July 15, 2013

The Supervisors of Texas Township held their Bi-monthly meeting on July 15, 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 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.

Carol Santos stated that at the last meeting she said the Speed Limit sign said it was 25 MPH but there is a sign by the school that says it is 20 MPH. The supervisors stated that they had already ordered the signs. They also bought a sign that says Curve Ahead.

Zoning Officer reported that the Zoning Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 30. Permits have been issued for Northeast Wildlife Gallery-Jeff Roberts at the Alpine Plaza and Exclusive Jewelry-Svetlana Ustinova at the Rt. 6 Mall. The property at 19 Canal Street has been put on the mortgagor's property preservation list and an inspection is being scheduled. Two other complaints are also being investigated. A Stop Work order has been issued at Wayne Ford pending correction and updating of Storm water Management plan and verification of flood plain encroachment. Woodland Designs is working on the revisions. Supervisor Wickle asked what the property maintenance was that the banks provide. Sandi stated that when the banks take over the property that hires a property preservation company to maintain the property's for them. Supervisor Doney asked Sandi if she asked Bob Bates if a permit was issued for Mr. Decker to put the new roof on his building. Sandi stated that Bob is handling the roof but she will check with him to be sure one was issued. Sandi stated that she became involved with it because they were coming in for sign permits. Supervisor Southerton asked who issued the Stop Work Order at Wayne Ford. Sandi stated that she did because they had increased the area into the floodplain. Mike Wood is working on a new plan and also is looking to see what the original plan was approved for. Supervisor Doney asked about the status of the roadway that was blacktopped off of Beech Grove Road. Sandi stated that she got some information today and will be contacting Rick Linde about it. It is a Commercial driveway and a permit was needed for the blacktopping of the roadway.

A letter was received from the Wayne County Department of Planning regarding the proposed sign ordinance. They stated that the most recent amendments related to the sign regulations were mainly administrative and the changes helped to streamline the

ordinance by making it more simple and straightforward. They have no additional comments at this time.

The road masters reported that have been patching some of the washouts on Fords Road and Forrest Street. Supervisor Wickle stated that he has ordered more stone. Supervisor Doney stated that they have ordered signs and replaced a sign up on Prompton Road. There are some other missing signs that will also be replaced. Supervisor Southerton stated that he met with Rusty about painting the roadways and he had a concern that you will need decals and also use a certain type of paint. Rusty stated that he wants to know for sure what materials have been used and are approved before the work is done. Supervisor Southerton will contact Scott Mazasiek at Penn Dot to see what the requirements are for painting the roadways.

Supervisor Southerton stated that he had received a call about Modern Gas. They asked if was legal for them to be scraping paint off of the old propane tanks. The Zoning officer will check on the matter. Supervisor Southerton also stated that he will be getting copies of various Dog Ordinances that other municipalities have adopted. Ken stated that thing have gotten better with the dog problem.

The supervisors then discussed the proposed Sign Ordinance. A public hearing will have to be held to receive any public comment on the proposed ordinance. The supervisors stated that they will hold a public hearing on the ordinance on Tuesday, July 23, beginning at 6:30 P.M. The secretary will advertise the hearing.

The supervisors then reviewed the conditions concerning the Bark Park for Mr. Rickert. The supervisors asked if the fee had been received for the hearing and Sandi stated that it has not been paid as of tonight. Supervisor Southerton stated that if the check is not received by July 23 for the Special meeting that the request be denied. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Doney.

Supervisor Doney stated that he had talked to Jeff DeYoung about working for the township on a part time basis and he stated that he would. A motion was then made by Supervisor Doney to hire Mr. DeYoung at the rate of $ 14.00 per hour and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Wickle.

Joe Olsheski was present to ask questions concerning the Junk Yard Ordinance. He asked what the purpose of the ordinance was. Supervisor Doney stated that it was to control the number of Junk Yards allowed in the township. Joe stated that Jack McDonald had an issue years ago and raised the fee. Supervisor Southerton stated that the $ 500.00 fee seemed high. Supervisor Wickle stated that the original ordinance had three inspections per year. Supervisor Wickle also stated that the fee was too high. Joe stated that you are being charged a fee to store vehicles on your property. Joe also stated that he has been a licensed car dealer and they are exempt from the fee. Supervisor Southerton asked what the reason for the ordinance was and Supervisor Doney stated that it was for public safety within the township. Supervisor Wickle stated that he is only

allowed only a certain area on his property that he can use as a Junk yard. Joe stated that this was personal and he got sucked up in the fray. The original fee was $ 100.00 per year for the license. Supervisor Doney stated that he will contact other municipalities to see what they charge. Joe stated that there should be an inspection for slaughter houses and Supervisor Doney stated that the state health department does the inspections. Supervisor Southerton stated that he wants to get more information on the ordinance before he makes may more comments on the issue. Joe stated that he has been paying the fee for eight years even though he is not required because he is a used car dealer. Joe also said that he had to call the township to get the inspections done.

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Carol Santos stated that if you have a used car license you have to watch out for environmental impact from the cars such as gas and other fluids. Carol also stated that the $ 500.00 fee was too much.

Ed Thomas stated that nearly two years have gone by since the web page was discussed for the township. Ed stated that it would be easier for anyone to go on the website and get the information that they are looking for. Ed stated that it is time know for the supervisors to look at the possibility of a web site for the township.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. on a motion by Supervisor Southerton and seconded by Supervisor Wickle.

Secretary,

John Haggarty

INCOME

FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
T. Branning	$ 148.00	Zoning Permit
A. Cutrona	64.00	" "
Tanya Gibbons	1,245.89	Taxes Collected
Ginger Golden	863.81	Transfer Taxes
Tick Tocks	10.00	Local Services Tax
Pizza Hut	7.69	" "
Health Care	10.00	" "
Ellen Memorial	20.00	" "
Ellen Memorial	220.00	" "
Exclusive Jewelry (Cash)	145.00	Zoning Permit
NE Wildlife	220.00	" "
Jay Branning	125.00	Building Permit
TNT	315.00	Zoning Permit
Deb Garetto	35.00	" "
Dickson Hyundai	250.00	" "
District Court	345.11	Fines
Clerk of Courts	12.33	"
Modern Gas	14.00	Local Services Tax
Aaron's	10.00	" "
EPSCO	9.80	" "
Dein Nurseries	40.00	" "
Honesdale National Bank	10.00	" "
Sneaker King	10.00	' "
Family Eye Assoc.	10.00	" "
Rusty Palmer	20.00	" "
DG Nicholas	2.00	" "

DISBURSEMENTS

TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
AT&T	14484	$ 155.27	Telephone
Chamber Choice of NE PA	14485	46.04	Insurance
John Bonham Road	14486	416.20	Supplies
Bob Bates	14487	2,866.78	Commission
DCED	14488	56.00	Filing Fees
Void	14489	Void	
Honesdale Agway	14490	8.49	Supplies
Aqua PA	14491	405.98	Utility
Lehigh Hanson	14492	158.95	Material
Wayne Independent	14493	28.44	Advertising
Highhouse Oil	14494	177.83	Gas
Stephen Knash	14495	150.00	Engineering
Tanya Gibbons	14496	57.71	Payroll
PSATS UC Group Trust	14497	935.18	Payroll Taxes
PA UC Fund	14498	6.23	“ “
PP&L	14499	489.41	Utility
Robert Coons	14500	50.00	Lawn Mowing
Keystone Consulting	14501	1,950.00	Survey
John Haggarty	14502	623.46	Payroll