

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, October 10, 2018, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:30 pm.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ron Zampogna. This Meeting is being recorded. If anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address.

Roll Call

Ron Zampogna II	Present
Gary L. Risch	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
John Zurisko	Present

A majority of the Board of Supervisors being present, the Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PERSONNEL; AND/OR INFO-GATHERING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- a) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor this evening in the Township Municipal Building.
- b) John Zurisko attended the Planning Commission Meeting on Oct. 3.
- c) Albert Roenigk, John Gaydos and Ken Howard met with Weaver Homes Oct. 6.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the September 12, 2018, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by John Zurisko. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT for September 1-30, 2018, inclusive for audit, was on motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing the invoices and bills presented for payment, it was on motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by John Zurisko to pay the monthly bills. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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REPORTS

(1) THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (CARLA GARIA):

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Twp. Real Estate Tax is \$270.20, Per Capita @ Face is \$0.00, Per Capita @ Penalty is \$77.00

(2) THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (BERKHEIMER):

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Earned Income Tax is \$112,919.32, Local Services Tax is \$488.35

(3) THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (SHARPS):

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Twp. share: \$0.00

(4) WEEKLY STAMP SALES (DEED TRANSFER'S):

- **AUGUST 2018:** \$29,973.12
- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** \$0.00

(5) ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT (ROGER KELLY):

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** 28 Permits Issued, 9 Single Family Residences, 1 Residential Addition, 1 Residential Garages, 3 Porch/Deck/Roof, 1 Pool, 1 Solar Panel, 12 Grading Permits Building Permit Fee: \$11,646.25, Mileage: 208, Grading Permit Fee: \$700.00, Lot Development Fund: \$1,032.13

(6) THE DISTRICT JUSTICE'S REPORT:

- **AUGUST 2018:** Ordinance & Statute Violations \$314.11, Vehicle Code Violations \$780.92
- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Ordinance & Statute Violations \$296.16, Vehicle Code Violations \$558.64

(7) BUFFALO TWP. POLICE REPORT

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Total calls 162

(8) BUFFALO TWP. VFC, CHIEF'S REPORT

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Calls for month 48, Fire related calls 29, Medicals 19, Company Hours 31 hrs., Staff Hours 344 hrs. 15 min., Calls for Year 329, Fire Damage for Month \$0.00, Fire Damage for Year \$300,000.00

(9) SARVER VFC, CHIEF'S REPORT

- **SEPTEMBER 2018:** Calls for month 56, Fire related calls 22, Medicals 34, Company Hours 106 hrs., Staff Hours 257.40 hrs., Calls for Year 469, Fire Damage for Month \$0.00, Fire Damage for Year \$21,000.00

OLD BUSINESS

PENN ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR PIPELINE EASEMENT ACROSS BUTLER-FREEPORT COMMUNITY TRAIL – REMOVED FROM TABLE AND APPROVED

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to remove Penn Energy's request for pipeline easement across Butler-Freeport Community Trail from table. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

Atty. Lutz stated Mr. Benford is here from Penn Energy and we have discussed this at the previous meeting and there were some changes that needed to be addressed after speaking with Ken Howard. We requested that these changes be added to the new documents. Mr. Benford is here

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tonight, seeking approval and will be staying to the end to get the signatures that are needed if you approve. Everything is in order as we discussed.

On a motion of John Zurisko, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve Penn Energy's request for pipeline easement across the Butler-Freeport Community Trail. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO SELL WINFIELD TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TO ONLY BIDDER AT NEGOTIATED PRICE – APPROVED

Atty. Lutz stated that this is the Armstrong Cement Property. Many years ago, in conjunction with getting the property on the trail we got a deed from Butler County for a small spur on the old rail road line up the Buffalo Creek Valley. It's just the portion that comes from Armstrong County into Butler County right on the Armstrong Cement Property. This placed a cloud upon Armstrong Cements title with regard to that property and there were questions if Butler County had the authority to deed that to us in the first place. The Board chose a few years ago to put that property up for sale whatever are interest was in owning it. So, we advertised for bids. We only received one bid in the amount of \$5000.00 for that property and it was from Buffalo Valley Limited and Armstrong Cement who are affiliated companies. So, we put that on the back burner and they filed a claim in the Court of Common Pleas to seek to have that old deed declared invalid. So, we researched it and it was our belief it was appropriate to accept their bid even though it is substantially less than what the property was appraised for. The appraisal of the property was under the assumption that we have good title to the property. Pursuant to a Legislative enactment, we have to announce our intent to receive that bid publicly and that is what we are doing tonight. So, I have just done so, that is who the bidder is. It is a quick claim deed from us, there are no other terms or conditions in the deed other than they will pay us the \$5000.00 and we would deed whatever our remote interest would be in that property. I spoke with the Trail Council. This property is not even remotely connected to the trail.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS FOR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 - APPROVED

Ron Zampogna stated that the Police Pension Fund is fully funded. So, there will be no requirement from us monetarily.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve the Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation Form at \$0.00 (Zero dollars) beginning January 1, 2019. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

Gary Risch asked if the new Road Department employee started yet? Ron Zampogna stated yes, he started Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Gary asked why did it take him so long to start? Matt Sweeny replied that Bob Holbein needed him to stay an extra week to get some things taken care of and John Gaydos said that would not be an issue. Gary replied okay, I was just wondering.

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Ron Zampogna stated that sometimes the township is liable for some of the funds. This year all of the contributions will be coming from the state, so we have no monetary obligation to this \$106,530.00.

On a motion of John Zurisko, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve non-uniformed Employees' Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation Form at \$106,530.00 for the year beginning January 1, 2019.

MOTION TO PAY REGISTRATION FEES AND EXPENSES FOR OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE BCATO FALL CONVENTION THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 23, 2018 IN SLIPPERY ROCK- APPROVED

Ron Zampogna asked if anyone is interested in attending? Gary asked if anyone is interested in going? Janice Zubrin stated that we are normally unable to go because it falls on a meeting night. This year it is on a Tuesday Evening. Albert Roenigk and John Zurisko replied that they will attend.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Gary Risch to approve paying registration fees and expenses for Officials attending the Butler County Association of Township Officials Fall Convention.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR APPROXIMATELY 2000 TON OF ANTI-SKID TYPE AS1 - APPROVED

Ron Zampogna stated that we are looking at getting funding from "COG". I spoke with Janice earlier today and she said that she would like to get this material from the "COG". If we do this we will not have to advertise, but if we aren't able to get the money through "COG", we will have to advertise for Bids. Gary Risch stated he has a question regarding the Anti-Skid. Why don't we use the gravel in the upper lot that is Anti-Skid? I was told that we could use it. I spoke with the people from Russel Standard when they were here doing our sealing. They said they can't use it for sealing because it has too much dirt in it but most of the Townships use it for Anti-Skid. Ron asked is it sizable? Albert Roenigk stated that it is 4 and this is something that could be used on Sunny Lane. Gary replied they said that most of the Townships mix it in with their Anti-Skid. Ron replied that any Anti-Skid that shows up on my road is grainy/sandy. Gary replied that they don't use it in the plans, they use it on the other roads. The trucks that that go onto the back roads, that way it goes into the berms. Ron stated with can look into it. We can ask John about it. Gary asked about the pile behind the building and stated that could be mixed in. Albert Roenigk replied they do mix that in. Gary stated I have never seen them use it. Matt stated we can look into that too.

On a motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny to approve advertising of Bids for approximately 2000 ton of Anti-Skid Type AS1 if unable to get it through COG. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

John Zurisko asked if we always get 2000 ton? Janice replied we don't have to buy it every year. We usually purchase it every 2 years. Right now, our supply is down.

