

# TOWANDA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

## Regular Monthly Meeting

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Regular Monthly meeting was held on September 12th, 2016 at 10am at the Towanda Township Office. The meeting was called to order by President Charlotte Sullivan. Supervisors Present were: Charlotte Sullivan, and Gary Scranton. Francis Lindsey was not present. Others present were Lori Kepner, secretary, Raymond Green Jr., Road Master and Jonathan P. Foster Sr., Esquire. No visitors were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**Minutes** of the August 1st, 2016 Regular meeting were approved. Motion by Gary Scranton and seconded by Charlotte Sullivan and all agreed.

**Treasurer's Reports** and bills to be paid were approved. The motion was made by Gary Scranton to accept the treasurer's report and bills to be paid. Seconded by Charlotte Sullivan and all agreed. Charlotte would like a summary of the deposited made by what vendors for the next meeting.

**Visitors:** There were no visitors present

**TMA/CBPA REPORT:** Charlotte gave the township a copy of the 2014-2015 auditor report for TMA. We received the minutes from the June meeting; there was no meeting in July. They had a special meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the bid out. There was no meeting for the CBPA.

**Fire Report:** Nothing new right now. There was no quorum.

**Road Report by Ray Green:** Ray and Larry have been working on the road projects which are now complete. He'd like to still do some work on Bennett. Woodside there was a tree down. The ditches on Franklin road are done; Ray trimmed the trees in the village before the tar and chip work. Ray has moved  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the roads in the Township. August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was Clay's last day mowing at the cemetery. Ray had a contractor come out and look at the garage roof for hail damage which there was some, so Lori had already contacted Gannon insurance we will wait to see what the next step is from the insurance company. We will be assisting North Towanda Township with some patch work. Ray discussed some road projects he'd like to do next year. All equipment has been serviced and inspected. They have done all the mowing at the offices and the cemetery. Manahan road is ok to pay that bill, Bishops bill ok to pay, the Tiptop bill; we are waiting for a bill. Some residents requested the double lines behind the old Ames building be repainted. Ray will look into having someone do that?

**Miscellaneous Business.** Jonathan is still working on road paving ordinance. Jim Pryne is doing a title search on Lime Street and is to contact Jonathan with any information. The Township directed Jonathan Foster to write a letter to Steve Place on the results of the information found out through the Bradford County Conservation District; we need to make sure that letter gets sent. Jonathan discussed the resolution on House bill 1391, and suggested the Township pass the resolution which states: (Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Legislature created a piece of legislation in 1979 commonly referred to as the "Guaranteed Minimum Royalty Act" or (Act of July 20, 1979, P.L. 183, No. 60) which states "a lease or other such agreement conveying the right to remove or recover oil, natural gas, or gas of any other designation from lessor to lessee shall not be valid if such lease does not guarantee the lessor at least one-eighth royalty of all oil, natural gas, or gas of other such designations removed or recovered from the subject real property). Gary Scranton made a motion to pass Resolution 09-12-2106 supporting the "Guaranteed Minimum Royalty Act", Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed. Lori is to find out how many residents are affected by this resolution and the township may send out a letter suggested they call their representatives and voice their own concerns. Cole Cemetery plot map Gary Scranton is working on. He explained Scott Williams with Butler Engineering will get that done for us at no cost.

**Correspondence.** All correspondence had been forwarded to supervisors. Gas Wells: No NOI'S for Towanda Township received. We received a subdivision request from Cummings; the Township supervisors had no adverse comments.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at noon. Gary Scranton seconded and all agreed. Next Township Meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 10:00am.

Lori Kepner, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_