**September 16, 2014
Township Meeting Room**

**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 Friesema, Manager; Shelbie Shupp, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Showalter, Roadmaster; Ray Burns, Donna Reed, Ephrata Review and Chief Beever.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from September 4, 2014.

Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling $20,868.57. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the August, 2014, Treasurer’s Report. Jacque Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

 ● The Police Department has received a second donation from the Fritztown Fire Co., in
the amount of $3,500. They will be using the funds to upgrade their forensic photography equipment, and to repair some existing equipment.

 ● The new county radio system is tentatively scheduled to go live during the week of
 October 6, primarily for county agencies. The first police departments are scheduled to
 go live during the week of November. That will be done by groups. East Cocalico Twp.
 Police will be in the first group. The fire companies are tentatively scheduled to go live in
 January, 2015.

 ● On July 3, HB 1090 was signed into law, which makes provisions for newborns to be
 taken into protective custody by police officers, as is the case at certain medical facilities.
 It takes effect in the first week of September. Chief Beever is working on a department
 standard operating procedure in regards to this.

 ● An historic bridge on Sandy Hill Rd. was damaged by a truck last night. The driver will
 be cited.

Resident, Ray Burns asked if anyone had seen what PennDot has done at the intersection of Schoeneck Rd. and Springville Rd.? He suggested that the Township consider calling PennDot to see if they would be willing to do the same signage, etc., at the intersections of Short Rd. and Line Rd.; and Schoeneck Rd. and Indiantown Rd.

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster’s report as follows:

 ● Paving of Stobers Dam Rd. is finished.

 ● Diamond Tex was spread on the baseball field at Chapel Gate Park.

 ● Lines were painted on Horseshoe Trail Rd.

 ● Shoulder mowing done on all Township Roads.

 ● Trees were trimmed on Netzley Dr., Pine View Dr. and Project Dr.

 ● Paving of the parking lot at Chapel Gate Park was completed.

 ● Lines were painted on the parking lots at Main Street Park, Chapel Gate Park and the
 Township Office.

 ● The area in front of the Salt Shed was dug out and graded for paving.

 ● The stone bridge on Sandy Hill was hit by a truck last evening. There is significant
 damage which will have to be repaired. The truck driver left the scene but the neighbors
 were able to give the police adequate information to locate the driver at Denver Cold
 Storage.

Carolyn Friesema gave the Manager’s Report as follows:

 1. Attended the following meetings:

 a. Planning Commission – September 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

 2. Met with Donnie Zoladkiewicz from Sunoco to see the flare installation at Mount Union on Friday, September 5, 2014.

 3. Attended the information meeting by Sunoco regarding the pumping station on Thursday,
 September 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

 5. Handled zoning questions.

 6. Went with Bruce Leisey, Clay Township Manager; and Tom Showalter to Lester
 Gehman’s farm at 565 Schoeneck Road to look at the spot where the water is
 disappearing from Indian Run. Also, was able to check, along with Tom, the underside of
 Hackman Rd. and the Pleasant View Rd. bridges to see how they were holding up.

There was discussion regarding the loan for the 1975 N. Reading Rd. property that was recently sold. A Cocalico Regional Leaders Meeting was planned for last night to discuss issues with the debt but was cancelled because none of East Cocalico’s Supervisors were able to attend. A representative of East Cocalico Twp. told Carolyn that East Cocalico Twp. was not sure they could pay their portion of the debt. Currently the debt is costing the Township $40 a day. Carolyn has been in contact with Ephrata National Bank who suggested the Township discuss with the Township Solicitor the Township’s liability if one or more of the parties defaulted on their portion of the loan after the Township paid off their portion. JJ Stoner said he feels the debt needs to be paid off as soon as possible and if East Cocalico Township does not have the funds to pay their portion, they should take out a bond. He said it was their decision to sell the property and they should have thought it through.

There was discussion regarding the issue created by the PPL stormwater design at the sub-station on Swamp Bridge Rd. Carolyn said Josele Cleary reiterated that litigation could be really expensive. There has been consideration given to the Township fixing the problem. The only thing needed would be easements. The Board decided to move forward with litigation.

Carolyn highlighted the work CCWA is doing at Miller Rd. and Reinholds road on the property of Edwin Martin. They are working on a project to stabilize the stream banks so less silt is carried downstream. The project was funded by Growing Greener Grants. CCWA had a stand in the commercial tent at the Denver Fair where they shared information about the project and their organization. Jacque Smith said this volunteer organization deserves recognition for their hard work.

Jacque Smith asked Chief Beever if farmers need to cover their loads when transporting farm materials. He said a lot of corn residue blew out of a truck coming from Scattered Acres onto his property and it took a significant amount of time to clean it up. Chief Beever said that all trucks need to have their load secured.

On a motion by James Stoner and seconded by Terry Scheetz, the meeting was adjourned at

9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner

Secretary