

**Tulpehocken Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting of April 8, 2015**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on April 8, 2015 in the Township meeting room at 7 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Richard Kramer and Supervisor Lester Feick. Also present were Kris Kerschner, Police Chief; Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer; Robbi Lane, Police Secretary and Chris Hartman, Township Solicitor.

Members of the audience included: Lori Deck, Mr. & Mrs. John Kintzer, Joseph D. Halteman, Matt Brubaker, Gene Umbenhauer, Larry Dean Martin, Curvin Reiff, Betty Parson, Ray Daub, Jake Derr, John Zimmerman, Nelson Beidler, Robert Sattazahn and various other interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gary Deck called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to the Township waiving sewer fees. He advised on his mother's situation noting that her home has not been occupied for the past six (6) months. He inquired if she would be eligible for the waiver of sewer fees. He commented on telephone conversations that his sister had with the Sewer Secretary regarding the waiver of sewer fees and questioned if the Township is granting them or not. The Board reported on discussions at last month's meeting and discussed what other Townships are doing with regards to sewer fees and exceptions for hardships.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to customers using the sewer and paying a reduced rate; he referenced Teen Challenge. The Board discussed what Teen Challenge is billed and the grant they received. Attorney Hartman reported on how a customer's user fee is calculated; which includes debt service on the loan and the operating costs that occur on a day to day basis. Teen Challenge prepaid their debt service allowing the Township to have that money upfront and they did not want to pay the debt service as part of their periodic user fees; they received funding thru a grant. The Board discussed the number of EDU's that Teen Challenge pays for and noted that they have a forty (40) year agreement with the Township. Mr. Kintzer feels that Teen Challenge is being given a break on their sewer user fees. The Board reported that no funds were taken out of the Debt Service Account last year.

The Board discussed other sewer waivers that were denied or granted.

Mr. Kintzer inquired on how many EDU's the Mt. Aetna Mennonite School is paying for. Supervisor Feick and Vice Chairman Kramer advised that the school is paying for two (2) EDU's. Mr. Kintzer noted that according to his calculations the school should be paying one (1) EDU for up to twenty-five (25) people, one (1) EDU for a kitchen and one (1) EDU for a gymnasium. The Supervisors advised that with regards to the number of EDU's the school is being charged, that was a recommendation made by the Township's Engineer. It was also noted that the school does have a meter that is read by Supervisor Feick. Mr. Kintzer commented on the number of people in the building.

Mr. Kintzer referenced the Sewer Ordinance and commented on the Township giving some customers a break on their bill and the sewer rates being raised.

The Board discussed the Mt. Aetna Mennonite School with regards to the number of EDU's they are being charged, the flow and the agreement. Attorney Hartman noted that he believes that the school could be charged additional EDU's based on the flow.

Attorney Hartman advised that with regards to the sewer and residential use there needs to be a minimum charge to cover the expenses. He noted that with regards to commercial operations, businesses and schools he can't give an accurate answer due to not having all of the information at this time.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to the residents that are paying their bills faithfully and others not being required to pay for the total amount of EDU's that the ordinance calls for.

Mrs. Kintzer inquired as to how the Township would handle the EDU charge if a new school comes into the Township. Attorney Hartman reported that with regards to the Mt. Aetna Mennonite School agreement the number of EDU's being charged can be increased depending on the flow.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to some parties using the sewer not having to comply with the ordinance.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to 4 Deck Road; the property does not appear to be connected to the sewer. The tapping fee was paid. He inquired if there was a connection inspection done. The property does not appear to be occupied. Supervisor Feick confirmed that the property has not hooked up to the sewer and noted that he is not sure why. He referenced correspondence from the Sewer Secretary regarding the matter. It was agreed that the Township needs to send another letter with regards to the abandonment of the septic tank and the status of the property. Mr. Kintzer noted that the sewer regulations had a deadline if the work was not completed and questioned why some people have to follow the guidelines and others don't.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to his mother's waiver request; noting that the six (6) months have been met. He questioned if the waiver will be granted and how he should proceed. Chairman Deck advised that a request letter must be submitted; once

that is done the Board will review the request. Vice Chairman Kramer commented with regards to the Sewer Workshop that the Township held and noted that he wish more people would have been present.

The Board discussed waiver requests and the Township having a \$150 disconnect and \$150 reconnect permit.

Ms. Parson discussed her request for a sewer waiver for her mother's property. She advised on her conversation with Mrs. Claman.

Vice Chairman Kramer discussed the possibility of charging ½ an EDU.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to the Township being consistent with regards to granting the sewer waivers and questioned why some customers get a break and others don't.

The Board discussed getting the public's input on matters and the public needing to attend meetings.

Attorney Hartman commented with regards to Vice Chairman Kramer's commented with regards to charging ½ an EDU and offered an option of what other municipalities are doing. He noted that the debt service has to be paid and that the operating expenses vary.

The Board discussed the increase to the monthly sewer fee. Chairman Deck advised that the increase to the sewer fees is due to maintenance expenses. The increase was also recommended by the USDA. The Board discussed the amnesty program and the outstanding debt.

Mr. Kintzer commented on the sewer with regards to the \$5 increase and people getting breaks.

Chairman Deck inquired how the public feels with regards to the Township offering breaks.

Mr. Martin advised that he does not have a problem with regards to the number of EDU's that Teen Challenge and the Mt. Aetna Mennonite School schools are being charged. Mrs. Kintzer inquired if he is hooked into the sewer; he reported that he is hooked into the sewer. The Board reported on the land that Mr. Martin donated to the Township.

Mr. Beidler commented with regards to the people getting breaks and if that can be changed. Chairman Deck commented with regards to Teen Challenge and the Mt. Aetna Mennonite School having written agreements. Supervisor Feick reported that with regards to 4 Deck Road the Township will look into the matter.

Mr. Kintzer discussed the forty (40) year agreement with Teen Challenge and suggested that the Board review the agreement. He feels that Teen Challenge is making out, not the

Township. He questioned if the agreement can be amended. Attorney Hartman advised that he did not feel that the agreement could be amended. The Board discussed using the Teen Challenge grant money for debt service.

Attorney Hartman feels that the Township needs to follow up with the property owner of 4 Deck Road to determine why the property was never hooked into the sewer.

Mr. Derr commented with regards to sewer waiver requests and inquired on how not granting the requests will make or break the Township when it comes to the sewer. The Township needs to get customers to pay.

Vice Chairman reported on sewer operations with regards to banking and seeking loans.

Ms. Parson inquired on how she should proceed with regards to her mother's property. The Board suggested for her to submit the waiver request.

Mr. Zimmerman suggested that the Board not make any decisions at this time; allowing for further research of the matters reported by Mr. Kintzer.

Mr. Derr inquired if there is a problem with the generator at the Mt. Aetna sewer plant. Supervisor Feick reported that the injector pump is broken and that there is a service contract. Chairman Deck inquired on the rental fee for a generator.

The Board discussed the waiver of sewer fees and agreed that the policy going forward would be as follows: A waiver request should be submitted to the Township for consideration once the facilities have not been in use for six (6) months. The requests would be reviewed by the Board on a case by case basis and granted at their discretion.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion that the Township's policy with regards to sewer waiver requests would be that the request needs to be submitted to the Township in writing for consideration once the facilities have not been in use for six (6) months. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Vice Chairman commented on with regards to Mr. Martin's property along Lions Drive and people dumping; he suggested posting signs. Mr. Martin agreed that he would post signs on the property.

Mr. Kintzer that the Board for their time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

### Planning Commission

***Joseph D. Halteman Dairy Operation*** – The Planning Commission is recommending that the following waivers be granted:

- The waiver of Section 302 – Requires submitting a preliminary plan for approval prior to submitting a final plan. They are requesting to submit the plan as a combined preliminary/final because the plan is minor in scope, limited to the proposal of a single dairy barn and no facilities are being offered for public dedication.

*Chairman Deck made a motion to grant the waiver of Section 302. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

- The waiver of Section 303.1.B – Requires the plan to provide precise bearing and distance for the entire tract and all boundaries are accurately labeled (including boundary line monuments). They are requesting a waiver of this section due to the location being over one hundred (100) feet from any other property line, no property boundaries will be impacted and monuments have been located

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to grant the waiver of Section 303.1.B. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

- The waiver of Section 303.1.L – This section requires the plan to provide a Certificate of Accuracy to be signed and sealed by a surveyor. They are requesting a waiver of this section because Red Barn Consulting Inc. had their licensed engineers survey the site and they are permitted to seal topography surveys, monuments have been located in the field, and Hershey Surveying Inc. will review and certify the Deed Plot prior to final plan approval.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to grant the waiver of Section 303.1.L. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

- The waiver of Section 307.B.1.a – This section requires a minimum of forty-eight (48) inches of separation between the bottom of the basin and the limiting zone. The waiver request was submitted due to test results for the infiltration facility provide a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches of separation, the PA BMP Manual only requires a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches of separation, and there is no public dedication being offered.

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to grant the waiver of Section 307.B.1.a. The motion was seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (3-0).*

The Planning Commission is also recommending granting Preliminary/Final Plan approval with the following conditions:

- The comments in the Ludgate Engineer review letter dated March 5, 2015.
- Financial and maintenance agreements.
- Review the possibility of extending the driveway up to the pond for fire control. The Township Engineer and local Fire Chief will evaluate this next week.

Supervisor Feick noted that the Mt. Aetna Fire Chief had no comment, but as Fire Chief of Rehrersburg he suggested installing a dry hydrant and a good stone driveway for access to the pond.

The Board discussed the condition of the bridge.

Chairman Deck reviewed Chief Feick's three suggested options:

- Installing a bridge and lane
- Installing a dry hydrant at the pond, plus a pipe running from the pond to the bridge
- Installing a dry hydrant at the pond

Attorney Hartman inquired if the pond would be used for other fire situations. Chief Feick did not believe so.

Attorney Hartman discussed the Township's SALDO; he noted that the Township can't force the applicant to comply with Chief Feick's fire safety suggestions, but can only recommend. The applicant agreed that he would consider the recommendations.

Mr. Brubaker commented that if there was not a pond on the property that this discussion would not be taking plan; he also inquired that if the plan is approved, the applicant could move forward as is and can choose to make the recommended improvements at a later date.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to grant Preliminary/Final Plan approval with the following conditions:*

- *The comments in the Ludgate Engineer review letter dated March 5, 2015.*
- *Financial and maintenance agreements.*

*The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Attorney Hartman inquired if the Township has the cost estimates. Mr. Brubaker reported that information was submitted to Ludgate. He inquired if the applicant can proceed with the earth moving. Attorney Hartman advised that the earth moving can begin as long they have an Erosion Settlement Control Permit. Chairman Deck reminded them to complete a PA One Call.

Mr. Halteman and Mr. Brubaker thanked the Board for their time.

## **Solicitor Legal Discussions**

### ***Discuss reimbursement of Attorney fees with regards to time billed for delinquent sewer accounts***

Attorney Hartman referenced Ordinance 2007-1; he advised on what fees the Township can be reimbursed for with regards to delinquent accounts. He discussed how the Township can recoup more of their costs. He suggested reviewing the collection costs and noted that the Ordinance may need to be amended. The Board agreed to authorize the Solicitor to review the ordinance and delinquent cases to verify that the Township is recouping any expenses. Attorney Hartman reported on the law with regards to recouping expenses.

## **Correspondence from Zoning Officer**

The Zoning Officer addressed the complaint discussed at the March meeting with regards to idling trucks; she noted that there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance to enforce. The State does have a no idling law. Chief Kerschner reported that he has spoken with the business owner and that he advised that he would post no overnight parking signs. It was also noted that the Township hasn't received any more complaints. Chairman Deck suggested that the business owner may need to post no idling signs. