

## MINUTES

Paint Township 1741 Basin Drive Windber, PA 15963

March 16, 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 Tvardzik and Huff. Also present Wendy Senior, Office Secretary, Chief Richard Skiles and Wilbert Bailey, E.M.C. The visitor list is attached.

It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to accept the minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

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

**EMC REPORT:** Bailey updated the board on the updates for the townships Emergency Operations Plan. The plan must be updated every two years. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Huff to adopt resolution 2010-3 promulgation for the updated Paint Township Emergency Operations Plan. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Skiles presented the activity report. There were a total of 398 calls out of the 398 calls 84 were for Central Borough, 75 were for Benson Borough and 108 were for Paint Borough. Chief Skiles thanked the board for the use of the conference room for C.P.R. certification. Officers from the Paint Township and Windber Borough Police departments attended. It was moved by Blough and seconded by Tvardzik to approve the report. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tvardzik reviewed with the visitors the Intergovernmental Municipal Agreement between the Township and Windber Borough regarding sanitary sewer service charges in the Bud and Fern Avenues of the Baumgardner Heights Subdivision in Paint Township. The township has implemented a \$5.00 maintenance fee for all residents of the township who have access to the sanitary sewer. Prior to February 2010 the Windber Area Authority was collecting the townships \$5.00 maintenance fee under and through Windber Borough. It should be noted that prior to February 2010 the Windber Area Authority's computer system could not differentiate the Baumgardner Heights areas between Paint Township and Windber Borough. In turn, Windber Borough was to forward to the township the \$5.00 maintenance fees. As of this date the fees have not been received amounting to approximately \$4,800.00 from 2007 to the present. Tvardzik has been in contact with Attorney Moore and has requested that he respectfully contact Windber Borough and have this issue addressed. The township will ask that Windber Borough

make an adjustment to the monthly transportation fees which currently include the \$5.00 maintenance fees from the residents of Paint Township in the Baumgardner Heights section of the township. General discussion continued. The residents expressed that they do not object to paying the township the maintenance fee but do not want to be charged twice for their sewer services. The township agrees and will continue to have the problem addressed and corrected on their behalf as well as the townships. The board suggested that the residents contact the board of supervisors to be updated. The board thanked the residents for their understanding and input. Rugg commented that the township has been diligent in pursuing this on behalf of the Intergovernmental Agreement and with Windber Borough. At this time Blough and Tvardzik asked if there were any additional questions from the visitors on this issue that needed to be addressed. There being none the board moved on. No action need by the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Action was tabled by the board on the resignation of Robert Caldwell as representative to the Windber Area Authority. Action will be taken at a later date. The township will interview interested candidates.

It was moved by Huff and seconded by Tvardzik to support the 2010 census partner proclamation. Huff stated that it is important for everyone to complete the census form. He further stated that if persons do not complete the forms they will receive a visit from a census worker. Huff stated that it costs (us) the tax payers approximately .42 cents to complete the forms by mail if a census worker has to make a visit it costs approximately \$57.00 dollars. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes.

It is noted that the township has entered into contracts with Costars for 2010-2011 winter materials.

The board notes that it will be meeting with First Commonwealth Bank on March 19<sup>th</sup> to sign documents establishing a credit line in the amount of \$5,000.00.

The township will be contacting Yonish Trucking to set up a spring clean up.

**OPEN FORUM:** Henger held discussion with the board regarding a sex offender ordinance in the township. He read to the board a newspaper article from Jackson Township on the issue. Tvardzik stated that he spoke with Chief Skiles several months ago on this issue. At this time Chief Skiles held discussion with Henger. Chief stated that a local ordinance does not hold up in the court systems. The Commonwealth has rules in place for offenders such as registration, distances that persons can be from schools and children, police notifications etc. Chief Skiles stated there are checks and balances in place through Harrisburg. Chief stated that there is no need to have a local ordinance and that the general public can access the web to get this information for the local area as to who is registered and where they reside. Henger asked what a person does to get the offenders to move, Chief Skiles stated nothing. No action needed by the board.

Fred Mock of 446 Sugar Maple Drive asked the board to place curbing along his property so that the water does not flood his yard and basement. He also asked if the township could sweep up the anti skid from Sugar Maple Drive. Blough stated that the township will look at the curbing and sweeping will be conducted throughout the township.

Rugg presented information on places for the township to have CDL testing completed at a cost savings. The board thanked Rugg. No action was needed by the board.

It was moved by Tvardzik and seconded by Huff to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm. Roll call: Blough – yes, Huff – yes, Tvardzik – yes. The next township meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

Andrew Tvardzik

Secretary-Treasurer