

MONONGAHELA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2012
7:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

Bill Monahan

ROLL CALL:

Jim Rumble, Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October Regular Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nancy McIntire, Secretary
Approval of October 2012 Treasurer's Report
Approval to pay all bills

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going Review of Floodplain Maps

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Resolution No. 1-2012
Quarterly Contribution Amount to PMRS

Adding Secretary to Township Pension Plan

Bid for International Truck

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2012
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Monahan

ROLL CALL: Jim Rumble, Louie Kovach, Bill Monahan

ATTENDING: Jim Rumble, Louie Kovach, Bill Monahan, Nancy McIntire, Simon John, Larry Rogerson, Trudi Monahan, Bob Watson, Jack Keener, Minda Adams, R.J. Adams, Ralph Adams, Lorraine Adams, Ed Cech, Winnie Cech, Mike Rudolph, Margie Rudolph, Gary Tedesco, Mike Guritza, Tom Cumpston, Jerry Dorsey, Stephanie Dorsey, Robert Kelly, Karen Kelly, Lisa Rumble-Miller, Bobbi Rumble, Sheri Gavlick, JoAnn Rumble, Cindy Bailey, George Gaynor, Joe Kovach, Joe Kovach Jr., Ron Brumley, Andy Buchtan, June Hellen, Carolee Pilon

Bill Monahan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lou Kovach made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Bill Monahan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of September 30, 2012

100.00 · GENERAL FUND - CHECKING	Bank	\$ 161,728.34
100.01 · GENERAL ACCOUNT - SAVINGS	Bank	\$ 62,812.88
100.06 · STATE FUND - COMMUNITY BANK	Bank	\$ 68,954.38
100.07 · PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Bank	\$ 2,033.31
100.09 · ESCROW ACCOUNT	Bank	\$ 15,500.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:		\$ 311,028.91

Lou Kovach made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay all bills. Bill Monahan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Supervisors are continuing to review the Township's Floodplain Maps. Maps are available for the public to review at the Township Building by appointment.

NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lisa Rumble-Miller questioned the figures for the gas and diesel fuel savings listed in the minutes. Bill replied that 16 roads were done in 2012 compared to the 1 road done in 2011.

Bob Kelly had several questions about a letter that was circulated in the Township by Supervisor Rumble. He first wanted to know why only certain residents received the letter and others did not. Lisa Rumble-Miller said that she wrote and distributed the letter, not her father, but that Jim had approved it. Bob questioned her authority to do so. He also commended the Supervisors for "a marked improvement this year in the Township."

Trudi Monahan asked that each item in the letter be addressed by the Board. Bill addressed the first statement in the letter that he and Supervisor Kovach were controlled or swayed by certain residents of the Township and that they persuaded them to terminate Supervisor Rumble. He stated that was absolutely not true and was actually slanderous. Bill replied that at the end of the day, his and Supervisor Kovach's decisions are based on what is true and what is in the best interest of the community. Bill asked Lisa Rumble-Miller what right she had to write and distribute such a letter and if she realized that was slander and defamation of his and Lou Kovach's character. Lisa replied that yes, she realized that.

The second issue addressed was that Jim Rumble's personal truck was the only feasible vehicle to use for Township business. Bill explained that all 3 of the Township's trucks get more miles to the gallon than Jim's. The Chevy Dump gets 10-12 miles per gallon, the Ford Dump gets 12-14, and the Dodge gets 18. Jim's personal truck with a 454 engine gets 10 miles per gallon.

Larry Rogerson questioned the grant monies that were received by Jim Rumble as listed in the letter. Bill provided correspondence from Fayette Engineering that stated the grant for \$287,000. for the Alicia Sewage Project was never submitted. The government funding for the project had actually been revoked.

The \$235,000. grant stated as received in the letter for the Alicia Project also was never received by the Township. The County received the funds and an additional \$130,000. is needed to complete the Alicia Project. The Township would have to borrow the money and increase everyone's bill (who is served by the Greensboro-Monongahela Township Joint Municipal Authority) by \$6.00 a month. At the end of the Project, the Township was to turn it over to the Municipal Authority for \$1.00. Ralph Adams questioned why the Township would borrow money for a sewage project. Bill explained that the Supervisors were not willing to do this.

Bill explained that the two grants mentioned in the letter (\$25,000. from Barry Stout and \$30,000. from Bill DeWeese) were actually applied for by Bob Cumpston (Chairman at the time) and by Pam Yoskovich (secretary) and Ann Bargerstock (County Grantwriter). He stated that grants are a team effort and one person should not take the credit for receiving them. He asked Jim what right he had to take credit for work actually done by others.

Mike Rudolph asked about the 21 loads of stone mentioned in the letter. Jim responded that Atlas had supplied these to the Township. Bill explained that Atlas had free rein in the Township previously and had no performance bond, no liability insurance, and no time limit. Jim said that he was content with that agreement.

Bill mentioned that a verbal deal had also existed with Longview Power and had been negotiated over coffee between Jim and Charlie Huguenard from Longview Power at Erjavik's Restaurant. There was no road agreement, no performance bond, and most importantly, no liability insurance. Bill asked Jim what

right he had to enter into such a verbal agreement, which left the Township totally vulnerable. We now have a signed heavy-hauling agreement with Longview Power.

Trudi Monahan asked if the welding work at the Township was currently contracted out. Bill responded that he does the welding and chain saw work, and Lou Kovach does the mechanic work. Bill also donates the use of his skid loader, which has been used on ten roads this year. Lou also moves equipment with his tilt-bed at no cost to the Township. Bill and Lou both do the dozer work.

Larry Rogerson questioned the 959 hours of part-time labor that was used in 2011. Bill replied that the Township has done 16 roads this year with no part-time labor hired. Bill and Lou had also done 5 roads with cold patch.

Trudi Monahan wanted to dispel the rumor that Bill and Lou have done nothing since Jim Rumble left. Bill and Lou had pictures available of the roads that have been done since that time (Robena Road – 2 road berms, cleaned ditchline; Creek Road – millings, road barrier; Leslie Road – retouched and rolled, millings on Hartley end, fixed rock shelf that washed out). Trudi feels that a retraction is needed to the letter that was circulated in the community by Lisa Rumble-Miller, Sherri Rumble-Gavlick, and Jim Rumble.

June Hellen asked if roads are specifically assigned to each Supervisor. Bill responded that they are assigned for winter maintenance. Bill explained that the contract for ashes mentioned in the Rumble letter was actually negotiated by Lou Kovach, not Jim Rumble.

Mike Rudolph said that he asked for more ashes to be used on Donham Road 2 years ago because of the bus traffic there. He said that this past year was much better due to the new people at the Township.

Lorraine Adams commended the Supervisors for the great job they did on fixing the washed out section of her road.

Gary Tedesco noted that it was excessive for 300 ton of material to be used on one road in 2011 with 959 hours of part-time labor.

Bob Watson asked if the Township was reimbursed for the salt and ashes used by Greensboro Borough. Bill replied that the Township is reimbursed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Bill Monahan and seconded by Lou Kovach to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion passed unanimously.