

**MONONGAHELA TOWNSHIP**

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 1, 2010

6:00 PM

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**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER:** -Jim Rumble

**ROLL CALL:** -Jim Rumble, Larry Lapana, Louie Kovach

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** -Larry Lapana

-Approval of February 2010 Treasurer's Report

-Approval to pay all bills

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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FEBRUARY 1, 2010

6:00 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim Rumble

**ROLL CALL:** Jim Rumble, Larry Lapan, Louie Kovach

**ATTENDING:**

Jim Rumble, Larry Lapan, Louie Kovach, Tonya Halbert, Rocky King, Rita King, Linda Kois, James Minor, Dorothy Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, Carolee Pilon, Jack Keener, Brian McCorkle, Andrea Rumble, Kandy Gashie, Robert Born, Craig Lint, Bill Kennedy

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS):** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

-**Larry Lapan** made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Reorganization meeting and the December 2009 meeting; **Louie Kovach** seconded the motion and the motion passed.

-Motion made by **Larry Lapan** to retain Charlie Harden and Shane Lapan as Laborers in the amount of \$8.35 per hour; **Louie Kovach** seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jim Rumble read the Treasurer's Report:

General Account:	\$ 236,097.75
General Fund Savings:	\$ 62,102.15
Fire Hydrant Account:	\$ 1,757.85
Fire Hydrant Savings:	\$ 1,804.24
Machinery Checking:	\$ 10,400.00
Machinery Savings:	\$ 14,219.25
Payroll Account:	\$ 2.79
State Fund:	\$ 2,217.25
Street Light Fund:	\$ 1,583.19
Total Funds Available:	\$ 330,184.47

-**Jim Rumble** made a motion to pay all bills; **Louie Kovach** seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

-**Larry Lapana** made a motion to accept the Public Comment Resolution; **Louie Kovach** seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Public Comment resolution was passed around for those attending to review.

-**Jim Rumble** reported that the insurance carrier was changed to Health America to save the township approximately 40% in premiums. The coverage is the same. He reported that the policy has not been delivered, but should be here within a week.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-**Craig Lint** asked who is covered by the health insurance. Jim Rumble replied that the three supervisors are covered.

-**Tonya Halbert** questioned if the new secretary will get health care coverage. Jim Rumble replied no, because you have to work a minimum of 35 hours per week according to State Code to receive them and the insurance agents will not write them if they do not work that amount of time.

-**Jim Minor** asked why the former secretary received benefits; Jim Rumble replied he doesn't know because that was the way it was when he took office.

-**Jim Minor** asked if the premium will be \$6,000 per month. Louie Kovach explained that it was \$6,000 per month; it will now go down to approximately \$2200 per month.

-**Rita King** questioned Jim Rumble about her salary being set by the Auditor's. Jim Rumble said that he did not remember saying that, but if he did, then he did. Rita replied that at that meeting, she still didn't find anything out and the Auditor's confirmed that they do not set her salary, the Supervisors do.

-**Jim Rumble** suggested that the supervisors have to meet with Bill Hook and Rita to correct the problems with her salary. Rocky King said that documentation is needed when her salary change was advertised in the newspaper to be official and verified. Her salary cannot be changed in the middle of an elected term.

-**Jim Rumble** asked Rita King what percentage of the tax she is collecting would it balance out to be. Rita replied that she is supposed to be 5% of 100 percent collected and should include street light, EMS, and fire hydrant taxes—she is only being compensated for real estate taxes collected. Rita also stated that the valuation of taxes went up this year along with the millage being raised and she will not be getting paid what she should be for this. Jim Rumble asked Rita to try to calculate what she is getting now, and she replied that there is no way that she can figure that out and she does not know how they came up with her present salary that changed in 2007. She is not worried about the back pay; she just wants this caught up. Rocky King said that she always received 5% of what she collected and has no idea why they put her on salary. She could go months on end without being paid until they put her on salary.

-**Jim Rumble** asked Rita who all she collects taxes for. Rita replied the school district, Mon Township, and Greensboro Borough. She stated that Greensboro Borough pays her 5% of what is collected.

-**Jack Keener** what hours the supervisors are working. Jim Rumble replied this past week that they have been working from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mr. Keener asked how many hours they were supposed to be working per week. Jim Rumble told them 40 hours. Mr. Keener then asked how much overtime they receive. Jim Rumble replied that they don't take any overtime pay. He also asked if someone wanted to review a time sheet can they do that. Jim Rumble said that it could be a conflict of interest; but he would check with the solicitor to be sure.

