

## MINUTES

Paint Township 1741 Basin Drive Windber, PA 15963

April 20, 2010, 3:30 pm

Chairman Blough called the meeting to order and led the board in the "Pledge of Allegiance". Other board members present were Huff and Tvardzik. Also present were Wilbert Bailey, EMC, Chief Richard Skiles, Attorney Matthew Moore, Township Engineer Jeffrey Haynal and Ben Dorsch with the Tipco Co. The visitor list is attached.

It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to accept the minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented with the deletion and correction under old business regarding the Intergovernmental Municipal Agreement between Windber Borough and the township dealing with the collection of the \$5.00 maintenance fee for sanitary sewer charges in the Bud and Fern Avenue areas amounting to approximately \$4,800.00. After further review by Attorney Moore the fees have not been collected and will not be forwarded. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

The bill list was read aloud by Blough. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to pay the bills as presented. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

**EMC REPORT:** Bailey presented to the board the resolution #2010-4 to be submitted to obtain financial assistance under the disaster relief and emergency assistance act for the snow disaster of February 2010. The township has prepared all reimbursement documents requesting 100% reimbursement. It is uncertain the amount of reimbursement that will be received. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Tvardzik to approve the resolution. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Skiles presented the activity report. There were a total of 466 calls out of the 466 calls 98 were for Central City Borough, (actual calls 21), 119 calls were for Paint Borough, (actual calls 26), and 101 calls for Benson Borough, (actual calls 13). Chief Skiles received two letters from the Mayor of Paint Borough stating that the Borough has police equipment for sale if the township would be interested in purchasing the items. One being a used enradd system purchase price new was \$4,000.00 they are asking \$3,500.00 and the other item is a 2002 Ford Crown Vic. with 51,000 miles asking price of \$7,900.00. Chief respectfully requests that the township purchase the items. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to purchase the equipment. Roll call: Blough –yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The enradd will be purchased for \$3,500.00 and a deposit of \$2,500.00 will be made on the 2002 used police cruiser. Paint Borough will hold the cruiser until such time as it is needed to replace the existing K-9 vehicle. Chief Skiles requested a brief executive session. Chairman Blough called the board into executive session at approximately 3:50 pm and returned at 4:00 pm. Chief Skiles stated that he requested permission from the Board of Supervisors to present to Scalp Level Borough a contract for police services. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to authorize Chief Skiles to present to Scalp Level Borough a police service contract. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The board received a question as to the nature of the executive session Tvardzik stated it was for permission to present the police service contract to Scalp Level Borough. Blough thanked Chief Skiles for his report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Chairman Blough turned the meeting over to Jeff Haynal, Township Engineer for an update on the sewer project. Haynal gave an updated review of the project (such as the area, design, PennVEST funding, permitting, bidding process, contracts, design of the project area, pump stations, costs etc.). General discussion was held with the visitors. No action was required by the board on any issue discussed. Ben Dorsch with the Tipco Company had information available regarding the grinder pumps. General discussion was held on the grinder pumps with Dorsch. Dorsch explained the operations, maintenance and installation process of the pumps.

**OLD BUSINESS:** It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to accept the PennVest funding application. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

Action was tabled on the acceptance of the engineer agreement for the PennVest project. The board will take action at a later meeting.

Tvardzik stated that the board has appointed Brian Ott as the townships representative to the Windber Area Authority. Huff thanked all of those who sent a letter of interest for the position.

It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to sign a consent of right of entry to the office of surface mining reclamation and enforcement for the purpose to undertake reclamation work on Paint Street. The road (Paint Street) was caving in because of mine subsidence in that area. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to approve the new on lot sewer rates as submitted by The EADS Group. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The rates will be posted on the website.

Spring clean up will be held on May 22, at a cost of \$40.00. Residents are to be prepared for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Yonish Trucking will be conducting the trash pickup. Tvardzik stated that permits will be available after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OPEN FORUM:** Henger asked the board where the \$2,500.00 sewer tap fee goes. Blough and Tvardzik stated that it is deposited into the sewer account.

General discussion and questions were discussed with Haynal regarding the sewer project. No action required by the board.

A.J. Sciotti requested that the township sweep up the anti-skid material from in front of his property located along Sharon Avenue. Blough stated that the township just removed the hoppers from the trucks and that they will begin clean up sometime in the coming week. Sciotti wanted a date certain. Blough stated that clean up will begin within the next week. Sciotti voiced a complaint on the condition of Sharon Avenue and wants the road paved. Blough stated when Sugar Maple Drive was seal coated, Sharon Avenue was also to receive the repair and the residents (Sciotti and Seese) who reside along Sharon Avenue requested that it not be sealed. Sciotti held general discussion regarding the condition of Sharon Ave. Blough stated that the township will be inspecting the roads to prepare for the road projects for this year. Rugg (owner of Laurel Asphalt) explained the road sealing process. Sciotti was displeased with the answers he received from the township.

McCracken held discussion on who will be in charge of the PennVEST funds. Tvardzik stated that an outside Trustee will be in charge of the PennVEST funds. The visitors were talking all at once not one specific issue is being talked about on the tape. McCracken again asked that the board reconsider changing the time of the meetings to 7:00 pm instead of having them at 3:30 pm. Tvardzik stated that the time is set at 3:30 pm and if the township needs to it will call a special meeting for 7:00 pm. At this time Chief Skiles spoke and stated that he attends many local government meetings and it is the same in all jurisdictions. Community attendance at the meetings is usually not well attended unless there is a particular issue of interest. Skiles stated that when the discussion of having a 3:30 meeting took place it was researched. The same two or three residents regularly attend the township meetings at 3:30 pm or at 7:00 pm and it is the same everywhere that he attends a meeting whether it is in Windber Borough, Central City Borough or Scalp Level Borough. McCracken submitted a written letter of request for a meeting time change. Henger stated he knows that the meetings have been sent to the Tribune Democrat to be advertised on the back page sometimes they are advertised and sometimes they are not. General discussion continued on the time of the meetings. Haynal stated that evening meetings will be held for the purpose of the sewer project. These meetings will be advertised in the Tribune-Democrat.

It was moved by Blough and seconded by Huff to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff- yes, Tvardzik – yes.

The next township meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 3:30 pm.

Andrew Tvardzik  
Secretary-Treasurer