

**LATIMORE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

February 8, 2010

Present: Chairman Daniel "Dan" Worley, Vice-Chairman Larry Dost, Supervisor Elwood "Woody" Myers, Solicitor Guy Beneventano, Secretary Valena Garlin and visitors listed on the attendance sheet. Township Engineer John Shambaugh was not present.

Chairman Worley called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Worley made a motion 1) to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2010 Meeting, 2) to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2010 and 3) to ratify all checks written through January 31, 2010. The motion was seconded by Woody and carried unanimously.

**YORK SPRINGS FIRE COMPANY REPORT:**

**Bob Herman and Randy Lory** presented each Supervisor with a packet of information and submitted the following annual report for 2009:

Bob Herman began by noting there were 108 fire calls in 2009 resulting in \$500,000 in fire losses. Special Unit 9 has been added, funded primarily with grant money from the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner (\$9,900), the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (\$10,000), IBM and Wal-Mart; the Company spent \$8,000 out-of-pocket. The Special Unit is an F350 pick-up truck fully Emergency Medical Services (EMS) stocked complete with a 30 x 60 Arrow Board. The Unit is dispatched primarily to auto accidents. The Arrow Board, controlled from inside the cab before the responders get out, directs traffic wide from the site of an accident thereby increasing Responder safety.

Bob referred the Supervisors to Page 3 in the packet categorizing call incidents by type. Auto accidents are the most frequent call incident and account for 27% of the total, followed by structure fires, carbon dioxide alarms, chimney fires and barn fires.

In addition to training in First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED), the Company is also involved in specialized training focused on the rescue of firefighters in trouble at the scene.

The Company is hosting the Adams County Fire Convention which provides three (3) days of activities, culminating in a parade. The Board of Supervisors can expect to be contacted to assist with coordination efforts, street closings, etc.

ABC Channel 27 has donated more smoke detectors for handout.

Bob then reported on Ambulance calls. In 2009 there were 369 incidents in Adams County, a decrease of approximately 40 calls primarily due to the closing of Whispering Pines which has resulted in an operating loss for the first time. The number of volunteers has stayed constant; however, the number of times each responded is decreasing. The Company has contracted with Memorial Hospital in York for two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to be available Monday - Friday, 6AM - 6PM. As of February 3, 2010 a trial to increase hours of coverage to include some weekend time is being conducted.

Bob noted they are driving a 2004 Ford Ambulance which they hope to replace in 2011. He also noted the Company does its own maintenance to save costs and brings in service technicians once a year for the specialized equipment.

Call breakdown is as follows:

- Class 1 - medic unit and ambulance (41%)
- Class 2 - red lights and siren (17%)
- Class 3 - no red lights or siren
- Other

There are currently six (6) people attending an EMT Bridge Class.

In 2010, the Adams County EMS Council is providing triage training. Classes are conducted by a paramedic with an emphasis on detailed patient assessments.

Medic Units have expanded geographically to allow faster response time and Advanced Life Support (ALS). Units are changing their plans to deliver service more quickly. Chairman Dan Worley ask about the Box Alarm Cards, discussion about 'boxes' ensued, again with the focus being faster response time and service, he said he would like the two Fire Companies, York Springs and Lake Meade to work it out between themselves.

Police Chief Mike Weigand noted that his Department currently has three (3) defibrillators, recently serviced, but which will become obsolete by 2011. At the present time there are no plans to replace them. Bob Herman noted he had found defibrillators through a different contractor at less than half the price (\$1,200 vs. \$2,500). The new defibrillators run on D batteries which the fire company plans on using.

Randy Lory then mentioned he had the Fire Contracts and EMS Contract for the year and will present them to the Board in April.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (1)** in reference to agenda items only.  
None

## **POLICE REPORT**

**Chief Michael Weigand** submitted the following report:

For the period January 1, 2010 – February 6, 2010 there were 311 calls for service, which represents a 30% increase over last year at this time. There were 342.5 man-hours logged, 56 training hours for mandatory upgrades and 5,869 miles patrolled. There were 81 traffic citations

issued, 17 warnings for various traffic violations and four (4) non-traffic citations. Also, the Department participated in four (4) Details for the U.S. Marshall Service and one (1) D.U.I. Detail.

The Department is hosting CPR and First Aid Training.

The County is switching to an 800 megahertz (MHz) radio system. Currently, the Police Department has a low band radio system and often has transmission issues at various places throughout the Township. Therefore, the Department is getting three (3) 800 MHz radios tomorrow (02/09/10) to test.

The State Police continue to support the Township as needed; however, the extra traffic control details funded by the Center of Traffic Highway Safety have run their course.

Flags are at half-staff on the order of Governor Rendell to commemorate the death the U.S. Representative John Murtha.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Engineer's Report:** Township Engineer John Shambaugh was not present.

**Road Report:** Woody reported that they have been busy with snow plowing due to the storms. Dan noted they worked past midnight Friday and Saturday (02/05 and 02/06). First priority was to clear a single lane, particularly for emergency vehicles. Today (02/08/10) they plowed the roads back to make them wider.

**Park Report:** Woody had nothing new to report. Work will resume when weather permits.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Guy Beneventano**

The Solicitor had no report.

Chairman Worley noted that Mr. Beneventano now has his own firm which allows him more flexibility in conducting business. Dan then read a letter from Mr. Beneventano outlining his services and fees to the Township including a flat rate of \$100/hour, mileage reimbursement at the standard Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate of \$.50/mile and no charge for phone calls. Dan directed a copy of the letter be made part of the Minutes.

Dan thanked Guy for his service and expressed appreciation for his excellent representation at a cost savings to the Township, especially during these difficult economic times.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** subdivisions/modules/land developments

No Planning Commission business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2010-1 Tax Collector to charge Tax Certification Fees:** After some discussion and clarification that there will be no additional charge to any resident, Dan made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-1 providing the Tax Collector is authorized to certify such documents. Larry seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **BILLS LIST**

After careful review, Larry made a motion, seconded by Woody, to accept the Bills List as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (2)**

None

## **SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS**

Larry expressed appreciation to Dan and Woody for the road work done after the snow storm.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There will be Executive Session following adjournment for the Supervisors to obtain advice of Counsel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Woody made a motion, seconded by Larry, to adjourn. All agreed, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.