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MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE 2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION - APPROVED

Ron stated the Presentation is the first meeting in November and the Adoption is during the first meeting in December.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by John Zurisko to approve Advertising for the 2019 Budget Presentation and Adoption. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

Gary Risch stated that while we are talking about the Budget, I would like to bring a couple of things up before we have our Budget Meeting. We have the Massey, it's 35 years old and every third time they use it, it breaks down. Everyone has to stop working while they take it to get it worked on. I understand that they are using it for sweeping now. Do you think we would be further ahead to replace it and get a sweeper for the skid loader instead of using the Massey? If we replaced it with a side mower now, it would cost \$104,000 and if we price it with a side boom mower like the John Deere has it would be \$126,000. To put a broom on that it would cost \$18,000. I think we could put a broom on the Skid Loader a lot cheaper than that and use some of the equipment we have now. The John Deere we have is over 20 years old and we will have to replace it one of these days. The Pay Loader in 20-year-old. A new one would be \$151,000 and if we would trade it, right now we would get \$22,000 for it. The monthly payment at 5.3% interest would be \$2,475. They have a lease program for Municipalities where they would still give us \$22,000 for the machine straight out. We could lease a new one for 60 months at a rate of \$2,100.00 per month and after the 60 months, you could trade it back in, buy it outright or lease another one. I think that is something we should discuss at the budget meeting. Also, I think we should look at entertaining the idea of hiring a Township Manager to get some leadership in the township. I think we should look at the cost of doing our paving. I've checked with other townships and they farm there's out and get it done a lot cheaper. I talked with one township and they have someone come in and do the ditching. In one week, someone did the ditching which would take the township workers 3 months to do. Also, why is the new truck and trailer being stored in the salt bin? Does anyone know why it is being stored there? Doesn't seem like a very good idea for it to be stored there. When it is damp and raining I don't feel it should be stored in there especially when there is another building it can be stored in. Matt stated we will have to check on that. Gary stated that he will have copies of all this information for the Budget meeting. I have been accused of not minding my own business and staying in the police department, but I've been here for 12 years and I am very concerned about the township and all aspects of the township as a whole. John Zurisko asked Gary, so you are wanting to get rid of the Massey and replace it with a broom on the skid loader? Gary replied that they are using the broom on the back of the Massey now and it doesn't have a cab or anything on it. Every time they take it out it breaks down. Albert Roenigk replied, it had a flat tire. Gary replied it broke down the other day too. They were using it when they rented the crack sealer and it broke down and we are paying for the crack sealer, so we are losing time because they had to stop and go fix it. Where it could have been kept on the dump truck that time and they keep using the Massey and it is 35 years old. It needs replaced. John Zurisko stated that is understandable. Matt Sweeny asked if it is worth anything? John replied its worth something. Gary stated if you replace it you could probably get a broom on it like the John Deere and a ditcher like the Massey has too. Either the Massey or the John Deere, probably the Massey because it is 35 years old and the John Deere is 20 years old. They have worked on it a replaced several parts.

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MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE BOARDS INTENT TO CONTRACT WITH A CPA FOR THE 2018 BUDGET - APPROVED

Ron Zampogna stated we have used Mr. Hill in the past. Janice replied yes.

On a motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Gary Risch to approve the Advertising of the Boards intent to contract with a CPA for the 2018 Budget. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

