

MINUTES

January 4, 2010 3:30 pm

Paint Township 1741 Basin Drive Windber, PA 15963

Chairman Blough called the meeting to order and led the board in the "Pledge of Allegiance". Other board members present were Tvardzik and newly elected supervisor Huff. Also present Wendy Senior, Office Secretary, Chief Richard Skiles and Wilbert Bailey, EMC. The visitor list is attached.

- **REORGANIZATION:** The board appointed Tvardzik as temporary chairman. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff for Blough to serve as Chairman of the board. Blough resumed the position of Chairman. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Huff for Huff to serve as Vice-Chairman and for Tvardzik to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The board is organized as follows, Blough, Chairman, Huff, Vice-Chairman and Tvardzik, Secretary-Treasurer. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff for Blough to be employed as Roadmaster (working). All current employees' will remain the same, wages, compensations and holidays are outlined in the union contracts. Road crew Richard Shaffer, Randy Huston. Part-time winter road crew Phil Ott and Jeff Jury. Office staff Wendy Senior, EMC and technical data technician Wilbert Bailey. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Huff to retain Richard Skiles as Chief of Police. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. Officers will remain the same. Police clerk full-time Heather Gephart, part-time Carol Berkey. The animal control officer is Frank Meyers, cleaning staff Linda Manges. The treasurers bond is set at \$100,000.00. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to retain the township's legal counsel of Stofko Law Offices (Matthew C. Moore). It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to retain the township's engineering firm the EADS Group (Jeff Haynal). It was moved by Blough and seconded by Tvardzik for Gary Madey to serve as the vacancy board. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Blough to appoint Brian Weaver to another five year term on the planning commission. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to retain the First Commonwealth Bank as depositories of funds. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Tvardzik to hold the regular meetings the third Tuesday at 3:30 pm they will be held at 1741 Basin Drive. Blough stated that if a special meeting is needed it will be advertised. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Huff for Tvardzik to serve as the delegate to the State annual convention. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. It is noted that the auditors meeting will be held on January 5, at 7:00 pm. The board appointed Tvardzik as Chief Administrator of the nonuniform and the Act 600 Pension Plans.

It was moved by Blough and seconded by Tvardzik to accept the minutes of the December 21st meeting as presented. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief Skiles presented the activity report. There were a total of 318 calls out of the 318, 103 calls were for Central City Borough and 89 calls were for Benson Borough. Chief Skiles reported that there were a total of 3,907 calls for the year. Chief stated that he is waiting for the certifications from Harrisburg for the new part time police officers that were recently employed. It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to accept the report. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The board noted that it will be forwarding to Benson Borough one half of the fine monies for the year 2009 which amounts to \$895.14 as per outlined in the police service contract.

OLD BUSINESS: Tvardzik stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the PennVEST grant application. Tvardzik stated that he has contacted the State Association of Township Supervisors regarding any assistance that they may be able to give in securing the PennVEST funding. The State Association was very helpful toward the township and will provide what assistance they can. Discussion was held on an article that was published in the Tribune-Democrat stating that the township received a sewage grant in the amount of approximately \$2,600.00. This was not a grant but the annual Act 537 on lot sewage reimbursement.

Bailey presented the board with a status report on work for fiscal year 2009. Work continues on updating the Township's Emergency Operations Plan. Work has been and will continue with GIS (Geographical Information Systems). Working with the Windber Vol. Fire Co. and the Scalp Level Paint Vol. Fire Co. to locate and capture the fire hydrants in Paint Township through GIS. The meeting dates for the Somerset County Emergency Management Coordinators have been set for 2010 and he will be attending. Work has been completed on the Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan which deals with natural and human-made hazards and is required for Paint Township under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Bailey updated the board that he has received his advanced certifications. He continues to work on and update the townships web-site which has received good comments. He participated in the H1N1 distribution in Richland Township which was well attended by the general public and will be participating in the H1N1 distribution in Somerset. Henger commented that he would like to see the Department of Health advertise the locations, dates and times that the H1N1 shots will held, he (Henger) understands that this is not a township responsibility but just a comment. The board thanked Bailey for the year end report.

NEW BUSINESS: It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to adopt resolution #2010-1 setting the participant contribution at zero percent (0%) for the Uniform Pension Plan effective January 1, 2010 and continuing through and including December 31, 2010. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to adopt resolution #2010-2 creating an emergency services task force between Paint Township and the Fire Departments of Hollsopple, Hooversville, Scalp Level-Paint and Windber Vol. Fire Co. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

OPEN FORUM: Henger stated that the board addressed his questions regarding the PennVEST grant under old business. Henger held discussion with the board and expressed his displeasure to the board for setting only one meeting per month and holding the meeting at 3:30 pm. Henger feels with the size and the amount of projects and activity taking place in the township that there should be two meetings per month and they should be held in the evenings to be fair to the residents. Blough explained that township can always advertise for additional meetings should the need arise and that those meetings can be held at a later time. Blough explained that the township is going to try these meeting dates and times to see how it works and if the township feels that this does not work adequately a change can be made. The township appreciates Hengers position. It is noted that the township advertises the meeting dates and times for the general public's information as required by law in the Tribune-Democrat. It is further noted that meeting dates and times and information regarding the township is posted on the web- site at www.painttownship.com for resident's convenience. No action was needed by the board.

J. Cominsky held discussion with the board regarding the installation of the sanitary should the township be successful in receiving the PennVEST grant. He pointed out people are on fixed incomes and cannot pay sanitary sewer and connection fees. He also stated that government money has dried up. General discussion continued on the topic (pump stations, monthly fees, mandates from DEP, malfunction of on lot systems and installation of sanitary sewer lines for future development). No action was needed by the board.

J. Rugg expressed his appreciation to the board for holding the millage at 8 mills for fiscal year 2010. Discussion was held on being fiscally prudent and responsible. Rugg asked how much salt and anti skid was ordered for the winter. Blough stated that the township orders approximately 100 ton of salt and 600 ton of anti skid materials. Rugg asked the schedule for the Planning Commission meetings. Tvardzik stated that they have been scheduled for the seconded Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm with the exception of the month of December no meeting will be held. Blough stated again that if a special meeting is needed it will be advertised for in the Tribune-Democrat. Rugg stated that he appreciates working with the board and thanked them for their efforts. No action was needed by the board.

It was moved by Blough and seconded by Huff to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The next township meeting will be held on February 16th at 3:30 pm.

Andrew Tvardzik
Secretary-Treasurer