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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 1, 2012

*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

Regis V. Thoma, Vice-Chairman

Phil Lope - Solicitor

Brent A. Patten, Supervisor

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 Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rocco Lanzalotto – Coffee, Uniforms and Union Contract

Rocco Lanzalotto expressed his opinion regarding expenses for the road crew. Rocco feels that the road crew should pay for their own uniforms and that the union contract does not have a provision for uniforms and questions why the Township is paying for them.

Rocco stated that he heard that the Township had a resident working. Chairman Brian Hans stated that he was contacted and approved having Eric Drennen run the roller and that it would not happen again.

Regis Thoma stated that upon his review of the receipts that Rocco Lanzalotto presented for coffee and creamer expenses at Zanella Auto had duplicates. Regis asked that we take another look at the figures and Supervisor Brian Hans stated that this matter will be tabled until next meeting. Nadine Neff was asked to have the Board provided with copies of the receipts and to put this matter onto next month’s agenda.



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Susan Wingfield/Variance Request

Susan Wingfield asked the board if variances have been granted in the township in the past. Susan stated her opinion that the Municipal Planning Code's provisions for Hardship Variances would include properties such as hers. Susan asked our solicitor Phil Lope if her house that was built in 1955 and grandfathered with the setback ordinance would include the construction of a garage. Phil Lope stated that this would be an additional non-conformity and that a personal hardship does not constitute a legal hardship and that it is up to the Board of Supervisors to weigh what is best for the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMC Newsletter – The Board tabled the decision of whether or not they would like to subscribe to the newsletter.

A letter was received from Cheryl Harvey regarding her Son Connor's achievement of Eagle Scout. Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to send a certificate and letter to Connor Harvey for his accomplishment in obtaining Eagle Scout. The Board signed a certificate and letter to Connor congratulating him.

STAFF REPORTS

Nadine Neff – Nothing to report.

Lonny Jewart – The Low Boy will not pass inspection and needs to have new tires. Price quotes were given to the Board to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranmer v. Oakland Township – Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to have Phil Lope file a motion to compel; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Berkheimer Confidentiality Resolution – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the Resolution for Act 511; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

BASA Consent Order and Agreement – Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve Resolution No. 2012-10; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the modification to the consent order of the agreement dated October 13, 2006; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.



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Marcellas Shale DEP Permit – The Board reviewed the paperwork received for a drilling site in Summit Township. Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the signing of the DEP Permit Application to drill and unconventional well that we were notified; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brenda Miller Bush – Variance Request

Brenda Bush stated that she accepts that she cannot build a garage because of the set back ordinance, but does not understand why she cannot build a carport within the set back regulations. The Board advised that they would address set back issues following the September 5th 2012 regular monthly meeting.

John Smith – Water Issue

John Smith stated that the road in front of his house has been built up through the years and is now causing an issue with water draining onto his property. He showed the Board of Supervisor several pictures. Supervisor Brent Patten stated that he will come over and look at the situation.

RESUMING NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Issue of July 12, 2012 – Donald “Pop” Jewart was operating the roller on Conway Road and was stung several times by bees. He went home. Roadmaster Lonny Jewart had resident Eric Drennen operate the roller for three hours. Supervisor Brent Patten stated that this should not happen again. Solicitor Phil Lope advised that the Board could treat Eric Drennen as an independent contractor and pay him accordingly for “a fair day’s work”. Supervisor Brent Patten motioned that we do so and there was no second. The motion died on the floor and further discussion ensued. Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to pay Eric Drennen the \$18.15 for the three hours that he worked as an independent contractor for a total of \$54.45; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Supervisor Brian Hans asked secretary Nadine Neff to make up some letters of inquiry for other municipalities to consider regarding the sharing of employees in emergency situations.

Scrap Money – Secretary/Treasurer Nadine Neff stated that she received a little over \$1200.00 in 2010 for scrap money, but has not received any monies for scrap in 2011 or for the scrap collected this year on Community Clean-up Day. Supervisor Brian Hans stated that he okayed the road crew keeping and spending the money on things that they needed. It was made clear that this practice cannot continue. Supervisor Brent Paten motioned to approve the letter to Bob’s Auto Salvage that all payments for scrap



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be paid to Oakland Township by check and not cash; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Delinquent Earned Income Tax Collection – The matter of collecting delinquent Earned Income Tax was discussed. Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to go with Sharp Collections Corp to see if we can collect some of the delinquent earned income tax; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Secretary/Treasurer Nadine Neff advised the Board that Sherry Filges has taken a full time position with Vogel Disposal. She will no longer have day time hours. Her office hours at this time are scheduled for Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Other evenings she will be open by appointment only. Sherry Filges will provide a locked mailbox for the convenience of taxpayers after hours.

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 11:42 a.m.; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.