-**Rocky King** asked if the \$3,000 they received last month was used for the truck. The minutes state that they are going to have to purchase another truck. Jim Rumble said that they are going to have to have another truck; you cannot find parts for the one that we have. The truck should not even be on the highway.

-**Jack Keener** suggested that Township decals be placed on the trucks. Jim Rumble said that is a good suggestion and they will have them put on the trucks.

-**Jim Minor** asked why they raised taxes when they have so much money in the bank. Jim Rumble replied that Harrisburg told them if they did not raise taxes that the Township would not get any help from them any longer. Jim Rumble also commented that in the two years he has been in office that the Township has only bought two loads of stone. Atlas gave the township 21 loads of stone, they paved roads, Poland and Bealls road was repaired free of charge, two roads blacktopped for free, Robena Road was fixed for free also.

-**Jim Minor** asked if we use his figure of 20.1 miles of road. Do you remember telling us that the Sewage Authority is going to repave the Maple Ridge Road? Jim Rumble replied that they are going to do that in the spring. So when did you raise taxes? It had to be done in December because you had to have it finished and publicized before January. **Jim Rumble made a motion to correct the December minutes to include the tax increase; Larry Lapana seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

-**Jim Minor** wanted to know if the supervisors met in Harrisburg to be told they have to raise taxes or who told them they had to. Jim Rumble replied that the people that give them grants told them it's hard to help them if they won't raise their taxes, taxes in Mon Township has not been raised in approximately 21 years. Jim Lovettee from Bill DeWeese's office said that if they didn't raise the taxes, they would not be considered for help any longer.

-**Craig Lint** asked if there are records of the grants that was applied for and received and can they be reviewed. Jim Rumble said yes we do, but make arrangements to meet so they can be put together.

-**Jim Minor** asked if they hired a secretary yet. Jim Rumble stated that they interviewed another girl today. They also asked when they plan on hiring a secretary. Jim Rumble stated that when they get the office at the township shed ready. Larry Lapana is the bonded secretary at the present time. **Jim Rumble made a motion to correct the minutes stating that Larry Lapana is the secretary; Louie Kovach seconded and the motion passed.**

-**Bobbi Kennedy** asked why an outside audit is wanted; why her road is neglected; and what does a solicitor have to do with time sheets? Jim Rumble replied that the solicitor has nothing to do with

it; he made a statement that he needs to see if it is appropriate. Jim Rumble asked to have the question repeated and Ms. Kennedy said that she shouldn't have to repeat herself—Jim Rumble stated then he doesn't have to answer the question.

-**Jim Minor** repeated her (Ms. Kennedy's question) regarding the time sheets. Jim Rumble replied that he don't care who reviews their time sheets, but he just wants to confirm with their solicitor that it is alright to do that and not have a confidentiality problem.

-**Bobbi Kennedy** asked why you need to have an outside audit if everything is fine according to the auditors and it will cost a lot of money. Not necessary, so why do you need to protect yourself? Kandy Gashie said who wants to protect themselves from what? Andrea Rumble replied that every invoice has a check number and account number on it that they have ever audited. Tonya Halbert said the only thing they ever see that gives them a problem is the time sheets; they never match.

-**Bobby Kennedy** wanted to know why her roads not paved, how do you chose which roads get paved—didn't get plowed for 5 days straight. Jim Rumble said they cannot afford to blacktop all the township roads.

-**Rocky King** asked why they wouldn't fix that road instead of Sugar Grove road. Jim Rumble stated that it was a Dirt & Gravel road grant and they determined what roads were to be fixed.

-**Brian McCorkle** asked why nothing has been done in Alicia for 20 years. There are drainage problems that need to be corrected. Jim Rumble replied that there will be drainage corrections done this spring. They are finally getting equipment that they can work with because they had nothing to work with.

-**Jim Minor** asked again why they raised taxes. They never had to worry about getting grants until you got on the board. Jim Rumble replied that he got his share of them for the Township and it helped the township. Jim Rumble stated that the township did not have trucks or equipment to work with because of them being broke down; bear with them, they are getting things together and will be able to work on the roads better.

## **ADJOURNED:**

-**Jim Rumble** made a motion to adjourn; Louie Kovach seconded the motion and the motion passed.