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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING MINUTES –APRIL 3, 2013

*These are the official meeting minutes of the Oakland Township Board of Supervisors for the above referenced date.
 The Supervisors met at the municipal building, 565 Chicora Road, Butler, PA 16001. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.*

BOARD ATTENDEES:

Brian G. Hans, Chairman
Regis V. Thoma, Vice-Chairman (absent)
Philip Lope, Solicitor

Brent A. Patten, Supervisor
Nadine A. Neff, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Brian Hans called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to approve the Meeting Agenda; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the month of March; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT

Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to approve the treasurer’s report for the month of February; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Christina King – Hidden Driveway Sign - Christina King gave to the Board a petition signed by several township residents to place a hidden driveway sign between 318 to 322 Chicora Road. **Supervisor Brent Patten motioned that we put the signs up for Christiana King; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

Rocco Lanzalotto – Structures on Schmeider Property – Rocco Lanzalotto alleges that the buildings constructed by Justin Schmeider are in violation of the Township set-back policy. Nadine Neff gave to the Board pictures taken at the request of Rocco Lanzalotto of the structures in question. Supervisor Brian Hans stated that he will talk to Justin Schmeider and measure the distance on the setback. Nadine Neff was instructed to have Dave Kriley in the Assessment Office check the property for tax assessment.

Rocco Lanzalotto further expressed his opinion on how the road crew handled a down tree recently on Thorn Run Road.



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CORRESPONDENCE

BCATO SPRING CONVENTION – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned that anyone who wishes to attend the County Convention may do so; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

STAFF REPORTS

Nadine Neff – The Township received a \$900 billing for the transportation of the John Deere tractor to Walsh Equipment. Supervisor Brian Hans stated that he will look into the matter.

Nadine Neff further reported to the Board that solicitor Phil Lope looked into the matter of having a question regarding public water added to the spring voter ballot and that it could not be done. Phil Lope stated that water is not a permitted referendum to be placed on the ballot and suggested that the township consider mailing a survey to residents that would include what the likely cost would be.

Lonny Jewart – Lonny Jewart stated that the roads scheduled for maintenance this year will be Beulah, Fallecker, Hoon, Stein, St. Joe, and Thorn Run. Supervisor Brent Patten stated that Welter Road needed to be added to that list.

Lonny Jewart stated that he calculated the road materials as follows: 8,000 Gallons of MC70 / 15,000 Gallons of E3 / 15,000 Gallons of E3M / 500 Tons of 1B SLR=E / and 900 Tons of 1B. **Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to put the bid out for the road materials mentioned; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

OLD BUSINESS

Gas and Oil Holding Lease – Phil Lope reviewed the Lease and stated that a clause should be added that if there is a ROW or pipeline placed on the SURFACE of the Lease, that the company will negotiate with us separately. **Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to have Phil Lope negotiate the best price that he can get us. There was no second and the motion died on the floor.**

Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to have the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors sign the Lease with XTO Energy that contains at a minimum the terms of the lease that the Township has reviewed; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Gas and Oil Pipeline – The Board did not have any comments regarding the Waltman to Welter pipeline.



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There was further discussion regarding any pipelines placed within the Township's right-of-way. Solicitor Phil Lope stated that the Township should be compensated. **Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to have Phil negotiate with the gas companies for crossing our roads; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

Gas and Oil Holding Tank Agreement – Solicitor Phil Lope reviewed the Holding Tank Agreement and stated that it is basically a good one. He said that it should include being pumped semi-annually and put up escrow monies in case that the Township has to take care of it. It was discussed that the normal cost at this time is \$300 for 1,000 gallons. Phil also suggested that an indemnity agreement should be added to the document. Phil will restructure the Agreement and send to Nadine Neff to forward onto the oil company. **Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to set the fee at \$1,000 per tank for the gas and oil holding tank agreements and to add the amendment; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

Employee Firefighter Policy – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve Resolution 2013-07 Oakland Township Policy For Procedures and Guidelines for Public Works Employees To Respond To Fire Calls; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

Employee Policy Regarding Handguns – Roadmaster Lonny Jewart expressed his opinion that employees should be allowed to carry firearms. Supervisor Brent Patten and Supervisor Brian Hans both stated that their opinion is to not change the current policy that prohibits employees from carrying firearms onto Township property. After much discussion, the matter remained unresolved.

Lake Road Rebuild Project – Nadine Neff stated that the construction company will be closing Lake Road for approximately 1 month beginning April 8, 2013. The Board asked her to make sure that the construction company place signs at the end of the road so that there are no issues with traffic turning around.

Truck Refinancing - Solicitor Phil Lope advised the Board that we cannot refinance the trucks with Farmer's National Bank because that would cross the threshold required in the Second Class Township Code for indebtedness without passing an ordinance and notifying the public.

David Ice – SEO Insurance - Nadine Neff gave a copy of David Ice's COI to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Road Inspection – This matter was tabled until Supervisor Regis Thoma could be included in the inspection process.



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Community Clean-Up Day Times – The time set for the annual Community Clean-Up Day at Oneida Valley VFD will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

SIGNING OF THE TIME SHEETS / AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS ON HAND

The Board signed the time sheets submitted for payroll for the month. **Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to pay the bills on hand, all previously authorized bills, and payroll for the upcoming month; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.