

WINDSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 5, 2009

The meeting of the Windsor Township Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the Windsor Township Public Works Building located at 970 White Oak Rd.

Those present: Paul Smith, Jan Smith, Dean Heffner, Jennifer Gunnet, Jeremy Trout, Joseph Kerchner, Ronald Howard, James O'Dell, Lonnie Miller, Mark Livingston, Michael Diehl, Troy Dehoff, Rick Dietz, Jeffrey Player and Mark Sowers.

Mrs. Gunnet distributed copies of Resolution #09R-01-02, which created the Vehicle & Equipment Fund. Mr. P. Smith explained that when funds are not spent that were budgeted in the line accounts listed in the resolution, they will be transferred at the end of the budget year to this fund for the purpose of purchasing vehicles and equipment in future years.

Mr. P. Smith expressed his thanks to the Public Works Department for the job they have done this year with the numerous ice storms. Mr. Heffner stated that he agrees.

There was a discussion on the type of mower that should be purchased to mow at the Public Works Building. Mr. Trout advised that the type of grass that was planted on the perimeter of the property is different than the other grass. This grass is meant to grow close to 12" tall before it is mowed. Mr. J. Smith asked about overseeding the area. Mrs. Gunnet advised that the York County Conservation District was the agency that required this type of grass and they may not allow us to change it. Mr. Trout added that this type of grass was required as part of our best management practices. She will contact them to see if it can be changed. If this type of grass must stay, a zero-turn mower will not work. Mr. Dietz added that Lower Windsor Township has a bat-wing mower and has offered to bring it to our building for a demonstration.

The purchase of an ice machine was discussed. It was noted that the price from the state contract was approximately \$2000. Mr. Miller advised that he had checked with the person he knew but the one he had was not suitable for us. He added that he had been told the names of manufacturers to not purchase. He will get the names and pass them along. Mr. P. Smith advised that he has been looking at auctions and newspaper ads. He will continue and asked if anyone hears or sees a used ice machine, they are to let us know.

Mr. Diehl asked if it would be possible to change the snow emergency ordinance to make it apply any time snow has to be plowed. Mrs. Gunnet advised that she had talked about using that requirement originally but the York Area Regional Police Department was not in favor of handling it that way. She will check with them again.

A question was asked as to why the Board of Supervisors felt that Jackie Trout's company should not cinder or plow the streets in Chatham Creek. Mr. J. Smith advised that he was trying to reduce expenses to outside vendors by having Township employees doing it. He was advised that the cinder and snow routes were designed to have everyone finish at close to the same time. It was added that Jackie Trout does all of the roads in that area. Mr. J. Smith commented that it was his thought that it would take approximately 45 minutes to one hour for Township

employees to handle the area that Jackie Trout does. Mr. Miller commented that it may cost more if you add up all of the costs such as labor, fuel, and wear on the vehicles. Mr. P. Smith stated that the new building is more centrally located which would mean that the cinder/plow routes would have to be adjusted. Mr. Dietz advised the routes were adjusted after the move. Mr. Howard advised that he has done his route several different ways and may make more adjustments in an effort to save time. He added that there is a difference between just cindering and plowing. Mr. Trout advised that there have been several instances this year that the Township employees have handled the entire Township.

Mr. P. Smith asked if the Public Works Department was aware of the Board's decision not to plow or cinder state roads. They advised that they were. Mr. Dietz asked if it was still permissible to help in the case of a fire or ambulance call. Mr. P. Smith agreed that assistance is to be provided in a life and health situation.

Mr. Dietz advised that earlier this morning he became aware of a used fork lift. He explained the features. It was the consensus of the Board that this should be looked into further. Mr. J. Smith advised that he would be interested in going along when Mr. Trout and Mr. Dietz went to look at it.

Mr. Diehl asked if there was any progress on a wage increase and evaluation. Mr. P. Smith advised that the Board is still working on this and nothing has been resolved. He added that this will be resolved by April 1st.

The old Caterpillar loader was discussed. Mr. Dietz advised that he will check into getting a cost to fix the fuel leak, air compressor issue and brakes.

Mark Sowers advised that he has been approached by the cemetery association that they are interested in purchasing land to add to their property. The land that they are interested in will take him below 50 acres and he will not be eligible for agricultural preservation. He asked if the Board would be interested in purchasing a couple of acres instead of the number of acres that had previously been discussed. Mr. P. Smith asked if he rented his farmland to another farmer. Mr. Sowers advised that he does not rent out his land but he has a farmer, Ken Rexroth, bale hay for him. It was noted that Mike Smith may also be interested in renting land for hay fields.

Mr. J. Smith advised that he went to the Citizen's Police Academy that is being sponsored by the York Area Regional Police Department. He added that when police officers pull over a truck, the most common violation is bad brakes. He asked that we make sure that the brakes on our vehicles are maintained properly. It was noted that the police department now has a portable scale and have had multiple violations for overweight vehicles. Mr. P. Smith asked if the employees were ready to have a discussion with Officer Hoffer. They advised that they were. Mrs. Gunnet will contact him to schedule a meeting.

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The heat in the building was discussed. Mrs. Gunnet advised that LSC Design is in the process of hiring an independent third party to monitor the temperate in the building for a two (2) week period to determine whether or not the heating systems are adequate.

The meeting of the Windsor Township Board of Supervisors recessed at 1:24 p.m. and will reconvene on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Windsor Township Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Gunnet
Secretary