

**WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP**

The Chairman, James Stoner (JJ) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Supervisors: James Stoner (JJ), Ray Burns, Leon Eby.

Others Present: Carolyn Hildebrand, Manager; Joielyn Current, Administrative Assistant; Chief William Harvey, Ephrata Police Department; Pat Burns, Ephrata Review; Lori & Ted Berger, Reinholds; Steve Laudenslager, Reinholds.

Public Comment – none

Ray Burns motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 3, 2017. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leon Eby motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$53,553.62. Ray Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Report – Chief Harvey gave the police report for December 2016 and partial a report for January 2017. There were at total of 60 incidents in the month of December. The total incidents were 23 as of 1/17/2017. Chief Harvey thought the transition to the Ephrata Police Department in 2016 went very well. Police are seeing an increase in fraud/scams via internet and phone. If the public receives a phone call that is questionable, hang up and call the Ephrata Police Department to verify the validity of the call.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's Report as follows:

1. I attended the following meetings:
  - a. Elected Auditors meeting – January 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
  - b. Planning Commission – January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Weinhold, Nickel were here from January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup> to do both the Township and Authority audits. The actual audit report should be issued in February.
3. I sent out several enforcement notices to property owners: too many large animals, junk in the yard, unregistered/unlicensed vehicles not in an enclosed building, construction without E & S controls in place.

Reinholds Community Ambulance Association - Representatives for the Reinholds Community Ambulance will be present at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Hartings Park pipe replacement project – DEP gave us a waiver, so we can do the work ourselves.

Engine Retarder Ordinance – PennDot will be doing a study regarding this issue. Some improvement in noise has already been noticed by residents.

PA 811 Proclamation for April 2017 – JJ motioned to have a document written up to approve the Proclamation. Ray Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cable companies in the Township – We have an agreement with Blue Ridge Cable but it is not exclusive. There are 5 other companies that residents can get cable with. Blue Ridge states that they are forced to collect the franchise fee per customer according to the Township. The township doesn't dictate what Blue Ridge charges. Carolyn will research this.

Leon Eby motioned to purchase the Swanson Cross Conveyor for \$9,319.00. Ray Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Leon Eby motioned to approve releasing financial security of \$49,846.00 for the Weaver Tract project. Ray Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Logging/Timbering – West Cocalico Township has no stipulation in the Zoning Ordinance regarding the control of operations for logging/timbering. The township is concerned about MS4 issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to executive session for discussion of possible litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Leon Eby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Ray Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Eby  
Secretary