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Minutes of December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Chairman J. Challingsworth.

The November meeting minutes were reviewed. J. Kline made motion to approve, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.

The financials were reviewed. J. Kline made motion to approve, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.

Reports:

Road Foreman:

Martenas Dirt & Gravel Project finished. Final inspection by Conservation District completed and approved. Mowing; Berming; Hauling shale; cold patch; work on equipment to prepare for winter. Two quotes were received for Flink plow for 98 Ford. Motion to purchase from Bradco made by J. Challingsworth, seconded by J. Kline. Motion carried.

SEO:

Pre-Construction Permits:

D151137 – Remove Collapsed Barn – Eugene Fink – Hill Road, Shickshinny

B151138 – Repair House Foundation – Eugene Fink – Hill Road, Shickshinny

D151139 – Driveway – Nathan Merrill – Shultz Road, Orangeville

D151140 – Driveway – Nathan Merrill – Shultz Road, Orangeville

Mr. Fink started work without permits and was directed to stop work by Township. Mr. Fink has cooperated with Township, DEP, and PEMA. Work will not impact any flood issues.

Old Business:

Motion to adopt 2016 budget made by J. Kline, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.

New Business:

-Subsequent to Attorney Harding's retirement a discussion to appoint new solicitor was held. Supervisors discussed both Attorney Barry Lewis and Wiley. Michael Wiley of Williamsport, presented the Township with a very impressive resume. He has extensive experience in municipal matters. J. Challingsworth made motion to appoint Wiley, seconded by J. Kline. Motion carried. Wiley will be formally appointed at the January 4, Reorganization Meeting.

-Bishop Subdivision on Harrison Road was reviewed. Plans meet Township criteria. E. Bogert made motion to accept, seconded by J. Kline. Motion carried.

-A resident requested a third Speed Limit Sign on Pealertown Road to try to slow traffic. PennDOT will not allow. Township suggested to resident that a "Watch Children" could be

installed. Resident would bear cost of sign and Township will install.

-PennDOT requested Removal of two flashing School Bus warning signs on SR 487. These signs are no longer used. A nearby resident asked if one flashing sign could remain and indicate "hidden driveway". PennDOT will not allow. Township will remove signs and PennDOT will flag during work.

-Township has new website – www.fishingcreektownship.org

-Motion to adopt Resolution 03-15 regarding the sale of Township personal property with a value of less than \$1000. Township has a plow with an appraised value of \$300-\$500 and a stainless steel cinder spreader for a dump truck valued at \$400-\$600. Bradco offered the appraisal values. Equipment will be set outside the Township building with a "for sale" sign and will be sold for the best offer. J. Kline made motion to adopt resolution, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.

-Motion to adopt Resolution 04-15 keeping 2016 Real Estate Tax Rate at 2.75. E. Bogert made motion, seconded by J. Kline. Motion carried.

-Motion to adopt Resolution 05-15 Open Records Policy. This policy allows the public to request certain records. The form is on the Township website. Motion made by J. Kline, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.

-Motion to advertise for 2016 fuel quotes made by E. Bogert, seconded by J. Kline. Motion carried.

-Motion to set 2016 meeting dates made by J. Kline, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried. January meeting will be the 4th at 4pm. All others will be the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Township building.

Correspondence:

Recognition of Guests/For the Good of the Township:

-Several members of the Orangeville Sportsmen's Club attended the meeting to request that some work be done to Sportsmen's Club Road. J. Challingsworth pointed out that Fishing Creek does not receive any tax dollars from the Club property. However, he felt the Club is an asset to the Township. J. Kline stated the Township will cold patch holes for the winter and do more extensive repairs in the spring/summer. Road does not qualify for Dirt & Gravel or Low Volume Roads Grants.

-Resident D. Rinhard questioned if Oak Road would be repaired. Oil supplier shut down in mid-September. No further work could be completed for 2015. Oak Road is on the list for 2016.

-Resident W. Blakeney questioned if millings could be used on Township roads. PennDOT used all available millings. None available for Township.

-Resident Wenner reported overhearing some residents complaining about road conditions.

There being no further business for consideration, J. Kline made motion to adjourn, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Coralee Kindt
Secretary/Treasurer**