

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
100 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020-1100

Henry A. Holman, Jr., Chairman

Lucinda (CeCe) Novinger, Vice-Chairman

Randy Plummer, Supervisor

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The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 in the Municipal Building. Chairman Henry Holman, Jr., Vice-Chairman CeCe Novinger, and Supervisor Randy Plummer were in attendance. Other personnel present were Helen Klinepeter (Secretary), Max Shradley, (Engineer), P. Richard Wagner (Solicitor), and Susan Long (Treasurer). Chairman Holman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes. A list of visitors is on file in the Township office.

VISITORS

Chris Comisac, 6 Leiter Drive

Mr. Comisac presented a "*Permit to Purchase and Use Consumer Fireworks Within Pennsylvania.*" He stated that he wished to have a fireworks display at his residence at 6 Leiter Drive on July 4, 2009. The Secretary stated that a background check of Mr. Comisac run by Police Chief Paul Sheaffer came back satisfactory. As there were no negative comments, and upon a Plummer/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve the permit application.

Luther Daywalt, Valley Street

Mr. Daywalt was not in attendance to discuss his request for a designated handicapped parking space at his residence on Valley Street. No action was taken.

Denise Hassinger, Faculty Road

Ms. Hassinger was in attendance to discuss a mobile home that had been brought for repair to the business owned by her husband and herself. The PTS had earlier informed that Hassingers that the mobile home had to be removed from the property by July 1st. Ms. Hassinger explained that the trailer is finished and ready to be moved. However, the owner is still in the process of getting the necessary permits to place the mobile home in its permanent location. After discussion, and upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to grant a thirty-day extension for removal of the mobile home from the Hassinger property. Chairman Holman will contact Mike Ward, owner of the Decoven property, to discuss the required permits.

Kevin Bissonnette, Duncannon Fire Company (DFC)

Mr. Bissonnette presented more of the information earlier requested by Chairman Holman. He stated that he has not had an opportunity to research the call breakdown for 2008. Byron Worner stated that the breakdown by municipality was provided in the 2008 annual report. The Secretary will provide a copy of the report to Chairman Holman. Mr. Bissonnette stated that a breakdown of the types of calls by call box was included in the information provided at this meeting. Mr. Worner asked that the Secretary contact him if any other information is needed.

Mr. Worner then provided an update of the repairs to the tower truck. He stated that it went for repairs on June 8th, that Duncannon Borough (Borough) has provided a \$12,000.00 loan at this time, that Wheatfield has donated \$4,000.00, and that Reed Township is looking into funding but has made no promises. He stated that DFC is still requesting a donation from the PTS. Byron Worner added that repairs should be completed in the next three to four weeks. He stated that the repair company will need 50% of the cost within thirty days of the start date and the remainder within thirty days after completion of the project.

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Eloise Sands

Mrs. Sands stated that her son has called several times about stormwater runoff problems from Linton Hill Road. Chairman Holman stated that he just recently received the message and did a drive-by of the location, and he knew the cause of the problem. He informed Mrs. Sands that he would contact her son to arrange a site meeting and that the problem would be resolved.

Mrs. Sands also noted that the potholes in the area of Gambers Corner Road are deep and could cause vehicle damage. Chairman Holman stated that the issue of potholes would be addressed later in the agenda during the Highway Report.

Ken Lepperd, 10 Rohrer Drive

Mr. Lepperd stated that restoration of his yard was never completed after the Rohrer Drive paving project last year. He also asked if he could remove several trees along Rohrer Drive. He stated that he was unsure of what work he could do, because he was told that more work would be done on Rohrer Drive this year. Chairman Holman stated that he could not comment on what promises had been made to Mr. Lepperd last year by the highway department, but stated that he would go to Mr. Lepperd's property for further discussion of the restoration issue. Mr. Plummer informed Mr. Lepperd that he could remove the trees in question.

Kraig Nace, Duncannon Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Mr. Nace thanked the PTS for making repairs to the right-of-way at the EMS entrance, and also for its continued support. He stated that completion of the sewage project has been delayed because of the inclement weather, but is expected to be completed in the near future. He then informed the PTS of the various events participated in, or sponsored by, the EMS.

Susan Howell, 1221 State Road

Ms. Howell stated that she had contacted Judge Maguire regarding the lawn mowers sitting on the William Sminkey property. She stated that she was told by Judge Maguire that all the mowers were to be within the confines of fencing. However, there are still mowers sitting in the area between his property and hers.

Chairman Holman stated that he did not know how it happened, but Judge Maguire was notified by a Township official that the infringement onto Township property was resolved, when in actuality it was not. He stated that Mr. Sminkey had been told to conform to the Township ordinance or face a jail sentence, and that Judge Maguire should never have been notified. As it now stands, the Township must re-start the process. Chairman Holman said that it is very difficult to talk to Mr. Sminkey, who just walks away. When Chief Sheaffer is back from vacation, Chairman Holman will talk to him to discuss the next step.

Raymond Hall, Linton Hill Road

Mr. Hall lives on the Penn Township side of Linton Hill Road and asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the road. He stated that there is a crack running across the road, straight up his

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driveway. He was informed that Wheatfield Township plows and maintains that section of Linton Hill Road.

MINUTES

Upon a Holman/Novinger motion, the PTS voted to unanimously approve the minutes of the May 27, 2009 PTS meeting, with the beginning time of the executive session changed to 8:45 p.m., along with the minutes of the June 11, 2009 emergency meeting as presented.

INVOICES AND EXPENDITURES

The PTS reviewed the Invoices and Expenditures report for the period May 28 through June 24, 2009. After due consideration, and upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve payment of checks 21806 through 21872 from the PLGIT General Account in the amount of \$28,177.95, ACH transfers from the Orrstown Bank General Account in the amount of \$4,810.34, checks 1126 through 1132 from the Orrstown Bank PTPRB Checking Account in the amount of \$452.06, and check 217 from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The Treasurer reported that two invoices had arrived after preparation of the financial reports and asked for authorization for payment. Upon a Plummer/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve payment of invoices to Geiger & Loria and IM Supplies with the next payroll. The invoice amounts and check numbers will appear on the financial reports for the June 24th meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer Report for the period May 28 through June 24, 2009, subject to yearly audit.

FIRE MEETING REPORT

Chairman Holman reminded the fire company representatives that, at the beginning of the year, he had suggested two meetings a month to discuss funding for 2010. He reported that, during a conversation with Mr. Plummer, he made the comment that he does not understand how the Perdix Fire Company (PFC) representative can be the spokesman for both fire companies, and that Mr. Plummer agreed that maybe there should be separate meetings with each company. Mr. Bissonnette thought that the issue of having only one spokesman was covered at the first meeting. Jodi Rissinger (PFC) offered that she thought that splitting the time of each meeting for separate meetings was counter-productive.

Chairman Holman stated that he had made the suggestion that the meetings be conducted as executive sessions. This was done to ensure that the time was spent in discussion with the fire companies, and not interrupted by possible outbursts from visitors. He stated that he can now agree to public meetings, but that Mr. Plummer is not in favor of them. Ms. Novinger said that she could also agree to public meetings.

Chairman Holman noted that budget preparation time was fast approaching and feels that issues are being stalled. Monte Supko and other fire company representatives asked for an explanation. Chairman Holman offered that he feels there is a lot that still needs to be done, and with budget preparation time approaching, wants to keep the talks moving. He asked if the fire companies wanted combined or separate meetings. Mr. Bissonnette stated that that was up to the PTS. He voiced his concern that \$27,000.00 would not be enough funding for DFC for 2010, that it was June, and that he does not recall having a written contract with the PTS for 2009.

Ms. Rissinger stated that she felt the meetings should be public so that there is written documentation of what transpires. Chairman Holman asked the Solicitor if the PTS has to recognize the public at a public meeting. The Solicitor responded that he did not think the PTS had to allow visitors' comments, and that the PTS could try a public meeting and see how orderly it goes. He said

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that if there were outbursts, the PTS could adjourn the meeting and use it as a precedent for future executive sessions. Ms. Rissinger suggested that visitors be given a time limit for comments. Chairman Holman stated that public comments would take away the time needed for discussion of the funding issues. He stated that he had no problem with the public listening to the discussions, but he would not let the public intervene.

After further discussion, and upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to advertise a meeting with the fire companies for July 16th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be advertised as a public meeting, with no public comments.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

PPL Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) Application

The Secretary reported that she had received no response from PPL regarding its HOP application. Mr. Plummer reported that he had contacted PPL as requested at the May 27th meeting and informed them about the PTS's concern over the location of poles where there was to be underground service. He also informed them of the need to submit an application fee. The Solicitor reviewed the HOP application and noted that it was not signed by PPL.

The Solicitor recommended that a letter be sent to PPL informing them that the PTS has received what appears to be an application for a HOP. However, because it was not signed, and because no fees were attached, the application is not being considered.

Chairman Holman stated that he had driven past the site and noticed that the old telephone poles had been removed and new ones installed. He offered that he thought it was just replacements, but visitor Garry Raub stated that additional poles were installed in new locations. The Secretary will contact Embarq to ask what construction is taking place and to inform Embarq that a permit is needed for installation of the new poles.

Summer Road Work

Chairman Holman reported that he had met with several different contractors about the paving of Hill Top, Firehouse and Burley Roads, and Woodland Avenue. Additionally, he spoke with PennDOT regarding the intersections of those roads with SR 11/15. He stated that Burley Road has been added as an alternate to be paved if the costs for the other roads come in low enough.

Chairman Holman stated that there is a lot of work to be done on the Township's roads, citing potholes, and preparatory work for the road paving projects. He offered that he would like to use the part-time employees on a Saturday work crew patching potholes.

Regarding the paving of Hill Top Road, Chairman Holman reported that he has increased the base to 3", with a rolled curb for stormwater runoff control, and feels that it will come in under budget.

Chairman Holman noted the narrow width of the Perdix roads. He also noted that the contractors have Bobcats with milling attachments and offered that he feels the contracted price for milling would be cheaper than the Township employees doing it with rented equipment. Mr. Plummer asked what the road widths were, with Chairman Holman providing the information.

Mr. Supko stated that he had talked to two supervisors during the road survey, when discussion was held on widening Firehouse Road before it is paved. He offered his opinion that, if it was not widened, the job would not be done right. Chairman Holman responded that widening Firehouse Road would delay the project because of all the PennDOT permits that would be needed. He stated that he wanted to get all the Perdix roads paved this season. He informed the fire company representatives that they would be notified as to the paving schedule. Supervisor Novinger stated that Perry County Dispatch would also be notified.

Supervisor Plummer questioned an earlier comment by Chairman Holman that there would be no crowns on the road. He suggested that Chairman Holman contact the Liquid Fuels representative to

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see what percentage of slope is required. Chairman Holman stated that none of the contractors mentioned the requirement for the roads to be crowned.

After further discussion, and upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to include an escalator clause addressing increases in oil prices in the bid package for the Perdix paving project.

Upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve a resolution that includes the above-mentioned escalator clause. The Engineer will forward a draft resolution.

Upon a Novinger/Holman motion, the PTS voted unanimously to advertise for bids for paving of Hill Top, Firehouse and Burley Roads, and Woodland Avenue, with Burley Road as an alternate. The pre-bid meeting will be held on July 13th, with the bid opening scheduled for July 27th and the awarding of bids scheduled for July 29th during the PTS meeting.

Roadmaster Position

Chairman Holman explained the reason for the motion made at the May 27th meeting that rescinded Supervisor Plummer's January 5th appointment as a Roadmaster. He stated that Supervisor Plummer was first hired as a highway department employee at the rate of \$17.00 per hour. When a Supervisor vacancy occurred, Mr. Plummer asked to be, and was, appointed as a Supervisor. The Elected Auditors have the responsibility to set the pay rate of the Roadmaster, and since he was an employee, they set his rate at \$20.00 per hour. The motion made on May 27th did not remove his authority as Roadmaster until his last day of employment, June 10th. Without the motion, if he had chosen to work as a Roadmaster after resigning as an employee, he would have been paid \$20.00 per hour, and not \$11.25, the pay rate set by the Elected Auditors as the pay rate for supervisors who work as Roadmasters.

Chairman Holman stated that Supervisor Plummer has been without the title of Roadmaster since June 11th. If he wishes to plow snow or do other road work and get paid, a motion needs to be made to appoint him as Roadmaster.

After this explanation, and upon a Holman/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to appoint Supervisor Plummer as a Roadmaster, at the rate of \$11.25.

PENN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (PTPC) REPORT

Warren Snyder Final Subdivision Plan, File #2009-02

Upon a letter of recommendation from the PTPC, and upon a Novinger/Holman motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve a time extension until October 28, 2009 for the purpose of acting upon and/or reviewing the Warren Snyder Final Subdivision Plan, File #2009-02.

Morrison Inc. Land Development Plan, File #2009-04

Upon a letter of recommendation from the PTPC, and upon a Plummer/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve a time extension until October 18, 2009 for the purpose of acting upon and/or reviewing the Morrison Inc. Land Development Plan, File #2009-04.

Penn Tech Properties LLC Land Development Plan, File #2009-05

Upon a letter of recommendation from the PTPC, and upon a Plummer/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve an AOR for Section 304/305 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Upon a Plummer/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve the Penn Tech Properties LLC Land Development Plan, File #2009-05, with the following contingencies – the ownership/maintenance agreement for stormwater management and erosion control needs to be finalized, the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and NPDES permit need to be approved by Perry County Conservation, financial security in the amount of \$10,395.00 needs to be provided, the

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PA DEP Sewage Facilities mailer needs DEP approval, and all fees need to be paid. Grant Marshall accepted the contingencies.

Upon a Novinger/Holman motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve the submittal of the DEP Module for Penn Tech Properties LLC Land Development Plan, File #2009-05.

Arthur Myers DEP Planning Module

Upon a Novinger/Holman motion, the PTS voted unanimously to set the escrow amount for the Arthur Myers DEP Planning Module at \$7,400.00.

Penn Township Comprehensive Plan

The Secretary reported that a Wheatfield Township supervisor attended the June 15th PTPC meeting and voiced Wheatfield Township's interest in a joint comprehensive plan. Upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to authorize the PTPC to pursue a grant application for a joint comprehensive plan.

ZONING OFFICER (ZO) REPORT

The June 2009 ZO Report was reviewed without comment.

Morrison Inc. Land Development Plan, File #2009-04

The Secretary reported that Mr. Morrison has requested a conditional use for his proposed headquarters location and that a hearing date will need to be scheduled. It was the consensus to schedule the hearing on July 29th at 6:30 p.m., immediately prior to the PTS meeting.

Shermanata Grange Zoning Hearing, Docket 2009-06

The Secretary stated that Shermanata Grange has requested a variance of the zoning ordinance to install an additional sign. The Solicitor asked if the PTS wished to send a representative to the zoning hearing and take an official position in support of, or in opposition to, the request. After discussion, it was the consensus to remain neutral and allow the Zoning Hearing Board to make the decision.

Ryan Rohrer Zoning Hearing, Docket 2009-04

The Secretary reported that the Rohrer zoning hearing was continued until July 9th to allow the applicant to explore other options and/or amend his application. He was given until June 19th to notify the Township of any amendment. No response has been received from Mr. Rohrer. Chairman Holman announced that he would represent the PTS at the July 9th zoning hearing.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SEO) REPORT

There no June 2009 SEO Report was reviewed without comment.

PENN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD (PTPRB) REPORT

The PTPRB Report for June 2009 was reviewed without comment. Chairman Jim Renner reported that two members of the PTPRB have violated the absentee provision of the By-laws, that one has resigned and that there has been no response from the second. He recommended appointment of two individuals, one to fill a prior vacancy, and the second to fill the latest resignation. Upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to appoint Betsy Kirkhoff and Susan Howell as members of the PTPB.

Mr. Renner reported that DCNR is offering a matching grant for tree rehabilitation/planting. He said that if the PTPRB was successful in acquiring funds, the trees could be planted behind the salt shed. No action was taken

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Mr. Renner asked everyone to provide ideas for fall activities the PTPRB could provide the residents.

Chairman Holman again commended Mr. Renner for all his efforts on behalf of the Township.

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY)

There was no Authority report.

SECRETARY REPORT

Amendment to the Stormwater Ordinance of 1992

The Secretary reported that this amendment adds Tables 1 and 2, and Chart 1 to the Stormwater Ordinance and has been duly advertised. Upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the Stormwater Ordinance of 1992.

Burial on Private Property

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Robert Shaffer, Sr. stating that he and his wife would like to be buried on their property and asking if there were any ordinances regulating the same. She presented a letter from the Zoning Officer stating that cemeteries are a permitted use in Mr. Shaffer's zoning district, and as such must comply with Section 1612 of the Zoning Ordinance. The letter also recommended that an easement be drawn up around the proposed cemetery area for access, along with a contract indicating who will provide the long-term care of the property.

After discussion, and upon a Holman/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to approve the request, with the note that the letter to Mr. Shaffer should state that the cemetery must comply with Section 1612 of the Zoning Ordinance, and an easement around the cemetery is required. Mr. Shaffer should also be cautioned that there might be additional state regulations governing private cemeteries.

Grow Residence, 30 Creek Road

The Secretary presented a letter and photographs from Stacey and David Grow detailing several accidents that have occurred on their property, suggesting that a "Curve Ahead" sign be erected, and suggesting that the speed limit be lowered in the area of the curve. The Engineer offered that the Township could erect a sign stating there is a curve ahead and listing a speed limit, but it could not be enforced. Chairman Holman asked the Secretary to forward the information to Chief Sheaffer when he returns from vacation.

ENGINEER REPORT

The Engineer Report was reviewed with the following additional comments.

Agricultural-Rural (AR) Zoning District Update

The Engineer reported that the PTPC continues to update the AR zoning district regulations, but has put this issue on the back burner as it focuses on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The PTPC has discussed the possibility of Wheatfield Township and Duncannon Borough joining the update and applying for a grant.

Sheetz Car Wash Stormwater Management Revisions

The Engineer reported that final corrections have been made to the Sheetz Car Wash stormwater detention pond and that he will set up a final inspection within the next week.

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POLICE REPORT

The Monthly Police Reports were reviewed without comment.

Faculty Road Speed Study

The Secretary stated that Chief Sheaffer has completed the speed study for Faculty Road east and west of SR274. Chairman Holman asked if the Engineer must review the speed study to make it official. On the advice of the Solicitor, the Engineer will review the speed study and provide his "blessing" on it.

Police Car Bids

The Secretary reported that only three bids were received for the Chevrolet Impala police car – one was received after the deadline, and the other two were under the minimum bid of \$2,000.00. After discussion, and upon a Novinger/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to advertise the car on Ebay, with a minimum bid of \$2,000.00.

Police Vest Grant

The Secretary reported that the cost of a police vest was \$730.00. Upon a Holman/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to authorize the Secretary to apply for a matching grant for the purchase of a police vest.

National Night Out

The Secretary relayed that the Police Chief would like the PTS to host a block party on National Night Out, August 4th. She added that the wife of the Police Chief has volunteered her help. Further discussion will be held with the Police Chief when he returns from vacation, to get his thoughts on the scale of the block party. It was suggested that the PTPRB might also be interested in helping out at the party.

Fraud and Scam Alert

Chief Sheaffer has asked Township residents to be alert for individuals offering deals on driveway repair and other bargains. In his written memo he reminded the residents that all individuals soliciting items door-to-door must have a Township permit. He also cautioned that in some scams, one individual will keep the owner occupied at the front door while the second individual tries to enter the house through the back door.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Furnley Frisch

The Solicitor reported that he did not receive a response from Mr. Frisch's lawyer and, as a result, a default judgment was entered against Mr. Frisch. He stated that the next step is to file a permanent injunction against Mr. Frisch. The judgment requests Perry County Court to enjoin Mr. Frisch from allowing further stormwater/debris from his property onto Barnett Drive.

Perdix Scale House Lease

The Solicitor explained that in 1985 the PTS entered into a lease agreement with PFC over the Perdix Scale House property. This lease agreement contained a reversionary clause stating that if the property was not used for PFC business, it would revert back to the PTS. In 1985 the PTS sought a Court order to protect the PTS and the PFC from citizen challenges to the lease agreement.

The Solicitor advised that, since the PTS still has a reversionary interest, it should be a party to the lease between PFC and Eagle's Nest. On request of the PFC, and upon a Holman/Novinger motion,

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the Solicitor will contact counsel for the PFC to further discuss the issues. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the PTS.

Perry Foods Noise Level

The Solicitor referenced a letter from Rudnitsky & Hackman, LLP, which requested a copy of the noise testing results from the Perry Foods property. He said that the Secretary informed him that the Township has no noise testing equipment, and therefore no test was conducted. He suggested that the Secretary write a letter to Rudnitsky & Hackman, informing them of the same.

Chairman Holman offered his opinion that a noise test should be conducted at Perry Foods to enforce the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. The Solicitor stated that, to be admissible in court, the equipment must be certified. However, for a preliminary test, it was the consensus to utilize lesser-quality equipment to get a general idea of the noise level at Perry Foods. Several individuals volunteered the use of their equipment for a preliminary test.

BUILDING, ZONING, DRIVEWAY, AND SIGN PERMIT REPORT

The May 2009 Permits Report was reviewed without comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

MRM Workmen's Compensation Safety Audit

The Secretary reviewed a letter detailing the findings of the Workmen's Compensation safety audit that had been conducted earlier in the month. No other comments were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Connections

The Secretary reported that there continue to be eight properties in Perdix that remain to be connected to the sanitary sewer.

Part-Time Highway Employees

It was noted that there are two different pay rates for part-time highway employees – a Laborer rate at \$9.55 per hour and an Operator rate at \$10.82 per hour. Chairman Holman stated that he feels that there should be only one rate since they are all doing the same level of work. Upon a Holman/Novinger motion, the PTS voted unanimously to pay all part-time highway employees \$10.82 per hour.

Supervisor Plummer offered that he is willing to pay the employees more, since they do not get benefits. Chairman Holman responded that he did not want to create too large a differential from what the groundskeeping crew gets paid. Supervisor Plummer noted that there is a difference in the level of work being done. Chairman Holman suggested that further increases could be addressed at the re-organizational meeting in January.

Chairman Holman noted that the employee handbook states that the employer can not hire or supervise members of his family. He stated that, at the June 11th meeting, he abstained from voting on the hiring of his sons, and Supervisor Novinger abstained from voting on the hiring of her husband. He stated that he is going to discuss the issue further with the Solicitor, because he feels that if someone is willing to work in the middle of the night, or in emergency situations, that person should be paid. In the meantime, his sons and Supervisor Novinger's husband have volunteered their services.

Acceptance of Calls from Perry Country Dispatch

Chairman Holman noted the importance of having a chain of command for emergency calls that come from Perry County Dispatch. It was agreed that Chairman Holman would take the lead, with

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Supervisor Novinger taking the lead when Chairman Holman is unavailable. If both of them are unavailable, the Secretary will take the lead.

Roadmaster Pay

Chairman Holman noted that he has not accepted any pay for the work he has done on the roads in the past. However, because he uses his own vehicle and fuel, and is going to be using his heavy equipment in preparation of the road paving projects, he is going to submit three hours of pay for each eight hours he works in the future. He will be paid at the rate set by the Elected Auditors - \$11.25 per hour.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Chairman Holman reported that he has been talking to individuals for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. He stated that Supervisor Novinger has provided another name for consideration. Chairman Holman will talk to the proposed candidate and come back next month with an individual to recommend.

NEW BUSINESS

DFC Tower Truck Repair

Mr. Bissonnette stated that DFC continues to ask for funding for repair of the tower truck. He reiterated that the Borough gave DFC a \$12,000.00 loan, that Wheatfield Township provided a \$4,000.00 donation, and that Reed Township is considering a donation. Chairman Holman stated that he was in favor of offering a donation, but would like to see a copy of the repair bill first. He also stated he is discouraged by the number of emergency calls made to Reed Township and the small donation made in the past by that township. Chairman Holman reported that Dickinson Township supports two fire companies, and bases its distribution on the percentage of calls completed by each company. He offered that Penn Township pays more than its fair share of donations to DFC.

Mr. Bissonnette stated that the donations received by DFC over the past ten-fifteen years have not kept pace with the increases in expenses to run the company. He said that the volunteers are spending more and more time away from their families in training and on work projects at the firehouse. He voiced his concern over the amount of volunteers walking away from their commitment because of its impact on their personal lives. He also stated that he would provide the itemized invoice for the truck repair as soon as it is received.

Chairman Holman offered his concern that, if a donation is given this time, every other time a piece of equipment is down, the fire companies will be back for another donation.

Supervisor Plummer made a motion to provide a \$4,000.00 donation to DFC. Motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Holman noted that every time the PTS has given a donation to one company, it gave the same amount to the other company. He asked if this request would also entail a matching donation. Mr. Bissonnette responded that he did not feel DFC would have an objection if PFC received extra funds in a time of need. Mr. Supko offered that the PTS could consider the \$4,000.00 as an advance on the 2010 allotment for DFC. Mr. Bissonnette responded that that would just create a financial bind for the company next year. DFC is already in a financial bind this year and that would just string it out over another year. Chairman Holman stated that he did not totally disagree with Mr. Supko, in that an advance would make it fair to PFC.

It was suggested to continue this discussion at the July 16th meeting. However, it was noted that the Solicitor's suggested wording for the advertisement for that meeting would have to be changed to include other business. Chairman Holman reiterated that he was trying to avoid discussion of other topics at the meeting, so that it can be held solely for discussion of 2010 funding.

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Further discussion will be held at the July 27th PTS meeting. Mr. Bissonnette will forward the truck repair invoice to the Secretary as soon as it is received.

PSATS Youth Award Contest

The Secretary reported that PSATS is once again offering its contest to recognize youth groups and their efforts. She will forward the information to the local Boy Scout troop.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be conducted, and upon a Holman/Plummer motion, the PTS voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Long
Recording Secretary