

Ridgebury Township Office



13278 Berwick Turnpike
Gillett, PA 16925

February 4, 2014 Ridgebury Township Supervisors' Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Gee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at the Ridgebury Township Municipal Building, located at 13278 Berwick Turnpike, Gillett, PA. The meeting began with the township supervisors leading those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Announcement of recording: Township

Board of Supervisors present: Gary Gee and Kevin Yaggie

Public Participation:

Scott Phillips: Questioned the legality of the Organizational Meeting and the appointments made by John Johnson because he had not been sworn in for his new term. Solicitor Thompson responded that he had researched this issue and that all of the appointments and motions were voted on unanimously by the Board of Supervisors and that they were all valid.

Jerry Phillips: Questioned the status of the 2012 Audit. Supervisor Yaggie responded that the audit has been completed and submitted to DCED. Mr. Phillips questioned why the bids were not checked as part of the audit.

Scott Phillips: Stated that he had recently run in the last Municipal Election and questioned who else was interested in the vacant supervisor position. Supervisor Gee replied that they had received Mr. Phillip's resume and had spoken to 3 other individuals and would make a decision shortly.

Marty Stringham: Questioned if there was any progress on looking for grant money for the creek. Supervisor Gee replied that the Watershed Association and the Township are looking into different types of grants.

Supervisor Gee motioned to accept John Johnson's resignation, seconded by Supervisor Yaggie, motion carried.

Discussion about the four candidates for the supervisor vacancy.

Supervisor Gee motioned to appoint Percy Talada as Township Supervisor, to serve thru December 2015, seconded by Supervisor Yaggie, motion carried.

Supervisor Yaggie motioned to accept the minutes from the January 6th, 2014 meeting, seconded by Supervisor Gee, motion carried.

A verbal argument took place between Supervisor Yaggie and Randy Rightmire which resulted in Mr. Rightmire being escorted out by the constable.

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Presentation by Joe Doherty for the Veterans Memorial Park: Mr. Doherty is requesting donations from the Township and its residents to complete the Veterans Memorial Park in Towanda that was started 3 1/2 years ago. Mr. Doherty left information and forms at the Municipal Building for anyone wishing to donate.

Supervisor Gee announced that an Executive Session would be held to swear in the new supervisor.

Supervisor Gee called the meeting back to order at 7:46pm and welcomed Percy Talada. Supervisor Talada gave a brief introduction of himself.

Additions to the Agenda:

91 International Truck- Requested by Scott Phillips: Mr. Phillips questioned the recent repairs that were made on the 91 International and asked what two supervisors made the motion to buy the box and the other purchases for the truck. Discussion followed about the repairs and the amount of money spent on the truck.

2013 Audit: Requested by Scott Phillips: Supervisor Yaggie stated that the intent is to have a Certified Public Accountant perform the 2013 Audit. He also mentioned that this has already been advertised. Discussion followed about the procedure to hire a CPA.

Financial Reports:

Supervisor Yaggie motioned to ratify the funds used for purchases and bill payments as indicated on the check detail reports, seconded by Supervisor Yaggie, motion carried.

Supervisor Gee motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Supervisor Talada, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Township Report(s) and Updates:

Ordinance Enforcement, Road Crew, and Code Inspection summaries were all discussed.

Discussion resumed about the procedure to hire a CPA for the 2013 Audit.

Supervisor Yaggie motioned to ratify installing a doorway in the hallway to gain access to storage space from the inside, seconded by Supervisor Gee, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications:

Gas Well Notifications were reviewed.

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New Business:

Supervisor Yaggie motioned to advertise for bid 1,000 ton black cinders and 1,000 ton 6S anti-skid, seconded by Supervisor Gee, motion carried. PennDOT Representative, Greg Dibble will provide the specifics for the type of cinders.

Ridgebury Volunteer Fire Company activity report was reviewed.

Discussion again resumed on the procedure for hiring a CPA.

Supervisor Gee adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammi Talada