

- c. **Barbara Russo** – Ms. Barbara Russo of 185 Lambert Street, Greensburg, sister of Linda Frye, reiterated Ms. Frye’s comments and stressed that the water drainage issues are not due to a stream.
- d. **Clyde Hopkins** – Mr. Clyde Hopkins of 747 Beaver Road, Jeannette, inquired about the status of his concerns raised earlier regarding flooding from the property owned by Dominican. Mr. Mlakar responded that the Township is going to look into this issue again but that the pipes have been all cleaned. He also added that the Township is working diligently to supply the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) with as much information as possible in the effort to determine if any federal monies will be available for assistance.
- e. **Jack Stewart** – Mr. Jack Stewart of 1264 Swede Hill Road, Greensburg, advised that he was at last month’s meeting of the Board and never received a response to his water problem concerns with his driveway being washed out and request for some millings. He commented that he believes a lot of his problems are because of improper drainage at Westwind Estates.
- f. **Al Platos** – Mr. Al Platos of 509 New Haven Drive, West Point, Greensburg, conveyed to the Board of Supervisors his dismay regarding the following: (a) The Board’s decision to rescind their original motion at the May 25th, 2009 meeting to now permit the West Point fire department’s siren to activate for a maximum of two minutes. He questions whether political motivations or intimidation factors were involved to make the Board change their minds suddenly at the end of the meeting; (b) The action by the West Point Volunteer Fire Department to return the donation from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church because of the pastor and his congregation’s views against the siren; (c) Threats, innuendoes, and intimidations he has received from firemen causing him not to fear for the safety of he and his wife should there be a fire at their house;
- g. **Rich Janesko** – Mr. Rich Janesko of 511 New Haven Drive, West Point, Greensburg, explained to the Board of Supervisors that there was never any animosity towards the firemen but only a siren issue with the West Point Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that now he also feels intimidated and threatened by the firemen for his and his wife’s safety and that of their home. Mr. Janesko said that he and the other community members that spoke contrary to the siren are in fear of the fire department not responding to an emergency at their homes. He questions whether his annual donation to the West Point Volunteer Fire Department will also be returned. Mr. Janesko said he believes the action by the Board of Supervisors to rescind their original motion was a sign of intimidation at its best. Lastly, he asked for the Board’s assurance that they would receive the proper fire protection in an emergency.
- h. **Greg Zimmerman** – Mr. Greg Zimmerman, Hempfield Township Emergency Management Director, updated the Board of Supervisors on the storm situation of June 17th, 2009 and F.E.M.A. and P.E.M.A. He advised the Board that the Township was denied reimbursement; however, that decision is being appealed through P.E.M.A. Mr. Zimmerman noted that P.E.M.A. and F.E.M.A. have agreed to add the numbers from Erie County and the counties surrounding Erie due to the National Weather Services’ determination that the storm cells that split off were attributed to one storm. F.E.M.A. will be in Hempfield to survey the damages on Friday, July 31st, 2009. On Tuesday, July 28th, 2009 Mr. Zimmerman said that he would be performing an assessment with the Westmoreland County Department of Emergency Management to look at individuals that are still dislocated, etc.
- i. **Greg DeFloria** – Mr. Greg DeFloria of 805 Bridge Avenue, Brooklane, Greensburg, advised the Board of Supervisors that a lot of people in his plan got damage from the June 17th, 2009 storm. He inquired

whether the Township looked at the problem to determine a possible resolution. Mr. Volpe commented that the Public Works Department continues to clean out the culverts and ditches from debris and stones.

