

# CLINTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

## MINUTES

October 11, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM:** Kathy Allen, Ed Boyd, Jim Halstead, Sarah Altomari (Secretary). Others present included Tom Hartwig, Joe Spotts, Mark Duster, Zach Dixon, Marlene Myers, Tim Myers, Parker Myers, Mary Zacherl, Kevin Corace, Leonard Haney, Colleen Stephan, Jim Klee, Roy Stang, Deanna Stang, Bruce Lazar, John Ham, Pay Hebda, Andrew Allen, and Nathaniel Manchin.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Kevin Corace requested that print out of the previous meeting's minutes be available at future meetings, and that these minutes not be posted online until they have been officially approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Ed Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Supervisors Meeting. Jim Halstead seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Sarah Altomari presented the treasurer's report as follows:

<u>PLGIT General Fund:</u>		<u>PLGIT Valley Park Capital Reserve Fund:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$71,297.96	Beginning Balance	\$1,536.22
Ending Balance	\$101,979.18	Ending Balance	\$40,937.43
<u>PLGIT Special Fund:</u>		<u>PLGIT Liquid Fuels Fund:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$341,336.60	Beginning Balance	\$174,792.34
Ending Balance	\$302,103.06	Ending Balance	\$174,792.34
<u>Citizens General Fund:</u>		<u>Citizens Payroll Account:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$36,015.23	Beginning Balance	\$1,449.36
Ending Balance	\$35,659.42	Ending Balance	\$1,449.36
<u>Citizens Payroll Tax Account:</u>		<u>Citizens Valley Park Capital Reserve Fund:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$359.80	Beginning Balance	\$784.11
Ending Balance	\$359.80	Ending Balance	\$784.11
<u>Northwest General Fund:</u>		<u>Northwest Payroll Fund:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$264,315.20	Beginning Balance	\$894.02
Ending Balance	\$164,880.31	Ending Balance	\$991.53
<u>Northwest Park Account:</u>		<u>Northwest Act 13 Account:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$0.00	Beginning Balance	\$21,058.13
Ending Balance	\$2,418.46	Ending Balance	\$21,058.13

Total Ending Balance: \$847,413.13

Jim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ed seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Jim made a motion to pay all bills and payroll. Ed seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Eagle Scout Project:**

Parker Myers presented his Eagle Scout project. He will be building a deck around the existing frog pond in Pod 4 of Spring Valley Park. The project will cost approximately \$3,000, and he has so far raised \$1,200 and put in 175 hours of work. He requested that the Supervisors permit the park to fund the remainder of what he is unable to raise, with the understanding that he is still in the process of getting donations from other parties. Ed Boyd emphasized the need to meet with the Park Advisory Board in order to discuss future policy related to funding Eagle Scout projects in order to avoid future debate or confusion. Jim Klee acknowledged the need for such a meeting. Ed expressed his view that the park should be allowed to fund the remainder of Parker's project. Jim Halstead and Kathy Allen both agreed.

Jim Halstead made a motion to allow the park to fund the remainder of the frog pond deck project, on the condition that Parker Myer is able to raise at least \$1,000 (which he already has). Ed seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **EQT:**

Nathaniel Manchin made a presentation on behalf of EQT concerning the noise situation at the Bass Compressor Station. The first resonator failed to meet EQT specifications once installed. The ordered a new resonator, which was installed earlier on the 11<sup>th</sup> and would be tested the next day. Data will be compiled over the next week to determine whether or not it meets EQT specifications. If it does, EQT will put an expedited order in to the manufacturer for three more resonators, one for each engine at the station. If the resonator fails the tests, EQT will either find a new manufacturer or move forward with another plan of action, possibly the building of a 30 foot wall. The goal is to have all four resonators installed by Thanksgiving. Kathy Allen commented that the resonators would not address the fan noise that residents are hearing from the compressor station. Nathaniel replied that EQT did extensive testing to locate the most prominent noise issues, and that those issues will be addressed by the resonators. Joe Spotts asked if there will be a point when EQT will stop trying to find a solution because they spent so much money. Nathaniel was unable to answer this question. Kathy requested that Nathaniel come back to a meeting once the solution has been implemented. She also emphasized that the neighbors' patience is running out. She then asked how the noise was going to be affected by the new PennEnergy wells. Zack Dixon from PennEnergy responded that he is unaware of any correlation between increase volume of gas and noise level. Kathy then asked about the possibility of building a wall to solve the noise problem from EQT. Nathaniel responded that EQT offered to put up the wall, but a 30 ft. wall could create other issues, including aesthetic issues. Tom Hartwig commented that the resonators seem to be a reasonable remedy to try. He suggested that EQT begin preparations for a Plan B in the event that the resonators do not work. Ed Boyd said that he was embarrassed, as a Supervisor, that he is unable to provide residents with concrete answers about when the problem would be fixed. He said that the Township would sue EQT if it had the money. Deanna Stang emphasized that affect that the issues with the compressor station were having on property values in the area. Kathy said that EQT should go ahead with the resonators, but that if they do not work, she will recommend giving a cease and desist order.

### **Aflac:**

Melissa Linz made a presentation on behalf of Aflac. Aflac is a supplemental health allowance program that pays cash flow to help with living expenses and out of pocket expenses during medical emergencies. If the employees are interested, deductions are made from payroll, and there is an Aflac bill at the end of the month. On average, the plan costs about \$20-\$30 per month. Melissa left further information with the Township Secretary.

### **Township Administration:**

Jim Halstead made a motion to appoint Sarah Altomari as the Township Treasurer. Ed Boyd seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Road Department Report:**

Jim presented the road report.

Ed made a motion to approve the road report. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Joe Spotts asked whether or not the township is planning on fixing the water that is coming up on Westminster Rd. Jim responded that the road crew is going to have to cut into the asphalt.

Kathy Allen announced that the township is in the process of developing a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan focusing on equipment.

Ed made a motion to hire Gary McCall as a part time, as needed winter maintenance road crew worker at a rate of \$15 per hour. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Jim made a motion to purchase a plow and salt spreader from Time Corace for \$2,500 to use as a back-up equipment. Kathy seconded the motion. Ed abstained. Kathy and Jim voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

**Planning Commission:**

During its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Planning Commission recommended that the Supervisors amend the Zoning Ordinance to prohibit the placement of signs in and around roundabouts. Kathy announced that the Board of Supervisors will wait to act upon this recommendation until there are other pieces of the ordinance that the Planning Commission wants to amend.

Pay Hebda asked about the construction of the roundabout. Kathy responded that they are beginning construction, but that there will not be any interference with traffic flow until at least March of next year. A. Liberoni, Inc. is the contractor. The Board has asked the daily supervisor from PennDot to attend one of the future monthly meetings to provide updates.

**Park Advisory Board:**

Jim Klee thanked the Supervisors for voting to fund the remainder of Parker Myers' Eagle Scout project.

**Additional Public Comments:**

The Board announced that the second of this year's budget meetings will take place at 3:30 pm on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Township Building.

Kathy Allen provided an update on the Maggie Nelson situation. A hearing has not yet been rescheduled, but that will be happening soon. The forensic audit has been completed, although the auditors are still reviewing one additional account. The elected auditors will be completing the 2015 audit in the next 30-60 days.

Mark Duster thanked Sarah Altomari for the prompt posting of the minutes on the website.

Kevin Corace requested that last names be used in the minutes instead of first names. He also questions the sudden placement of weight limit signs around the township. Jim Halstead responded that the signs are directed towards commercial interests rather than the use of private citizens.

Bruce Lazar asked whether or not anyone has expressed any interest in putting a gas station at the intersection of Saxonburg Blvd and 228. The Supervisors responded that they had never been approached about the subject.

Ed Boyd made a motion to adjourn. Jim Halstead seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Adjourn at 8:22 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah K. Altomari, Secretary