

The monthly meeting of the Highland Township Board of Supervisors took place on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 with supervisors Scott, Alexander and Fredd present.

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December meeting were read. Bo motioned to approve the minutes as read, Tom Fredd seconded, all in favor.

Minutes of the re-organization meeting were read. Solicitor Legg stated that the Planning Commission needs to have an ordinance to change the number of members. Bo motioned to approve the minutes as stated, Tom Fredd seconded, all in favor.

Police report – there were 62 incidents for the month, 779 for the year, 8 traffic incidents in Dec, 126 for the year, 2 non-traffic incidents for the year as well as 5 criminal incidents. A total of 498 miles and 56 hours were logged for the month, 7040 miles and 778 hours for the year. Total district court fees collected for Dec were \$458.72, \$4,503.91 was collected for the year.

Zoning - 3 building permits were issued, there are currently none pending, 1 road occupancy permit was issued. A total of \$1,413.00 was collected in fees. Bill suggested that we consider an ordinance to require surveying be done before logging is permitted on a property. Bill was at a floodplain meeting and reported that a Federal permit is going to be required to plant trees in a flood plain. Bill reported on the Fernwood Road Bridge Issue – a DEP permit will be needed to circumvent the stream temporarily and to be able to work in the stream. Bo motioned to have Bill start the permitting process, Tom Fredd seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business – Sharon Dazio and her son Eric were present regarding their request to erect a 23x28x13 canopy over the existing gravel driveway to protect from ice & snow. Bill said it can not be permitted at that location, it would have to be moved to the side or rear of the house. It was argued that would defeat the purpose of safety and sheltering cars from the weather. They would like to get approval to be permitted to go ahead with the project. Solicitor Legg stated that to receive a permit, they would have to go before the ZHB, however due to its' temporary nature it may not require a permit. Solicitor Legg said he would look into it and let them know if they had any alternatives. Ms. Dazio then asked about selling a lot from her land. It was stated that it would have to be to an adjoining property owner as the lot would not be big enough to sell as an individual lot.

Emergency Management – Jerry reported it has been quiet. Bo asked if there had been any “news” about the stealing of copper wire, but nothing has been reported on that. Jerry said he would like the township to condemn a couple of properties. Roger suggested we send a letter to the property owner stating their liability if someone were to be hurt on the property. Jerry requested that a donation be sent to Keystone Valley Fire Dept. for their volunteering to hold the CPR class for township residents. Tom Scott motioned to donate \$250 to KVFD, Tom Fredd 2nd, motion carried. Al West, of Beaverdam Rd asked the Cochranville Fire Co to do a flow test on his hydrant. The Fire Co then asked the township about quarterly testing, it was decided to table the issue, as the township does not want to be involved.

Road report – Ken Greist has been working with Tom to fill potholes, maintain signs, and work on the truck. We had to get a new oil pan and fuel tank for the truck as there was a hole in the oil pan and rust in the fuel tank. A tree was down on Lenover Rd, which Jerry & Tom cut up. Tom contacted Signal Service about annual maintenance on the traffic light at Rt. 10 and Highland. Annual maintenance would be \$275. Bo motioned to approve Signal Service for the annual maintenance, Tom Fredd

seconded, all were in favor, motion approved. It was mentioned that Barb should call Longley Insurance to let them know about the light. Bo asked about a generator, we don't have one yet, Tom Scott is going to check to see if CO-Stars has a dealership we can get one from. Bo asked about the SW & SE corners – still no signed agreement.

Legal – Solicitor Legg reported that the Attorney General's office responded to his letter sent last April. They had no problems with his letter but said it must be put into a form for adoption and be sent back for their approval again before actual adoption of changes. Blackdot, has been given authority by AT & T to buy out their tower contracts, however Roger suggested it be ignored as it is not a viable option.

Old Business – Tom Fredd will need to be added to the signature cards at the banks, and Rick Abbott will need to be removed. Bo will contact the SPCA to set up an informational meeting.

Roger asked about the required lot size for 2 horses. A lot of 2.5 acres is required for the 1st horse and an additional 1.0 acre is required for each additional horse.

Bo motioned to pay the bills, Tom Fredd seconded. The bills were read, checks and reports were signed.

Tom Scott motioned to adjourn, Bo 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Davis, Highland Township Secretary/Treasurer