

Gamble Township Supervisors

February 14, 2017

The Gamble Township Supervisors met on the above date for their regular meeting at the Community Hall, Calvert with 3 members present. Joe Reighard, Dave Bailey and Ken Schriener. Joe called the meeting to order with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe made a motion, seconded by Ken, to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting as presented.

Joe made a motion, seconded by Ken, to approve the January minutes, with one correction, the weight limit of 5 T was for the Winner Lane bridge only, not the township roads.

Ken made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Joe asked the secretary to contact several banks for CD rates.

Secretary presented several items of correspondence, including several from the gas companies.

Zoning – 1 zoning permit and 3 certificates of compliance

Planning – Nothing

EMA – Nothing

Roadmaster – Dave reported 1) the gas pump was fixed, can keep track of fuel being used; 2) had several truck breakdowns; 3) spent 60 hours snowplowing; 4) Sec to send an invoice for the school bus stop sign; 5) need to think about replacing the Sterling, has 52,000 miles and parts are getting hard to find; 6) reopened Winner Lane bridge on Jan 13. Ken reported: 1) has most of the flood recovery work completed; 2) Sec to advertise for bids for seal coat project, to be opened at March meeting; 3) Sec to order 200 T road salt for next winter; 4) EMA Coordinator was to be paid hourly wage for work done on Flood recovery, miscommunication on Secretary's part, check is being issued tonight.

On Going – Wages: Joe asked the Auditors to reconsider their decision on the wages that were set in January, regarding what the supervisors and the Roadmaster get paid. There was considerable discussion about this topic. Betty read a letter stating their position as to why they did not approve the increase as requested. The Auditors felt that the wages being asked for were too high for part time work. It was stated that the Auditors don't realize how stressful the position of Roadmaster is, being mindful of road conditions at all times, getting calls regarding the road conditions, etc. Joe had looked at PSATS' wage survey and also had called surrounding townships for their wage rates and showed that the wages asked for were not out of line with them. He asked that they discuss this and get back to the Board at the next meeting.

New Business – Board had received an email from Ray Andraka regarding the service that the township and rural areas of Pennsylvania get from Verizon. Board was asked to send a letter to Sen. Yaw, Rep Everett and Wheeland, and the County Commissioners regarding this. Joe made a motion, seconded by Ken to do so.

Public Comment – Elwood asked about the stop signs as requested at the last meeting and Dave stated he is working on this. 2) Ray asked about the Governor’s proposal of charging municipalities for State Police usage. Board is not in favor of this. 3) Dave asked about the weight limit on Winner Lane Bridge – 10 T is the lowest the township can go and regarding the wage issue, he feels that the roads have been taken care of very well. 4) Joe thanked the residents who come to the meetings for being interested enough in township issues to come every month. 5) Donna feels that a checklist should be made for equipment inspection and used by the road workers to avoid so many breakdowns. Dave stated that they have been more diligent in doing a walk-around before going out each time.

Joe made a motion, seconded by Ken, to pay the bills.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Pat Hipple, Sec