MOTION TO APPLY FOR A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN FOR THE YEAR 2019 - APPROVED

Ron Zampogna stated this is standard for us to approve until we start getting tax dollars in. Gary Risch stated that he has a question regarding this. He asked why should we get a Tax Anticipation Loan and pay interest on it when there is \$425,000 in our Capital Reserve? That we are not making interest on and it is not invested any place. Why wouldn't we take the money out of that and pay ourselves back, instead of paying the bank interest? Janice Zubrin stated that we do make interest on it. Gary asked how much? Janice replied most of the money in there is very limited on what it can be spent on. Gary asked again how much do we make on it? Janice replied it's in the Treasurer's report. Ron Zampogna stated that I am sure it's minimal. Gary replied certain things can be invested, there is something called Pligit that I found when I went to the state convention. They know how to do it and they know how to invest township money. Ron asked is that money able to be invested into any funds like Gary is asking? Janice stated the last time I used Pligit, they lost \$12,000 of our dollars. Gary asked when was that? Janice answered the last time we used them. Gary asked again, and Janice replied I don't know off hand. Gary stated that I have been here 12 years and never knew about it. Did we get the money back? Janice replied yes, eventually, but it took quite a while to get it back. Gary stated that he has been here 12 years. I have never heard of this. When did this happen? Janice replied I can't remember. Gary stated, I went to their seminars and there are several school districts and municipalities that use them. Just because we had an issue 20 years ago doesn't mean we can use them. Matt stated we could look into this. Gary stated, I gave you information when I came back from the Hershey Convention. Ron replied, yes, I read the information. Ron stated, I think in defense of having that type of funds in an account. Gary stated, I think it's great we have it but why can't we use our own money instead of paying the bank interest? Ron replied, I don't think we are not going to use our money. I think item number 1 to that as Janice said, those funds are allocated for being used for certain things. Number 2, the tax anticipation loan is something that we have done since I have been on this board. It is a safety draw. If we don't have the money to pay the bills, and we don't have that in place what are we going to do? Gary replied when we started that stuff we didn't have any money. Ron answered if we don't borrow against the tax anticipation loan then what's it hurt to have one? Gary replied I just don't see why we would want to pay interest on it when we don't have to. Ron answered if we don't have to I would agree but if we need that money then the Tax Anticipation Loan is sitting there we can draw on it if we need to use it to pay the bills. I came on here 7 years ago she was having a whale of a time. Gary replied, I agree with that, she has done a wonderful job at we have money put back now. That's why I don't understand why we need to get it when we have that money? Ron stated, once again it's a safety draw and when you are running a business like the township should be run as, you need to have a back draw. Matt stated, we are not saying we are going to use it. Ron stated, I am not saying we are going to draw on it tomorrow but if it is there and we need it, it's there. Matt stated we won't have to wait 2 weeks to get it. Ron stated we won't have to get together to vote on it down

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the road and then apply for it. Gary replied, alright. Ron stated \$425,000 sounds like a lot of money and by all means it is but if we renovate a three-bay garage for a \$100,000 and some odd dollars and we buy a \$75,000 truck and we just bought another police vehicle and now we will be paying out of pocket to build a cul de sac. That \$400,000 doesn't go as far as it sounds like it is going to go. Gary stated that our police car and trucks are being bought on payments. Ron replied, well that doesn't mean we should spend it all. Gary answered, I didn't mean spend it. I was just questioning. Ron stated we can buy brand new vehicles for all the Road Department and Police Department and have a payment of \$2000.00 a month. Gary answered, I didn't say that, I just wondered why if you have that money why would want to get a Tax Anticipation Loan and pay interest on it? I just thought we could borrow it off of our selves and pay it back and save on the interest payments. Matt stated we can, but we still need to have the safety net in place. Gary answered, I agree.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve applying for a Tax Anticipation Loan for the year 2019. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

ANNOUCEMENT: SPC PUBLIC MEETING AT BUTLER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER OCTOBER 24, 2018 – OPEN HOUSE FROM 5:00 - 7:00 PM

DISCUSSION REGARDING CONCEPT PLAN WITH WEAVER HOMES

Ron stated that Ken Howard has been talking with Representatives from Weaver Homes, they have sent a representative from Gateway Engineers to make a presentation. Mr. Mike Ogin, Project Manager and Bob Maher, Project Engineer with Gateway Homes are in attendance. Mike Ogin stated that we have been working with Brett Schultz of Weaver Homes. We wanted to come here tonight regarding a proposed development we are looking at beside the Get Go along Route 356. Right now, we are in a due diligence phase. The property from a Zoning perspective is in a Business District. It is 25 acres of land. Weaver Homes is interested in putting quad developments on that property. All single level living. So, that is what we would like to do on that property. We have all utilities available of course. We would be looking at coming off of an entrance at Mulone Drive and Sandy Ridge Drive. Currently Brett Schultz with Weaver Homes is working with the owners of the property over there for access to the development. That would be a full access coming in at the light and then access coming off of Route 356 next to the club house and pool area which would be right in and right out. There will be 20 buildings which yields 80 residential units. A couple concerns we have with the development being in the B-1 Business District would be regarding the setback of 100 feet. It appears to me that it was intended for the Route 356 Corridor. Our proposal would be if we can come in with a public road in a cul de sac to service these units. If we had a public road we would dedicate it at some point does that setback apply to those streets or would it just be applied to Route 356? Basically, you would be taking out a 400-foot swath of the property. We would want to talk about that and we have couple other minor things that are more land development related. We would be looking at some modifications. The curve in the road, the length of the cul de sac, the setback from the road. So, really, we just wanted to come in front of you as due diligence to get feedback. Mr. Howard spoke with Brett Schultz with Weaver Homes and had a meeting with him back a few months ago. We went out to the site last week and made photo documentation of the property. One of Brett Schultz' questions is, would the township consider adoption of Mulone Drive from Route 356 back to Sandy Ridge Drive and from Sandy Ridge Drive back to Mulone Drive. That is part of their arrangement for the purchase of this property. Those are

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the 2 conditions that they would have that those 2 roads would become township roads. It is my understanding that Brett has an agreement with Eric Smith for that to occur. Some of the setback issues have been addressed with the Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance last month. Some modifications could be obtained. Albert Roenigk asked if there is a way to eliminate the cul de sac to connect it back? Ken Howard stated that is a good question. It would depend on how it would be graded out. Mike Ogin stated if probably would be tough and might be a deal breaker to try to get the road back down. There is a lot of elevation change from the front to the rear. We will be excavating some of the top back to get to the appropriate elevation. I don't know if making a loop road out of it would be feasible. Gary Risch asked did you say that the cul de sac is larger than what we ask for. Mike stated that the length of the road your Ordinance calls for is a maximum of 1000 feet in length. If you measure it from an access from where we are proposing the right in and right out to the cul de sac it would be about 1400 feet. Sometimes it is just a matter of having another place to turn around. Mike discussed the layout of the properties. Mike stated that they would like to come back in the next couple months. Ray Smetana stated that they may have to look at it as a PRD with all the modifications. Mike stated that since they are in a B-1 there would be rezoning. Ray stated there is no issue with rezoning. The area around that property is Residential. Ken stated that a Conditional Use and Rezoning Hearing could be done at the same time. I think what it comes down to is the adoption of those 2 roads. If the township doesn't adopt the roads, then they will not have interest in this plan. Mike stated that working with Weaver Homes, I know that they will take care of everything properly and to the Township's specs. These developments are mostly 55 and over communities. Ron Zampogna asked where the snow would be put when plowing? Mike stated that they make areas for the snow easements. Ken stated that is why we have 1000 feet limit for a cul de sac. Everything will need to be discussed with the Planning Commission and their Solicitor. Ron Zampogna stated that we would welcome this, I have seen the ones in Cranberry. Mike stated I will keep in touch with Mr. Howard and see you here back in a couple months.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEN HOWARD WITH BANKSON ENGINEERS TO PREPARE BID PACKET FOR SUNNY LANE CUL DE SAC – APPROVED

Ken Howard stated that we have prepared a design for the extension of Sunny Lane into a cul de sac. If you authorize us to prepare the bid packets, we can do that. We can get an advertisement ready to go and put it out on the streets for bids.

On a motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny to have Ken Howard with Bankson Engineers prepare a bid packet for Sunny Lane cul de sac. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEN HOWARD WITH BANKSON ENGINEERS TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE 3 BAY GARAGE – APPROVED

Ron Zampogna stated that we have been discussing this for several months. We are looking at doing some substantial renovations to the inside and outside of this building. Bankson Engineers has put a bid packet together and we would like to advertise and take some bids to see if the township can afford to do this.