- j. **Dave Grandy** – Mr. Dave Grandy of 2121 Keystone Avenue, Greensburg, informed the Board of Supervisors that his property, which borders Jack’s Run, has been flooded five (5) times – Three (3) times from the storm drains and two (2) times from the creek. He explained that there may be a public safety issue concern because among the debris he found from the flood was plastic bottles filled with hydraulic acid and boards with nails. His property does border a playground, too.
- k. **Albert Kepchia** – Mr. Albert Kepchia of 2247 Hunter Road, Greensburg, asked the Board of Supervisors whether anything could be done about the creek. He explained that his garage got flooded due to the bridge collapsing and fallen trees which blocked the flow of the water. In addition, he said he was informed by his neighbors that a lot of the water was coming from the Menock Manor Trailer Park.
- l. **Greg Saunders** – Mr. Greg Saunders, President of the Hempfield Township Fire Chiefs’ Association, reported the following: Total Hempfield Township emergency response calls in June – 530; Ten (10) fire companies reported a total of 1,693.41 man-hours logged in; Lastly, Mr. Saunders announced that the fire chiefs’ meeting next month will be on Wednesday, August 5th, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Bovard Volunteer Fire Department.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Silvis acknowledged the following executive sessions:

- a. **July 15, 2009 – Legal & Personnel Issues;**
- b. **July 22, 2009 – Legal & Personnel Issues;**
- c. **July 27, 2009 – Legal & Personnel Issues;**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the June 22, 2009, Supervisors’ Monthly Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS – (Written reports distributed prior to the meeting, except where additional comments are noted.)

a. Township Engineer:

- i. **Bovard C.D.B.G. Paving Project** -- Mr. Schmitt noted to the Board of Supervisors that a copy of his report was provided at the public work session. In addition, however, he advised the Board of Supervisors that they have in front of them the results of a bid opening that morning for the Bovard C.D.B.G. paving program. He explained that there was a base bid and also alternative bids. It was put in this format, as requested by the County, so that the base bid was provided for major roads in the village and then alternately, if possible, other streets, they are by individual streets listed so that they could be added on. Mr. Schmitt advised the Board that currently the County is not in a position to tell the Township how much money they are willing to provide; however, it is based on how the stimulus package comes in. He said that number is expected to be provided within the next week. Therefore, Mr. Schmitt said that it is not

possible to award the project at this time because it depends on which alternates are selected because there would be a different contractor as the low bidder. The awarding of this project depends on how much grant money is provided from the County.

- ii. **Red Onion Paving Project** – Mr. Schmitt requested an executive session with the Board of Supervisors after the conclusion of the meeting to discuss the Red Onion paving project. This was a project completed last year and it has not been closed out.

- iii. **Flooding and Streams Report** – Mr. Schmitt responded to the issues raised regarding flooding and streams:
 - 1. Streams are not owned by the Township. They are owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The streams are not the Township's issues, unless it has property that abuts it.
 - 2. Property owners that abut a stream are generally known to own above what they call the low water mark in a stream.
 - 3. The area between the low and high water mark is called riparian rights.
 - 4. The property owner does own between the low water and the high water, meaning they are required to take care of it.
 - 5. If a property owner owns on both sides of the stream, they own the embankment areas, in general terms, and they are required to maintain those embankment areas.
 - 6. If a property owner is between the low water mark and the high water mark, they are required to get a permit. In general, the property owner can clean the vegetation out, as long as the root system is not removed or any earth moving is involved.
 - 7. The Township does not have any rights-of-ways to the access of the streams.
 - 8. Among the various debris ending up in streams after a flood is due to property owners stock piling wood, sheds, toys, recreation equipment, etc. near the area of the streams.
 - 9. Mulch and grass clippings lead to reduced hydraulic capacity of the streams, bridges, and undercuts.
 - 10. In regards to a pedestrian bridge, under law, a permit to construct such a structure is required from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. More specifically, maintenance permits can be acquired at the Westmoreland County Conservation District on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection.
 - 11. The Township, as owners of culverts and bridges, is permitted to clear and maintain an area fifty (50) feet upstream and downstream of each structure.

Mr. Ferguson noted that Mr. Volpe explained previously that in the immediate aftermath of the storms, the Township did go into a couple of the streams to unblock them only after a state of emergency was declared by Hempfield.

