

MONONGAHELA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 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

September Regular Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going Review of Floodplain Maps

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fireman Worker Compensation Insurance Letter
from Greensboro Borough

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

**MONONGAHELA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 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, James Minor, Trudi Monahan, Bob Watson, Jack Keener, Minda Adams, R.J. Adams, Ralph Adams, Lori Beth Adams, Ed Cech, Winnie Cech, Nelson Smith, Mike Rudolph, Mike Rudolph Jr., Margie Rudolph, Gary Tedesco, Bill Marshall, Mike Guritza, Tom Cumpston, Jerry Dorsey, Stephanie Dorsey, Marie Zalar, Robert Kelly, Karen Kelly, Lisa Rumble-Miller, Bobbi Rumble, Sheri Gavlick, Michael Rumble, JoAnn Rumble, Vera Kamenos, Antionette Cline, Sherri Harden, Chuck Harden, Larry Hunt, Jesse Fox, Joe John, George Clio, Mike Coonte, Cindy Bailey, George Gaynor, David Kovach, Joe Kovach, Joe Kovach Jr.

Bill Monahan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Bill introduced the new Township solicitor, Simon John, and the constable for the meeting, Phil Michael.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lou Kovach made a motion to approve the minutes from the August Regular and Special meetings. Bill Monahan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31, 2012

100.00 · GENERAL FUND - CHECKING	Bank	\$ 172,429.71
100.01 · GENERAL ACCOUNT - SAVINGS	Bank	\$ 62,812.88
100.06 · STATE FUND - COMMUNITY BANK	Bank	\$ 68,948.52
100.07 · PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Bank	\$ 2,815.36
100.09 · ESCROW ACCOUNT	Bank	\$ 15,500.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:		\$ 322,506.47

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

Jim Rumble read a statement and presented a spreadsheet detailing his hours worked for the year 2011. He did this in answer to Larry Rogerson's questions for the past several months about his time worked.

Lisa Rumble-Miller questioned the amount of retroactive pay the Supervisors received for the first quarter of 2011.

George Gaynor suggested the Supervisors use a daily log and perhaps a time clock.

Larry Rogerson said that only Jim Rumble's 2011 fourth quarter time is in question. He said that Jim had 615 hours over regular time in that quarter and wanted it justified. Jim responded that he went for parts and had meetings on many of the Fridays in that quarter.

Stephanie Dorsey and Toni Cline asked if a CDL license requires drug testing on the premises and on file.

Lisa Rumble-Miller suggested that Larry Lapana's hand surgery in 2011 may explain why he had less hours worked than the other two Supervisors.

Dave Kovach asked why Jim Rumble was removed as Roadmaster. Bill explained that is a personnel matter and was discussed with Jim in a private meeting on July 30, 2012 and in a meeting with Attorney Hook on June 6, 2012. Attorney Simon John explained that two supervisors can terminate one as a Roadmaster, but not as a Supervisor (elected position).

Jim Rumble informed the Board that he has retained an attorney. Simon John then advised the Board that all personnel matters will now be handled by the two attorneys. It is now a legal issue. Jim's attorney must contact Simon John as the attorney for the Township to ask for Jim's personnel file.

Bobbi Rumble questioned Attorney Hook's termination and Simon John's municipal law experience. Attorney John answered that he has been practicing law since 1968 and has had several municipal clients since 1977.

Several residents questioned when Jim is allowed to work at the Township. It was explained that work is controlled by the Roadmasters.

There was a question about how things are entered into a personnel file. Bill explained that two supervisors must agree, and every entry was checked with both PSATS and Attorney John.

Jim Minor asked if drug testing had ever been done or required at the Township. Jim Rumble replied that it had not.

Lisa Rumble-Miller asked if the Vacancy Board Member position had been filled. Bill replied that it would be advertised. Lou Kovach made a motion and Bill Monahan seconded the motion to advertise for a Vacancy Board Member. The vote was unanimous.

Joe John made a suggestion that the Supervisors work a 5 day a week, 8 hour a day schedule for more coverage – especially in the winter time.

NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:

Mike Rudolph asked about the gas and diesel fuel usage. Bill Monahan reported that a total of \$8,594.77 was spent on gasoline in 2011. So far this year, \$2500.00 has been spent and he is projecting an additional \$500.00 more. Bill reported that a total of \$11,206.93 was spent on diesel fuel in 2011. So far this year, \$6,300.00 has been spent and \$1,400.00 is projected. The total savings on both gasoline and diesel fuel this year is projected to be \$9,101.70. Bill explained that no fuel records were kept in 2011. Fuel logs have been kept in the Township since February 2012.

Bob Watson pointed out that only 1 Township truck and 1 tractor use gasoline. Bill also pointed out that this year 16 roads have been graveled and cold-patched, as opposed to 1 road done last year.

Jerry Dorsey asked if a third party should conduct work evaluations for the Supervisors. Bill Monahan responded that actually 2 third parties are always consulted – PSATS and Attorney Simon John. Joe John pointed out that the third party is actually the voters who should do their evaluation at election time.

Bob Kelly commented that all 3 Supervisors are doing a good job.

Larry Rogerson passed out pictures of Jim Rumble's garage property which adjoins his property. He is concerned that several things there constitute a threat to the health and well-being of the residents. He feels that because Jim is a Supervisor, it is his responsibility to stop the dumping and protect the residents. Larry asked Jim about Precision Pipeline, who had a permit to dump into a pond on Jim's property and create a cement pad. Jim said he told Precision to "do what you want to do". This activity was eventually declared improper permitting and was shut down by the DEP.

Lisa Rumble-Miller asked Supervisor Rumble if he burned that garbage on that site. Jim replied "no comment".

Vera Kamenos reported that a similar situation with her neighbors in Sandy Run is now being taken care of due to Supervisors Kovach and Monahan's intervention on her behalf. Bill reported that Vera had contacted Supervisor Rumble a year ago about rats jumping a foot high on her property.

Mike Guritza asked if the Township's Personnel Policy is public record and if there was a possibility that Jim Rumble could be reinstated.

The Supervisors agreed to discuss the possibility of drug testing in executive session under the advice of their solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Bill Monahan and seconded by Lou Kovach to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.