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# NEWTON TOWNSHIP

AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

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## Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting May 10, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: John Pardue, Ron Koldjeski, and Douglas Pallman

Board Guests in Attendance: Scot Haan, CEO; Francine Miller, Secretary/Treasurer; Joseph Sileo, Solicitor

7:30 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared for the Work Session on April 7, 2010, the General Meeting on April 12, 2010 and the Work Session on May 5, 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

**Correspondence:** Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

**Announcements:** The work Session scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010 is postponed until Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7PM directly followed by the General Meeting at 7:30PM.

### **New Business:**

***DGK Insurance:*** Jeff Kyle was present to discuss the renewal of the Township insurance. Koldjeski stated that he would like to have the Municipal Building reappraised since it has been a while. Kyle pointed out that the Township may wish to have lease/rental equipment coverage for \$250 per year. Township will also decide if they want to keep full coverage on the recycling trailer.

**Standing Committee Reports:** POSTED – Planning Commission

***Road Master:*** Pallman stated that since one of DPW workers is off on compensation, the other is working solo and not able to get much done and when we find out how much longer the DPW worker will be off, we may want to look into hiring someone temporarily. For now, the other DPW worker can do the mowing of sides of roads.

***Wage Tax Collector:*** Scandale reported that we have collected approx. \$31,738.00 delinquent wage tax and that there is still approx. \$37,000 still owed from 2007. Sileo is working on letters to delinquent tax payers. **Motion by Koldjeski to have our solicitor send a letter to Don Wilkinson Agency to remit \$25,000 in delinquent taxes owed within thirty (30) days or we will consider legal action, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

***SAPA:*** Koldjeski reported that the next meeting will be May 27, 2010 and we are still waiting on Scranton to sign.



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**NRVFC:** Chief LaCoe reported that there were a total of 28 calls for the month with 12 in Newton, 5 were fire and 7 were EMS. The remainder of the calls was in Ransom Township.

**Planning Commission:** Haan reported that the Commission reviewed a minor subdivision, lot line adjustment on School Street.

**CEO Report:** Haan reported that there will be three zoning hearings on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7PM. Two of them are for height variances and one for set-back variance.

**Solicitor Report:** There is a pending matter with DEP that has been submitted to the insurance carrier to see if we are covered for this matter. A letter was sent to J.P. Mascaro regarding the fact that several times the garbage truck has been collecting the recycling and mixing it. A letter was returned promptly stating that the matter will never happen again and that the Supervisor will be overseeing this to make sure it does not happen. **Motion by Pardue to hire Cohen Law Group to do the negotiating with Comcast, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

## Unfinished Business

Koldjeski reported that we have been offered a grant for a breathalyzer through the Attorney General's office for \$550. The breathalyzer will cost \$545. **Motion by Koldjeski to accept the grant from the Attorney General's Office for \$550, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.** It was also reported that the Chief will be attending a seminar on May 27, 2010 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM.

Plans were signed for the land development plan for the AT&T cell tower that was approved at last month's meeting.

**Bills:** Bills were signed and discussed. **Motion by Koldjeski to pay the bills as presented and any bills submitted since the Work Session for both the Township and the Recreation Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Being no further public input and discussion, **Koldjeski motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller