

**WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP**

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chairman, Jacque Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

Supervisors: Jacque Smith, James Stoner (JJ) and Terry Scheetz.

Others Present: Carolyn Hildebrand, Manager; Shelbie Shupp, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Showalter, Roadmaster; Donna Reed, Ephrata Review; Steve Laudenslager and Chief Beever.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from February 5, 2015. James Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$40,295.31. James Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the January, 2015, Treasurer's Report. James Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Regional Police Board meeting will be on 2/26/15, at 7:00 p.m. at East Cocalico Township. JJ and Carolyn will be meeting with Doug Mackley and Mark Heister at East Cocalico Township on 2/19/15 to discuss police issues.

Highlights from Chief Beever's Police report are listed below:

- The speed trailer was set up on Main St., Reinholds, from 2/7 through 2/15. The average speed was 30.5 miles per hour. The trailer is now on S. Line Rd. Chief Beever said that the results from the speed study pin point the times of day when speeding is more prevalent which helps with enforcement. He said 67% of the traffic was traveling close to the speed limit.
- Chief Beever, and another police officer met with Carolyn Hildebrand and the Schoeneck and Reinholds Fire Chiefs to come up with an enforceable plan regarding violations of the Burning Ordinance.

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster's report as follows:

- The road crew has been plowing, salting and keeping the equipment running. They have been out 34 times in 48 days. The axle was broke on one of the trucks, which has been repaired.
- 770 tons of salt have been used, with another 3 loads to be delivered this week. Currently at 150% of what we planned to use.
- Repaired road signs

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's Report as follows:

1. Attended the following meetings:
  - a. Authority – Tuesday, February 10, 2015
2. Worked with finance committee for the Regional Police Board on a 5 year projection for the Regional Police.

3. Met with a resident to discuss the possibility of selling ice-cream and root beer from her home.
4. Answered questions regarding zoning for a property at 95 S. Peartown Road.
5. Answered numerous questions regarding setbacks and sizes permitted for detached garages.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve a \$9,367.00 reduction to Jill Sensenig's Financial Security based on the Rettew Associates letter dated February 10, 2015. Jacque Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. JJ Stoner abstained.

Carolyn will be attending the Lancaster Farmland Trust farmer's meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Township Meeting room.

Steven Laudenslager asked if the 2015 agreement with East Cocalico Township Police would be available for viewing. The agreement will be available once it has been accepted and signed by East Cocalico Twp. Mr. Stoner said the agreement is very similar to the previous agreement. West Cocalico Twp. would not sign a letter from East Cocalico Twp. saying that the Regional Police Board must be formed by 1/1/16. West Cocalico Township passed a resolution to contract with ECT for police coverage for 2015, now East Cocalico needs to also make a resolution and return the signed contract. Currently East Cocalico Twp. police are providing coverage based on the previous agreement.

Mr. Laudenslager asked the Board of Supervisors if they have been looking at other options for police coverage. Mr. Stoner said they had checked into State Police coverage as a back up to make sure that they would be able to provide police coverage to residents. Otherwise, the only contact he had was with Harrisburg to ask if it would be possible to contract with forces over the county line. Jacque Smith and Terry Scheetz confirmed that they have not been in contact or negotiating with any other police forces.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 am.

James Stoner motioned to approve hiring an independent auditor to review financial information for Regional Police. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Jacque Smith and seconded by James Stoner, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner  
Secretary