Mr. Logan commented that there is legislation in Washington, D.C., that will amend the Clean Water Stream Act of 1972 that takes the word "navigatable" out of the definition of a stream that the Federal government regulates and they will regulate all waters of the United States. He said that means D.E.P. will be out of the pictures and instead the Federal agencies will be in charge.

Mr. Weimer asked who property owners contact that are grieved by adjacent property owners on what they do and the lack of maintenance for the stream bed. Mr. Mlakar explained, as discussed at last month's meeting, this is a civil matter. The property owner grieved would have to bring an action against the other property owner. The Township cannot get involved in these types of complaints. However, Mr. Mlakar did say that he and Mr. Orie recommended last month that the Township consider drafting a stream management ordinance to tell people what they can and cannot do and place responsibility on property owners to do certain things and not do certain things.

b. Township Solicitor – Mr. Mlakar commented on the following:

i. Irwin Medical Office on Pellis Road – Mr. Mlakar explained to the Board of Supervisors the issue of sewage facilities and whether or not the Irwin Medical Office has a permit or can get a connection to the Hempfield Township Municipal Authority (T.H.T.M.A.) line. The Township and H.T.M.A. received Sewage Facilities Planning Modules for review. However, the Township cannot act on this planning module because the Township has not received the completed Sewage Facilities Planning Module from T.H.T.M.A. The other issue is that they are requesting an exception for a medical facility. Mr. Mlakar said that he discussed this request with Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Orie. He explained that the definition of a medical facility does not apply to the Irwin Medical Office. He said he will issue a memo to that effect.

ii. Opting into the Uniform Construction Code – Mr. Mlakar said that, based on last month's resolution authorizing the Township of Hempfield opting into the Uniform Construction Code, he had a discussion with Labor and Industry on what the Township could do to expedite and move this matter along. He said he issued a letter stating that Hempfield Township desires to opt in, elected to opt in, enclosed a copy of the approved resolution and a draft of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Mlakar said that Mr. Balsam told him that he would review the ordinance and issue any comments. The solicitor noted the following conditions and understanding to the Board of Supervisors:

1. **Condition 1** – The Township of Hempfield shall make no amendments to the ordinance, that is the basic building code for prior construction projects;
2. **Condition 2** – The Township of Hempfield have in place, on the date it adopts the ordinance, a third party administrator;
3. **Condition 3** – The Township of Hempfield have an Appeals Board to handle the appeals. Mr. Mlakar said he contacted the Westmoreland County Council of Governments and they are going to send him the agreement for the Township to approve and adopt.
4. **Understanding** -- All permits that were issued or applications that were filed with Labor and Industry and any third party administrator up to the effective date of Hempfield Township's adoption of the ordinance will be handled either by Labor and Industry or the third party that the applicant hired.

The Township also requested, in the letter to Mr. Balsam, that the one hundred eighty (180) day waiting period be waived. Mr. Balsam told Mr. Mlakar that they would probably grant that waiver request. Mr. Mlakar explained to the Board of Supervisors that they will adopt the ordinance, hire the third party administrator, appoint the Appeals Board, and set the fees all at one meeting. Mr.

Mlakar stated that starting on the effective date, which would have to be at least five (5) days, then every application for commercial and or residential, multiple family, etc. must come through the Township, which is when the Township starts collecting the fees.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Logan reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board of Supervisors. He highlighted the following: (a) Real estate taxes have been following in at a good rate. Therefore, the Township is well on its way to meeting its budgetary goal; (b) Lagging in a bit behind are earned income, local services, and business privilege taxes; (c) The Township has done a good job on curbing expenditures to match the income stream; (d) The Township is sitting in a pretty good financial position to this date; Mr. Mlakar commented that the Township is 61.3 percent of revenue but through almost seven (7) months, but the Township is only 44.6 percent of expenditures so that is the gap where the real picture is of savings that the Township has done. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the following bills for payment as presented: (a) General Fund -- \$453,706.19; (b) Light District -- \$7,565.84; (c) Recreation PLGIT Account -- \$4,912.00; (d) Fire Escrow Account -- \$20,293.77; and (e) Bond Issue Fund -- \$7,500.00. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

8. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS: (None)

9. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS: (None)

10. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD): (None)

11. SITE PLANS:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution # 2009-73, Which Grants Final Conditional Approval to the McCune Garage Addition Site Plan (#20090013)** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to grant final conditional approval of the McCune Garage Addition Site Plan (#20090013). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

12. SUBDIVISION PLANS: (None)

13. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Ordinance #2009-01, Amending Chapter 67 (Sewers) of the Township Code** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Ordinance #2009-01, which is an amendment of Chapter 67 (Sewers) of the Township of Hempfield. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Approve Ordinance #2009-02, Amending Chapter 72 (Stormwater Management) of the Township Code** -- Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by a Mr. Davidson, to approve

Ordinance #2009-02, which amends Chapter 72 (Stormwater Management) of the Township Code. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- c. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2009-74, Hiring the Cohen Law Group at a Cost of \$12,900.00 to Negotiate Terms of a Franchise Agreement with Comcast** -- Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2009-74, which hires the Cohen Law Group at a cost of \$12,900.00 to negotiate the terms of a franchise agreement with Comcast. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2009-75, Entering into Agreement with Innermedia, Inc. for PEG-TV at a Cost of \$875.00/Month and a One Time Hardware and Installation Fee of \$2,499.00** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2009-75, which enters into a two (2) year agreement with Innermedia, Inc. for PEG-TV at a cost of \$875.00/month and a one-time hardware and installation fee of \$2,499.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- e. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2009-76, Establishing a \$200.00/Month Stipend for Emergency Management Coordinator Greg Zimmerman Effective August 1, 2009** -- Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to establish a \$200.00/month stipend for Emergency Management Coordinator, Greg Zimmerman, effective August 1, 2009. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Mr. Silvis commended Mr. Zimmerman for his dedication and service.
- f. **Consideration to Approve Hiring Bruce Beitel for the Position of Assistant Township Manager as an At-Will Employee with a Salary of \$38,000.00/Year Plus Benefits as Set Forth in a Written Contract to be Prepared by the Township Solicitor, State Date to be August 24, 2009, Conditioned Upon Successful Completion of a Physical Examination** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve hiring Bruce Beitel for the position of Assistant Township Manager as an at-will employee with a salary of \$38,000.00/year plus benefits as set forth in a written contract to be prepared by the Township Solicitor. Further, the start date for Mr. Beitel shall be August 24, 2009, conditioned upon successful completion of a physical examination. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Mr. Ferguson commented that he is very excited that Mr. Beitel will be joining the staff at the Township. He said that Mr. Beitel has been a life-long resident of Hempfield. Mr. Ferguson noted that Mr. Beitel has a background in public safety and local government and also has been a volunteer firefighter most of his adult life, currently with the North Hempfield Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Ferguson explained that Mr. Beitel's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, public safety, fire code, liaison with Pennsylvania State Police, traffic safety, coordinator of the Township's safety committee, assist in preparing the budget, and all other matters of general concern.
- g. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Township Solicitor to Advertise an Ordinance Increasing the Mechanical Device Fees to \$125.00** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve authorizing the Township solicitor to advertise an ordinance increasing the mechanical device fees to \$125.00 to become effective January 1, 2010. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- h. **Consideration to Approve Awarding 2009 Line Painting Contract** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve awarding the 2009 Line Painting Contract to Parking Lot Painting Company at a price of \$28,593.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- i. **Consideration to Approve Purchase of a 2009 Caterpillar Compaction Roller (Model CB-34) at a Cost of \$44,659.00 (State Contract #2420-02)** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the purchase of a 2009 Caterpillar compaction roller (Model CB-34) at a cost of \$44,659.00

(State Contract #2420-02). Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Mr. Ferguson commented that the purchase of the roller was originally budgeted for in the General Fund. However, after some different reductions in the Liquid Fuel fund, this purchase will be paid for as an eligible expense out of the Liquid Fuel account.

