

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on June 17, 2013. Present were Supervisors Don Doney, Allan Wickle, Rick Southerton, Secretary John Haggarty and Zoning Officer Sandi Scull. See attached list for guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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.

Jeff Kyle was present from DGK Insurance to review with the supervisors the insurance policy for Fiscal year 2013-2014. Jeff went over all the coverage's and equipment with the supervisors to be sure all of the equipment and buildings listed were correct. Jeff stated that the one item this year that will see a major increase in premium is the Workmen's Compensation coverage. A new law that was passed called the Worker's Compensation Firefighter Presumption Act which covers any type of cancers that firefighters are diagnosed with is having a major impact on the rates. There are very few companies that are offering coverage for Workmen's Compensation due to the recently passed legislation. They have obtained coverage for the upcoming year with a company without going through the State Worker's Compensation Fund. Supervisor Doney asked how many claims were filed this year and Jeff stated there were about 130 but they were all paid fire departments. Jeff stated that for the township there was a claim filed this year that cost in excess of $ 60,000.00. This will affect the experience mod for next year. Jeff stated that this will be an automatic increase of at least 25% in premium for next year. State law dictates that municipalities provide Workmen's Compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters. The total premium for this year will be $ 28,820.00 compared to last year's premium of $ 24, 765.00. The largest increase was in the Workers Compensation premium which increased $ 3,642.00. The supervisors then thanked Jeff for the update.

Jeff Findlay was present to discuss with the supervisors a water problem that he has by the roadway in front of his house. Jeff showed the supervisors pictures of water that is lying in the road right of way. Jeff stated that there is a sluice pipe that is plugged that needs to be cleaned but also a ditch needs to be dug to get the water to the sluice pipe. The supervisors asked if they can get the water to the pipe and Jeff stated that they could and gave permission to the supervisors to dig a ditch to get the water to the sluice pipe.

Zoning Officer Sandi Scull reported that the office will be open only one day next week. An on premise sign permit has been issued for the Cigarette Store and all temporary and unpermitted signage will be removed this week. The TNT fireworks tent will be open in the Rt. 6 Plaza starting this week. A consumer complaint regarding Handicapped van accessibility at Tick Tocks was addressed and corrected. A complaint regarding yard maintenance on Lakeside Drive has been resolved. Thanks were given to the neighborhood members who came to the aid of a fellow neighbor who for health and financial reasons could no longer maintain his property. All of the neighbors got together and had a work party and did the yard work for him. Sandi stated that she was able to get the bank holding the mortgage to put the property on its Property Preservation work list. Two other complaints are also being investigated. Sandi has looked into the Blinking Sign installed by Grace Anderson and she has no blinking sign. Apparently the sign may be for the Tactical 911 store, though is hasn't been open any time I have been in the area. Sandi stated that the supervisors and she toured the Bark Park with the owners on Thursday in advance of the Conditional Use hearing. The proposed Sign Ordinance has been submitted to the Wayne County Planning office for their review and comment's. Once this review has been completed the adoption process can be started. Bob Bates and Sandi have started reviewing and updating the current fee schedule.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from DEP stating that on May 28, 2013 they were notified that heating oil contamination was discovered at 1108 Canal Road in Canal Campsites. They need to select a contractor and do a site assessment and submit a plan to the department that describes how and when the cleanup activities will be performed.

A letter was received from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development stating that a public meeting has been scheduled to provide information on the Monroe County Local Share Account for Eligible applicants. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 beginning at 9:30 at the Wayne County Visitors Center.

A note was received concerning speeding on Lakeside Drive. They note stated that signs need to be installed to slow the cars down. Their currently is no speed limit signs posted on the roadway. Supervisor Southerton stated that he will look into the matter and report back at the next meeting what can be done to help the speeding problem on the roadway.

The road masters reported that they have painted the Stop Bars on the roadway and that all of the spraying has been completed. Supervisor Wickle stated that another township had obtained money for a bridge project through the Local Share account and stated that the township could look into that funding to help the bridge on Old Willow Avenue. They have cut the branches by the Stop sign at the Rt. 6 Mall that were making the sign hard to see. The supervisors stated that Rusty Palmer has offered to help paint the markings on the roadway by the Rt. 6 Mall.

Supervisor Doney stated that they have received a quote to repair the fence on the dam by Lollipop Pond. The price was $ 400.00. A motion was made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to approve of the repair. The supervisors have also received a quote to repair the guide rails where needed in various areas of the township. The quote was for $ 7,240.00. A motion was then made by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton to approve the quote and have the necessary work completed. Supervisor Doney will contact Jeff Deyoung for the fence work and Supervisor Wickle will contact them regarding the guide rail work.

Mr. Thomas then asked about the status of the sign ordinance. The supervisors stated that the final draft has been sent to Wayne County Planning for their review and comment.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
Al Bucconear	$ 105.00	Sub-Division Fee
District Court	194.63	Fines
Keystone	400.00	Building Permit
John Carmody	125.00	" "
The Alpine	454.00	Zoning Permit
Rent E Quip	156.00	" "
Steve Ficken	125.00	Building Permit
John Gardas	75.00	" "
Pizza Hut	10.00	Local Services Tax
Rusty Palmer	80.00	" "
Ellen Memorial	30.00	" "
Rick Southerton	64.00	Building Permit
A Dell'Aquila	364.00	" "
John Gardas	220.00	" "
Steve Ficken	424.00	" "
John Carmody	184.00	" "
Charles Builses	1,651.22	" "
Robert Kemmann	175.00	" "
Dave Dulay	175.00	" "
Tick Tocks	10.00	Local Services Tax
Bunnell Waste	20.00	" "

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
Chamber Choice of NEPA	14453	$ 46.04	Insurance
Dirlam Bros.	14454	67.36	Supplies
Wayne Independent	14455	101.86	Advertising
Highhouse Oil	14456	72.73	Gas
PA One Call	14457	11.90	Fee
AT&T	14458	154.54	Telephone
Tanya Gibbons	14459	1,048.37	Commission
John Haggarty	14460	20.00	Petty Cash Zoning
PP&L	14461	549.07	Utility
Home Depot	14462	3.00	Supplies
John Haggarty	14463	46.00	Postage
Chris Martin	14464	237.63	Commission
Bunnell Waste Removal	14465	1,127.32	Clean up Day