

## Town of Philadelphia

July 9, 2014 – Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor: Cheryl Horton, Clerk: Cheryl Reed, Hwy. Supt.: Mike Freeman, Council Members: Sandra Carpenter, Bob Watson Sr., Sky Weaver, Ron Spicer, Bookkeeper: Gary Mack, Assessor: John Kiechle and Guests: Susan and Elmer Hoover.

At 5:30 P.M. Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order followed by prayer and pledge.

Minutes were read prior to the meeting. Mike said that on page 3, under Privilege of the Floor/Terry McKeever, it stated a **sluice pipe issue** and it should be a **clogged ditch issue**. Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary correction. Ron seconded this, all were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

Bookkeeper, Gary Mack read the June 2014 Financial Report aloud. Council Members signed the June 2014 Financial Report as their approval of said report. June Vouchers were reviewed and signed by all present Council Members. General Fund Vouchers #213 to #241 totaled: \$36,220.63. Highway Fund Vouchers #121 to #139 totaled \$ 5,376.27.

### **Clerk Report:**

1. A lifetime Sportsman License was purchased. Total cost was \$765.00, less Town Commission of \$8.42. A total of \$756.58 will go to Dept. of Environmental Conservation.
2. Clerk, Reed spoke to Kristie Baker regarding a new Recycling Center Worksheet and made some adjustments per Kristie's request. This sheet is more uniform in the recording of all monies taken into the Recycling Center.

### **Highway Report:**

1. Two 1985 GMC Dump Trucks have been registered on the Auctions International Website. Bob asked if the trucks were licensed. Mike said they were not. Mike will call all Board Members when the auction is finished and give them the highest bids.
2. Work on Holmes Road is progressing.
3. Working for Jefferson County, paving road on Co. Rte. 20 in Antwerp.

4. The 2014-2015 NYS Snow and Ice Contract was read aloud by Supervisor Horton. Sky made a motion to adopt the Snow and Ice Contract. Ron seconded this motion. All were in favor, motion carried. **(See attached resolution)**
5. Mike would like to add purchasing a new Town Highway Superintendent's Truck into the Highway Budget for 2015. Current truck has a used engine with 93,000 miles. Mike will shop and compare prices. This issue will be discussed at a later date.

**Recycling Report:**

1. One load of cardboard is ready to be sent to Climax Manufacturing.
2. Two loads of tin were picked up by Kimco.

Mike addressed the issue of sink holes on the Carpenter Meadow's property. These areas need to be torn up to reconstruct water flow. At times water levels are high enough to cross the road and flow on to Greg Delles' Property. Mike said he would like to get the Army Corp. of Engineers involved. Sandra suggested getting a County Engineer's opinion.

**Properties:**

1. The roof on the Preschool building was discussed. Supervisor Horton will speak to Grant Hall and ask for his guidance in alleviating the roof problem.

**CEO Report:**

1. The Monthly CEO Report was given to all Board Members for their review.

**Park Report:**

1. Mike purchased three Flowering Willow Bushes, four Burning Bushes and two Mountain Ash Trees to be planted at the Park.
2. Rick Pickert and the Pioneer Youth Group had approximately 28 individuals attend the park activities on June 27th, 28th and 29th.
3. Robert and Heather Countryman donated \$40.00 for use of the Town Park on July 6th.

**Assessor Report:** John had nothing to report at this time.

**Town Offices and Highway Office** are updating inventory.

Sandra suggested that as a Town Board there should be an Impact Letter supporting Fort Drum written. Supervisor Horton will prepare this letter. Those wishing to voice an opinion need to do so by August 1, 2014.

Elmer Hoover suggested that the Town have a backup plan for the future of the Town if Fort Drum is taken off the list of Active Military Bases.

### **Supervisor's Meetings:**

1. Meeting in the Town of Wilna regarding County Charge Backs. Supervisor Horton has asked County Legislator, Al Drake to also attend this meeting. At this time Supervisor Horton reviewed with the Town Board a statement from Jefferson County concerning the Town of Philadelphia's share of Town Chargebacks for 2014.

### **Old Business:**

Ron asked Supervisor Horton if she had spoken to Mr. John Rice after the Board decided against the Land Swap Proposal. Mrs. Horton said that she had and that Mr. Rice was very gracious and would still like input from the Town Board regarding future development for his property.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Supervisor Horton handed out a statement from the Jefferson Volunteer Transportation Center. This statement indicated the use of Jefferson County Residents for 2013. The Town of Philadelphia had 22,381 total miles, 867 units, \$9,959.55 driver reimbursement and a total transportation cost of \$13,988.13. Executive Director, Sam Purington, thanked the Town of Philadelphia for their 2013-2014 allocation of funds to the Volunteer Transportation Center. **(Please see attached Contribution Statistics)**

The renewal of The Cafeteria Plan was discussed by the Town Board Members. Ron made a motion to accept the renewal of the plan with no changes. Sandra seconded this. All were in favor, motion to renew carried.

At 6:40 P.M. with all business attended to, Sandra made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded this motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Cheryl Reed*