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MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016

The April 11, 2016 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Michelle Densberger at 7:00 PM. Attending were; Michelle Densberger, Glenn Titman, Terry Rider, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Bob & Mary McWilliams, Kerry Parkes, Connie Crawford, William Snyder, and Peggy Long.

OPEN BIDS

No bids were received for hauling. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to re-advertise for a hauler. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Kerry Parks note the front loader bucket hit the pipe, at his home, twice knocking more dirt to go into the pipe. Glenn Titman said he was operating the front loader to clean the inlet to the pipe. Kerry said it is not clean. Glenn Titman will go out tomorrow. Kerry was concerned with damages to the dirt & gravel road from the grader. Terry Rider said he had been out on the icy road. There had been an accident and Terry responded. He noted they are trying to repair roads not damage them. Kerry Parks commented he saw that two of the Supervisors had attended a dirt & gravel training session. Kerry questioned if they are going to continue to cut brush and leave branches behind. Will someone be coming along to clean up the mess? Didn't they tell you how to cut brush, chapter 6. Terry noted they attended the training session two weeks after they had cut the brush. Kerry questioned if you have a big wind storm, do you go out and check all the roads? Kerry knew of a tree that was down for over a week and he knows it was called in. Michelle Densberger said she did get a call this past weekend. Glenn was told by Helen, school bus driver, about the tree Monday morning and he we right out and took care of it. Kerry feels after a big storm the road crew should go out and check every road. Glenn Titman noted he was out Saturday afternoon to check roads and didn't charge any time. Kerry feels that should be a priority. Michelle Densberger said they do check. Glenn Titman said if there is a problem, call and leave a message. Michelle tried to explain they do check and if they find something then they have to make the repair. She said she knows Glenn is out at 3:00 am checking the roads after a storm. Michelle said Kerry is bashing people that are doing their jobs with the best they can. Kerry asked again, why aren't they checking all the roads after a storm? Michelle said we only have one full time road worker and three part time and they can only do so much. Kerry asked why in one week they can't cover the 48 miles of road? She knows he has some issues on his road and they will try to fix them. But to come in and bash them and say they are not doing their jobs because of one or two incidents, that is really what I am hearing. Kerry didn't mean it like that. What he would really like to see is a plan. It just seems like they are just doing things. Michelle Densberger said there is a plan, we have a Road Master that has things planned out, however things come up and you can't away stick with the plan. If you see an issue, call and leave a message. They check the messages every day. Nancy Welliver said, in defense of the Supervisors, she noted Terry Rider has only been a Supervisor since January and he has made great strides in pre planning and controlling what will be done. When they come in, they know what they are going to do. Kerry hopes when they cut brush again they follow the Chapter 6 plans. Terry explained they rented the brush cutter and this was the first time they had operated it. It did not come with an operator or instructions. Tunnel road was the first road they cut. As they continued they did get better at the trimming. William Snyder noted the Secretary is now down to two days a week. He would like to see her kept at three days. Michelle Densberger said the determination was made the number of hour are between eight and thirteen. We have kept her on

for two days to see how that goes. Secretary questioned what she should do if she can't get the work done. Right now I have one of the quarterlies to do, bank reconciliation, sewer billing. When I only work the two days, I come in and have five days of e-mail to go through and piles of mail that when I had three days it was spread over more. Now the sewer bills will be coming in. Michelle Densberger said she doesn't understand why I can't get the work done when other communities handle more utilities and planning work. Secretary said perhaps they are far superior to her. Secretary said it would not be every week some weeks she only will need two days, but with the quarterlies and the audit was two days, she just couldn't get everything done. Michelle understands there is more work at the end of the quarter. Terry was ok with Secretary working this Thursday. He asked about Beverly helping. Secretary stated Beverly does not do her work. Beverly has been trying to set up a way of tracking the budgeting of Liquid Fuels and the State 965 form since Michelle changed the way it was done before. Gary Williams noted it would be like if a big storm hit. Michelle is ok with this Thursday due to this time of year or once a quarter.

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of March 14, 2016. *Terry Rider made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14, 2016. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills were reviewed. Michelle asked why there are two Verizon bills. Secretary noted sometime with a short month I'll get two, the same as the Line System. Nancy Welliver asked what happened to the \$45,000.00 in PLGIT. It must have gotten cut off the end of the page. It is still there. Nancy also questioned why the Liquid Fuel account total is the same as last month. Michelle noted the bills are paid out of General Fund and later transferred from Liquid Fuel to General Fund. Secretary said that she has not done the transfers for February yet. Nancy then questioned the balance and the auditor report is \$100,000.00 difference. Michelle noted the monthly reports do not show the CDs. Nancy said that is a false impression of funds you have, they should be showing. Michelle said they can be added to the report. Nancy asked how much is in the CDs. About \$225,000.00. Michelle questioned how much interest we are getting from PLGIT on the plus. Michelle will check to see if we could put the \$45,000.00 into the First Columbia Repurchase account. We may have to add \$5,000.00 to make it \$50,000.00 and list as a separate account. Nancy asked how much interest we are getting for the CDs. Michelle said it is close to the repurchase but not as good. The reason we have the CDs was to have untouched money. Nancy said all money should be listed. Gary Williams heard on news there is some legislation so the tax payers know exactly what is going on in the townships. Michelle said we are not hiding anything it probable just got missed putting them on the report. We've only had them for two years. Michelle asked do we want to put the PLGIT Plus into the repurchase account. We want to keep it in a separate account so it doesn't get spent. Nancy asked if there is any fee for accounts that are not active. Michelle will check further for next month. *Glenn Titman made a motion to approve the financial report, and to pay bills with correction. Bills paid from General Fund (including Liquid Fuel bills) were \$6,393.46. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$918.60 and from Liquid Fuel \$0.00. Terry Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Secretary asked what the correction was. Michelle said to add the CDs to the bank totals as the bottom of page.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Nancy reported it was a short meeting

PLANNING COMMISSION

Michelle Densberger noted there was no meeting due to no quorum.

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(Jan – \$1,274.00 & Feb - \$171.50)

SEO REPORT

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PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

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ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Terry Rider gave his report.

We received notice from Penn Dot that they are going to do resurfacing on Dutch Hill Road and Ant's Hill Road. Terry then contacted Penn Dot about an estimate he received to do Woodside Drive. That is the only black top road in the township. The estimate was \$20,000.00. Terry spoke to Penn Dot about an an Utility-Agility Agreement. We would work together with Penn Dot. We could do mowing on State Roads. That is in the works. Terry also spoke to Jerry, at Midland, on prices for our dust oil. There are three different ways; they will come out a night and shoot dust powder-oil but no stones for about \$260.00 for 500'. This would only be for dust not to build the road. The second would be MC70 oil with stone at about three times the cost, but is only for dirt roads. The third would be CRS2PM oil and stone if you already have dirt & gravel tar & chip. They will do one third at a time. We bought a wacker. Terry would like to have pricing for next month so we can get it done earlier this year.

POLICE

Chief Swank noted they have been very busy this past month due to the several meth areas that were found. He warned everyone to be very alert, it is very dangerous. They are working on the office. Floor has been torn up. Need to get rid of radiators. Nancy suggested advertising on Craig's List.

OLD BUSINESS

Connie Crawford called the tax office concerning the tax claim voided report. There was a trailer that was moved. It was only the trailer not the property. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to allow County to exonerate the taxes on said trailer. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Liquid Fuel audit was presented. Must send them a letter stating what was done.

CORRESPONDENCE

Columbia County Liquid Fuels Grant Assistance Program due May 6, 2016. This is for transportation projects. We are working on two other grants. We don't have time unless we contact National Gunite, they will work up a bid for us. We can say we will put maybe \$5,000.00 towards it.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Nancy noted April 26th is Election Day. They will have food available.

Glenn Titman thanked the ladies for the great job they did on the Easter Egg Hunt. Nancy said it was the Community Ladies that put it on.

ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Titman made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long

Secretary/Treasurer