- j. Consideration to Approve the Emergency Service Applications Pending Successful Completion of a Physical Examination** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the following emergency service applications pending successful completion of a physical examination: (1) Larry Johnson, Senior Firefighter, Bovard V.F.D.; (2) Paul Ereditario, Senior Firefighter, Grapeville V.F.D.; and (3) Christopher Herczyk, Senior Firefighter, Carbon V.F.D.; Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- k. Consideration to Approve Participation in CDBG Demolition Program** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve participation in the CDBG Demolition Program. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- l. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 in the Amount of \$460,866.53 from Tresco Paving for 2009 Hot Mix Paving Program** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$460,866.53 from Tresco Paving for 2009 Hot Mix Paving Program. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- m. Consideration to Approve Acceptance of Public Safety Assessment Report from the Public Safety Task Force** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve acceptance of the Public Safety Assessment Report from the Public Safety Task Force. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. Mr. Weimer noted that he and Mr. Bossi served on the Public Safety Task Force. Mr. Ferguson gave the following report: “The Hempfield Township Public Task Force was created with the stated purpose of establishing recommendations to address the future public safety needs for Hempfield Township. These recommendations were to be created based on statistical data collection, key person interviews, future growth outlooks, and costs. The committee held its first meeting on July 10, 2007. To date, the committee has held sixteen (16) meetings. Over the course of the twenty-two (22) months, the committee has been active, the group of volunteers facilitated the creation of the following data: (a) The Hempfield Township Safety Survey conducted by Zogby International; (b) Hempfield Township business surveys; (c) 2008 Fall Festival survey; (d) Hempfield Area Senior High School Project 18 Survey; (e) January 13th, 2009 public meeting; These activities generated the following information: (a) Ninety-nine (99) percent of Hempfield residents, according to the Zogby Survey, feel safe living in Hempfield Township; (b) A majority of businesses surveyed were satisfied with State Police coverage; (c) At the Fall Festival, fifty (50) residents were asked to rate their satisfaction with the State Police coverage in the Township (1 to 5 with 5 being very satisfied). The average rating was 3.7; (d) Hempfield High School students cited the most serious problem in the Township is speeding and littering; (e) A worksheet (attached in the report) addressing questions that were raised at the January 13th, 2009 public meeting; The committee also examined neighboring communities’ local police departments, as well as reviewing State Police incident reports for Hempfield Township. The committee considered the likely size (approximately twenty-five (25) officers to start) and cost of a local Hempfield Police Department, as well as all of the start-up capital expenses that would be needed to form a new department. Based upon all of the data collected by the committee, it is their conclusion that Hempfield Township should continue to utilize the existing level of services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police.”

14. OLD BUSINESS: (None)

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Donation to West Point Volunteer Fire Department** – Mr. Weimer asked the Township staff at the meeting about the claims voiced at tonight's meeting regarding the actions of the West Point Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Mlakar recommended that a copy of the letter sent to the pastor at the church be provided to the Township. Mr. Ferguson said that he would pursue contacting the pastor for a copy of the letter and then discuss this matter at the next executive session of the Board of Supervisors. investigate the noted that he received correspondence over the last week for cable fee increases. The letter also noted that the franchise agreement with Comcast expires December 30th, 2010. However, he stressed to the Board the only fee the municipality has any control over is the base cable rate, which Comcast never raises. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to have the Township Solicitor send a letter to Comcast to negotiate the franchise renewal contract. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

16. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- a. **Certificate of Recognition for Public Works Employees Jeff Skiavo and Bill Watterson for June 17, 2009 Storm Rescue Assistance** – Mr. Volpe explained that on the night of the storm of June 17th, 2009, Public Works employees, Jeff Skiavo and Bill Watterson, were performing their duties during a major flooding along Hunter Road. He said that Mr. Skiavo and Mr. Watterson assisted the Carbon Volunteer Fire Department in getting a sick resident out of his home on Hunter Road during the floods, using a Township front end loader to get the stretcher through the high water. The Board of Supervisors officially presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Watterson for his efforts in assisting someone in need. (Note: Jeff Skiavo was not present at the meeting due to another personal commitment.)
- b. **Certificate of Recognition for Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Departments for June 17, 2009 Storm Efforts** – The Board of Supervisors officially presented a certificate of recognition to the Hempfield Township Volunteer Fire Departments for their outstanding service to the residents of the Township of Hempfield during the storm of June 17th, 2009.

17. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

- a. **Tom Logan** – Mr. Logan commented as follows: “All through 2008 we, myself personally, and I know these my fellow Supervisors, wrestled with the problem at West Point with the residents and the siren and the fire department. I, myself, recognize the fact, I think, that a siren can play a vital role within a community but it has to be within reason. And I probably came to that decision, we came to that at the end of the year, and we found it, we were disappointed to find out that the whistle was blowing maybe an excessive length of time. Greg Saunders and I have had a little discussion. We talked about establishing some standard operating practices within the Township to try to get all of the fire department on board and I'm hoping Greg that you'll work with this and this may take a couple year period. When the motion was made to lower the time blowing of the siren to a one minute period, I was under the understanding that the equipment in place could let it go that far. I found out later that it could not go down that far, down to a two minute period. With the fact that we may be implementing some S.O.P.'s at some time in the future, I had no intention of spending any more taxpayer dollars to rectify that situation there at West Point until we had an S.O.P. in place that says we're going to suggest that every fire department blow a whistle for a specific period of time. That was my motivation. That was the only reason that I changed that motion. There was no political events involved, none of that kind. Anybody that knows me will understand that. Greg, I am going to ask the Fire Chiefs' Association to look into that. If West Point did indeed send back that check to that church, there are going to be issues involved

with that. That fire department has some serious work to do in that community to heal their relationship at present.” Mr. Saunders commented that he was pretty sure that the West Point Volunteer Fire Department did return the church. Mr. Davidson said that he is sure that they did because he a member of the church. Mr. Logan said that is inappropriate action on the part of the fire department.

- b. **Doug Weimer** – Mr. Weimer made the following comments: There were a number of comments made here this evening and some were related to those issues at West Point. I think that the Township is obviously going to address looking into the information that was brought up by the concerns of the residents had about what was going on there. I know that Tom and I sat here, because of comments that were made about those were made up here, and I think Tom said it very well. You know this Board, all of us are very concerned about public safety. That is definitely at the fore front of what we do here as Supervisors. We did spend an awful lot of time relative to this issue but I don’t think that public safety was compromised and I think this Board made an excellent decision regarding this matter. Just to clarify, I do not vote or serve here at intimidation, which was some of the comments that were made here tonight. In another matter, I just wanted to compliment the staff and the community on the recent Community Days’ Festival that we held out at Hempfield Park. I thought it was rather a successful event and I look forward to future events next year.”
- c. **Bob Davidson** – No comments.
- d. **John Bossi** – Mr. Bossi said that in time he believes, with the twelve (12) chiefs and Greg Saunders and the new assistant manager, that a relationship will be built that is going to be a whole lot better than what we have had in the past. Mr. Bossi commented that people sometimes say some things and he is hoping that if things were said in that way, that it was out of just spite and whatever. He said that he is sure it wasn’t meant that way.
- e. **John Silvis** – Mr. Silvis repeated Mr. Weimer’s comments. He said it is sad that we go from a positive situation to such a negative situation. Earlier in the meeting he said we had a proclamation for the firemen, which is very positive, and then we get back to this other discussion, which can hopefully be put behind us. He commented about F.E.M.A. and the state of emergency and the Township being denied funding. Mr. Silvis repeated what the councilman in Jeannette, Randy Dreistadt, said, “We have to help each other” and that is what we did. On June 17th, 2009, Mr. Silvis said the firemen were out there 24-7 responding to the emergency calls. He said if F.E.M.A. is not going to come forward, then we have to help each other and do the best we can. Mr. Silvis said he is saddened, as well as everybody else, that F.E.M.A. declined the Township’s request for assistance.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Silvis adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47 PM

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer