May 20, 2013

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on May 20, 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 7:30 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.

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.

Dave Rickert was present to address the supervisors for an expansion of his current Sunset Ranch dog park. Mr. Rickert stated that he plans to out an addition onto the existing building. The addition will be 50 X 200 Feet. It will house a veterinary clinic, boarding kennels, training facilities, indoor pet supply store and other various services. A full time veteran will be housed on the premises along with an assistant park manager. A Conditional use hearing will be needed for approval of the project. Zoning officer Sandi Scull has the application and a hearing date will be schedule for the Conditional Use.

Mr. Thomas stated that he has cut his grass at least four or five times this year and his neighbors have not mowed their grass yet. Georgette Pascotto asked what the height of the grass needed to be in order for a violation of the ordinance. Supervisor Doney stated that if it was eight inches or taller than it would be a violation.

Georgette Pascotto asked about the start date when the jersey barriers would be installed on the bridge. Supervisor Doney stated that he has a written report from Engineer Steve Knash about the status of the bridge work. The survey work has been completed and Steve is waiting for the final drawings. The whole process for replacing the bridge could take between 12 to 18 months according to Steve. Georgette stated that the bridge is rated for a three ton weight limit and trucks are crossing it that is over three tons. She stated that the supervisors stated last fall that the jersey barriers would be installed this spring. Supervisor Southerton than made a motion that we put the installation of the jersey barriers out for bid for the bridge. With no second on the motion the motion dies. Georgette stated that the last four years reports have cited the bridge as dangerous and it could collapse. Georgette stated that she has lost her patients with Supervisor Doney. Georgette stated that according to copies of bill she received from Steve Knash there was no work being done on the bridge project. Secretary Haggarty stated that here were bills for tonight's meeting from Mr. Knash for work being performed on the bridge project.

Zoning officer Sandi Scull reported that one on premise sign permit for Verizon has been issued and the cigarette store is in the process. A permit was issued for concession trailer for the Mason's fundraiser and one for the sale of fireworks at the mall is in the process. Permit requirement checklists and fee worksheets have been developed and are available at the time of application. Sandi has responded to resident concerns, complaints and questions. Sandi has also received a Conditional use Application from Dave Rickert to allow construction and operation of dog kenneling services at his property on Bear Swamp Road currently known as "The Bark Park". This will require notification and a public hearing prior to approval. The Zoning office will also be closed on May 21, 2013 due to Elections.

The following correspondence was received:

A letter was received from FEMA concerning the Floodplain Ordinance. The letter stated that the revisions to Texas Township's Floodplain Management Ordinance have brought the ordinance into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

A letter was also received from Engineer Steve Knash outlining the process and time frame for the work and construction for the bridge on Old Willow Avenue.

The road masters reported that the Clean Up Day went well and three containers were filled. The supervisors stated that they would like to thank all the individuals involved for the help and work on the cleanup day. They are also waiting on a bid price for guide rails that are needed throughout the township. They have a quote of over $ 13,000.00 last year for the work. Supervisor Doney stated that the cement work has been completed on the Flood Control project in White Mills.

Carol Santos stated that she had checked with some Real Estate brokers in the area and if the township did not adopt the Floodplain ordinance the businesses would not be able to secure any bank funding if they needed it. Supervisor Southerton stated that he did not like how the whole thing was done and why some of the changes were made to the floodplain areas.

Supervisor Doney stated that it was not necessary to critsize John Haggarty. Don stated that John does a lot for the township that people do not realize.

Bob Richards asked about the height of the grass when it needs to be cut and asked the supervisors about the house next door. The supervisors stated that they have contacted the owners and have taken them to the magistrate and won the case. Bob then asked about the old Birdsall property in Seelyville. The Zoning officer will look into the matter.

Rusty Palmer stated that he had asked for a copy of the proposed sign ordinance last meeting and he has not received it yet. Sandi stated that she can e- mail him a copy

of it. We do not want a lot of copies out there until we have a final and adopted version of it.

Georgette stated that Supervisor Doney said at the last meeting that he needed more information from Steve Knash and Georgette asked Don what information he had gotten from Steve. Don said the bottom line was that it is going to take at least 12 to 18 months to get the bridge project completed. Supervisor Doney stated that Georgette had brought other items before the township and it turned out not to be what she said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Wickle and seconded by Supervisor Southerton.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
Cash	$ 147.00	Donations & Tires Clean Up
Georgette Pascotto	9.75	Copies
Michael Chojnicki	25.00	Zoning Ordinance
Anita Decker	130.00	Zoning Permit
Affordable Signs	220.00	" "
Marie McDonnell	6.00	Donation Clean Up Day
Tanya Gibbons	7,039.31	Taxes Collected
Clerk of Courts	100.00	Fines
District Court	336.86	"
Manpower	20.00	Local Services Tax
Seamans Marine	10.00	" "
Wayne Memorial Hospital	160.00	" "
Bunnell Waste	20.00	" "
Ellen Memorial	10.00	" "

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
Wayne Independent	14422	$ 53.32	Advertising
AT&T	14423	152.22	Telephone
Mike Tallman	14424	41.05	Repairs
Wayne County	14425	1,372.44	Tax Bills
Tanya Gibbons	14426	437.60	Commission
Don Doney	14427	9.52	Supplies
Highhouse Oil	14428	127.21	Gas
Chamber Choice Of NEPA	14429	46.04	Insurance
Stephen Knash	14430	500.00	Engineering Services
Kristt Company	14431	9.98	Supplies
Robert Coons	14432	50.00	Lawn Cutting
Frank & Mary Demmerle	14433	12.41	Tax Rebate
Cochecton Mills	14434	651.50	Chemicals
PP&L	14435	130.25	Utility
Jeanette Krause	14436	33.79	Supplies Clean Up