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On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to have Ken Howard with Bankson Engineers advertise bids for the renovation of the 3-bay garage. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

ANNOUNCEMENT: THANK YOU TO CHRIS ZEIGLER & THE TRAIL COUNCIL FOR TAKING CARE OF & PAYING FOR THE REPAIRS NEEDED ON THE TRAIL WHERE THERE WAS ANOTHER LAND SLIDE AND THANK YOU TO HOLBEIN INC. FOR DOING THE WORK

Ron Zampogna stated that there was a major crack in the trail caused by the stream eroding all the soil up against the trail. Approximately 100 lineal feet of trail needed to be taken out and stabilized. Chris Zeigler stated 200 trucks in and 200 trucks out. Ron stated that he spoke to Chris and the Trail Council was gracious enough to take on all the expense. The township doesn't have to bear any of that. So, we are grateful to Chris for that. Chris stated that the Trail is back open. This happened close to the area that it happened last year. Matt stated also, thank you to Holbein Inc. Chris stated that we were able to get a good deal through Costars. I am looking into getting some grant money just in case this happens again and also getting permission from land owners to check for more subsidence. Gary Risch stated that Chris has been taking care of the everything regarding the trail this year and we are all very grateful. She is doing very well for the Township. All Supervisors agreed. Albert Roenigk asked if the part that the township did was satisfactory. The ditching? Chris stated yes. The only part I haven't looked at is below the sewage plant and technically, I think Freeport leases that portion, so it is their responsibility. Terry Tague stated that there are some spots that could use some work. Chris stated that I will be doing some assessments this winter. There are big trees that are laying in the ditch line and we can't have that.

Matt Sweeny stated that Chief Matt Cypher is here from Buffalo Twp. VFC. Discussion about Winfield Township. Matt asked Janice is she received a phone call from Adam Hartwig with Winfield Township. Janice replied no. Chief Matt Cypher stated that we're good with the amount that they have offered. We are working with them on some things such as a possible grant and to tap into a little of their Act 13 Fund because we had quite an influx of new members since Winfield closed and we are in need of a significant chunk of change to fully clothe about 7 people. So, we are going back and forth with them over this. I have been talking with them regarding the Worker's Compensation reimbursement which is based on a population-based reimbursement due to the 2010 Census. I don't obviously know the amount that Buffalo Township for the Worker's Compensation but their percentage due to our square miles which is approximately 1400 residents worked out to be about 16%. They felt they would be able to reimburse that amount. Basically, Buffalo Township would just have to bill them this amount. We are not in a population-based area as are the other 2 fire companies. Matt stated that we will check this out and see what Adam sent last Friday. Chief Matt stated that we did sign at our meeting last evening and we do have a 90-day Clause where we can opt out. Matt Sweeny asked if you are okay with what they are offering as far as fuel, maintenance and wear and tear on the vehicles. Albert asked how many joined from Winfield. Chief Matt stated that we had a total of 11 and most of them want to be interior firefighters by December. Ron Zampogna asked when did you take over? Chief Matt stated the end of August. Ron asked how many calls since then. Chief Matt stated 2 calls. Our call base has gone done.

Gary Risch asked Matt Sweeny if he had spoken with our Emergency Management Coordinator lately. Gary stated that I ran in to him the other day and asked about what the procedure would be if

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there was a tornado in the area. We need to find this information out and know what the plan would be. We would be the main base. Matt Sweeny stated that he would look into this.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

