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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING MINUTES –MARCH 6, 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

Brent A. Patten, Supervisor

Regis V. Thoma, Vice-Chairman

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

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the month of February with a correction of a typo on page 2 where the word “truck” should be “tractor”; Supervisor Brent Patten 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 Regis Thoma seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rocco Lanzalotto – Facebook and Kenny Blatt Jr. - Rocco Lanzalotto expressed his opinion on the Township having a Facebook page and the postings therein. **Supervisor Brent Patten motioned that Nadine Neff will be the only person approved to post on the page; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

Rocco Lanzalotto expressed his opinion regarding the hiring of Kenny Blatt Jr. and his work experience.

Larry Bachman-David Ice Insurance – Larry Bachman stated that Summit Township will not hire David Ice as SEO because he has allowed his insurance to lapse and that Summit Township was advised by their solicitor Mike Gallagher that they would have liability in the event of a claim. Nadine Neff stated that the last COI she received for David Ice expired in the year 2010. The Board asked that Nadine Neff speak with David Ice and obtain a current Certificate of Insurance.

Brad Marshall – Variance – Brad Marshall stated that he is going to build a new home on Seven Hills Road. The old farmhouse is currently occupied by his father and after his father passes, it is his intention to demo that structure. He asked the Board if he can be granted a variance to have two residences on a parcel of



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property. The Board discussed their requirements that he have a notarized statement that he will remove the structure upon his father's passing and that he will have the septic system tested to make sure that it can handle both residences.. **Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve under the conditions that were discussed; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion but reiterated that he will need a notarized statement. ROLL CALL: The motion as approved by all.**

Brent Patten for Daryl Patten - Subdivision - Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the Daryl D. Patten Subdivision for parcel 250 2F20-13; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

CORRESPONDENCE

ARMSTRONG CABLE – CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – Nadine Neff stated that Armstrong Cable has sent a letter to the Township to initiate informal franchise renewal negotiations. The current agreement does not expire until November 2015. The Board asked Nadine Neff to find out why they wish to begin negotiations so early.

STAFF REPORTS

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Gas and Oil Holding Tank Agreement – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to have Nadine Neff work with our solicitor to have an agreement drawn up; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

Pipeline in Township Right-of-Way – The Board agreed that Nadine Neff should contact the solicitor to have him look into the matter of the gas companies placing the pipeline within our rights-of-way and across our township without paying royalties to the municipality. They further requested that Phil Lope attend out next meeting so that they can have their concerns addressed.

Nadine Neff stated to the Board that Donna Stepansky was given permission to use the municipal building for a meeting she is conducting with Woodcrest Road residents regarding the gas and oil lease proposals given to them by XTO Energy.

Employee Health Insurance – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to switch the employee health insurance coverage to UPMC PPO 2020; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**



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Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to pay the \$5 difference in the co-pays to the employees as long as they provide proof that they paid the co-pay to Nadine Neff; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

State Salt Contract - Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to go with 120 Tons of Salt; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Employee Volunteer Fire Department Policy – The Board discussed the matter of employees who are volunteer fire fighters being allowed to answer calls while on township time. The Board agreed that the employee can go to the call at the Roadmaster’s discretion; but they will not be paid, nor will they be allowed to make up the time in which they were absent. They stressed that no township equipment would be taken or used at the scene if the employee was to answer the call. The Board felt that it is important that the policy be put into writing and asked Nadine Neff to prepare a resolution for their next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Hans – Water Referendum – Supervisor Brian Hans asked Nadine Neff to find out how a question regarding whether or not residents would like to have city water lines extended into the township can be added to the election ballot. The board further agreed that if there is a deadline to have the question added prior to their next meeting, that Nadine Neff has their authority to have it added.

Employee Side-Arm Policy – The Board asked that Nadine Neff contact Phil Lope and get his opinion regarding any Township employee carrying a side arm. There is a written policy in the employee manual prohibiting side arms, but the policy is not written into the Union Contract.

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 Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.