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**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING MINUTES –FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

*These are the official meeting minutes of the Oakland Township Board of Supervisors for the above referenced date.  
 The Supervisors met at the municipal building, 565 Chicora Road, Butler, PA 16001. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.*

**BOARD ATTENDEES:**

**Brian G. Hans, Chairman**

**Brent A. Patten, Supervisor**

**Regis V. Thoma, Vice-Chairman**

**Nadine A. Neff, Secretary/Treasurer**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Brian Hans called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve the Meeting Agenda; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion with the addition of item “D” Military Pay and item “E” Clean-up Day under Old Business. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the month of January; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

**APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT**

Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve the treasurer’s report for the month of January; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Shane Hohn - Subdivision** - Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve Resolution Number 2013-04; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the project number 12100 for Evelyn Graham contingent upon DEP Sewage Module approval; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

**Rose Graham - Subdivision** - Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve Resolution Number 2013-03 for Kenneth and Rose Graham; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the subdivision for Kenneth and Rose Graham contingent upon Planning Commission and DEP Sewage Module approval; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.



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**Rocco Lanzalotto – Military Wages** – Supervisor Brian Hans read aloud portions of the responses in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisor’s Township News addressing the issue of military pay for National Guard employees within municipalities. A copy of same was given to Rocco.

Rocco Lanzalotto addressed an issue of a mound of snow being left when Layton Drive is plowed and his concern that it will cause an accident. The Board addressed the issue with Roadmaster Lonny Jewart.

Rocco Lanzalotto expressed his opinion regarding the drilling of Marcellas Shale.

**Tonya and Wesley Aspinal – School Bus Ahead Sign** - Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to allow two signs placed on one post for the Aspinal family on Stein Road; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

### JOHN DEERE TRACTOR AND TRUCK FINANCING

Josh Fye and Paul McEachin from Farmer’s National Bank were present to present options to the Board for their consideration.

**Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve both the loan for the truck refinancing and the tractor through Farmer’s National Bank; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

The Board discussed the delivery of the tractor to Pennsylvania. They decided not to send the road crew to transport the tractor and Supervisor Brian Hans stated that his review of the paperwork and the statements made at the previous month’s meeting from Walsh’s included the delivery costs of transporting the tractor to Pennsylvania. **Supervisor Brent Patten motioned that we will have the tractor delivered to Walsh’s; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

**XTO Energy Marcellas Drilling Notifications** – The Board reviewed the notifications received. There was a discussion of royalties for using the township rights of way for the pipeline and Nadine Neff was advised to contact our Solicitor to have him seek further information regarding this matter.

**King – Hidden Driveway Sign** - Nadine Neff read aloud to the Board an e-mail from Christian King regarding a request for a hidden driveway sign to be placed on Rt 68. Supervisor Brent Patten expressed his opinion that the State gave permission for the driveway and that they should then purchase the sign. There was a discussion regarding the danger and potential liability to the township if we place a sign on a driveway that



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we did not approve that has known potential for hazards. The Board advised Nadine Neff to send a letter to Christian King advising her to purchase the sign and put it up herself. Supervisor Brian Hans stated that the letter should say that the State permitted the driveway and that the paperwork from the State be included with the letter.

### STAFF REPORTS

**Lonny Jewart** – Lonny Jewart stated that he felt that road complaints should be “funneled down” through his department instead of him being the second or third contact. He expressed his opinion that the Penrod matter should not be addressed at a public meeting and should be handled through his department. Nadine Neff stated that she told Joseph Penrod that she would read his e-mail to the Board at the meeting because he could not attend a morning meeting. He asked that the message be relayed to the Board.

Lonny Jewart stated that Winfield Township is interested in purchasing our tractor. **Supervisor Brian Hans motioned that if any township wishes to purchase the tractor, the purchase price will be \$9,000.00 with all of the attachments; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

### OLD BUSINESS

**Lake Road Agreement** – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the Lake Road Agreement with Pennsylvania American Water Co with the Township requiring the turn down on the guardrail on the west bound approach and that the guardrail will slope down to the ground; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

**Penrod – St. Joe Road Winter Maintenance** – Nadine Neff read to the Board an e-mail received from Joseph Penrod regarding the plowing of St. Joe Road during a recent storm. Roadmaster Lonny Jewart stated that Kenny plowed the road the entire way and that on Kenny’s second trip down the road, Joseph Penrod’s wife stood at the bus stop with her children and witnessed the plowing of the road. The time that Joseph Penrod saw the Township truck turn around before the bridge was at the end of the day when the road crew was doing road checks before leaving and they were only dropping ash on the hills and bends. It is Lonny’s opinion that this is good management in trying to save time and money. Supervisor Brian Hans stated that his answer to Mr. Penrod is that it is winter time in Pennsylvania.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Kenny Blatt, Jr. 90-Day Review** – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to bring Kenny Blatt Jr. on permanent; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**



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**Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to set the wage at \$18.75 per hour as set forth in the Union Contract; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

**Health America Non-Renewal** – Health America is non-renewing the Township’s healthcare coverage because their enrollment is less than 50%. Nadine Neff is obtaining quotes for comparable coverage.

**Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage** – HB 797 Act 46 of 2011 WC Firefighters Cancer Presumption Law protects volunteer and paid firefighters who may contract cancer due to exposure to certain carcinogens at fire or hazmat incidents while they are a member of a fire company. The Board of Supervisors agreed that Oneida Valley should provide to Nadine Neff a report in January listing all of their current members and in December listing hours worked and incidents that they responded to. The records will be maintained in case of future claims, as firefighters have up to eleven years to present claims.

**Community Clean Up Day / Oneida Valley VFD** – Alan Smallwood was present from Oneida Valley to discuss the possibility of the fire company taking over the duties and responsibilities of Community Clean up Day. The Board agreed that the Township will pay for the dumpsters and that the fire company will keep all funds received for scrap collected on that day. The date set for the clean up will be May 18, 2013 and they will limit residents to two truckloads.

Alan asked the Board where they stood with having Kenny Blatt respond to fire calls during working hours. Discussion ensued as to whether or not he should clock out when responding to a fire call. Brian Hans stated that this matter is tabled until next month so that he can check with Center Township to see how they handle. Nadine Neff is to find out if they have a written procedure.

### **SIGNING OF THE TIME SHEETS / AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS ON HAND**

The Board signed the time sheets submitted for payroll for the month. **Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to pay the bills on hand, all previously authorized bills, and payroll for the upcoming month; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m.; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.**