No Land Development this meeting

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Laurie and Rick Vantine, 201 Deer Ridge Road, Darlene McGuff, 401 Deer Ridge Road and Jane Hughes, 301 Deer Ridge Road. Deer Ridge Road is at the end of Ralston Road. We are here with concerns regarding entering and exiting Ralston Road onto Route 356. It is very hard to see in that area and the speed limit is 55 which makes it even harder to enter and exit Ralston Road. We are here to find out if anything can be done. We are here mostly for safety issues. We have some suggestions such as putting reflective tape along the guardrail there. Could there be a blinker put in the area, so people slow down. It is very difficult to turn left from Ralston to go down Freeport hill. It is very unsafe to cross over the traffic in that area. There are trees over hanging the road. Albert stated that we have talked with Penn DOT over this. Matt Sweeny stated the hill coming out of Freeport is a state road and we can't do anything about that. Matt stated that I am very aware of the issues with that area because I travel that road quite frequently. It is extremely bad in that area. Laurie stated that the road is extremely lumpy and bumpy in that area. We are hoping that something could be done. There was a big fire last year and we were land locked. We could not get in or out of that road. She gave several suggestions and stressed how concerned they are with that area. Darlene McGuff stated that we have lived there 29 years. I would like to have whoever patched the entrance to Ralston come back and fix it. It is extremely bumpy and when you enter or exit your car rocks back and forth because it is so uneven. Matt stated that we get that taken care of and we will have to get in contact with Penn DOT. Ron stated that he just received a call on Monday regarding how dangerous that area is. Atty. Lutz stated that Don Smetanik wouldn't mind if we cut the trees and shrubbery back and the road crew could put up some reflective tape. We can't put blinking lights in or put a mirror up because it is a state road. Ron and Matt stated we will check into that and see what we can do.

Sean Austin, 106 Grimm Road stated that he is having an ongoing problem with his neighbor and that he has been here to these meetings on several occasions in hopes on getting the issues resolved with no such luck. There is now a trench with stagnate water, with flies and it stinks. Ron stated it sounds like a neighbor dispute. Atty. Lutz stated it sounds like a Nuisance Ordinance issue. It was suggested by the Supervisors for Roger Kelly to go out and check on these issues and let them know what he finds out.

Terry Tague, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee stated that the FHS Girls Basketball wanted to thank everyone for the use of the trail for their race on October the 8th.

Chris Zeigler, Chairman of the Trail Council reminded everyone about the half marathon taking place in approximately 2 weeks. Come and check it out. There is a little over 800 registered. The new gates are fabricated but I need to get the bollards and we will be working on those in the next couple weeks. They are here some where I just need to find out where. We were awarded a grant to get a side by side and a pull behind mower. We will be able to keep the trail mowed. Matt stated when you have

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the right equipment its almost fun. Terry Tague asked about the Rag weed at the lower end of the trail. He was advised to contact Freeport because it is on their section. Chris stated that it is their responsibility to take care of it.

Judy Barkowski, 225 Ekastown Road and Bill Walters, 223 Ekastown Road asked if anyone knows what Mr. Thompson is doing with his property? If there is anything in the works regarding subdividing the large parcel of land behind her house? He surveyed the property. Are there any plans to put a road up through there? Ron stated that he would have to come in for a driveway permit. Roger Kelly stated that he is coming in off of Breezeway. I have a right of way on my deed for ingress/regress. Roger stated that Mr. Williams has the same thing on his deed. Ken Howard stated that he actually applied for the driveway permit a few months back for property off of Breezeway. Judy stated that he just had it pinned last week. Matt stated so the answer is nothing that we know of right now. Judy asked if there is anything regarding him subdividing that property? Matt and Ron stated nothing that we know of at this time. It would have to go through the Planning Commission first.

Ray Smetana, Chairman of the Planning Commission stated that we had talked with Rick Grossman about updating the Comprehensive Plan when we were working on the Ordinances. Has anything been decided? Rick said it would be easy this time since we wouldn't be working with Clinton Township. He brought it up because it is due to be updated. Ray stated it would be a lot cheaper for us to do it on our own unless we would get a grant. Rick has all of our information, it would just be polishing it up. Gary asked if Ray could check on that and get a price for us. Ray replied no, it's up to you guys. Rick works for you not me. Atty. Lutz asked what is the date on the last one? Ray replied it was done 12 years ago. It was up when John Allen was starting his plan. Matt stated we will check it out.

ADJOURMENT was on a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny at 9:10 pm. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY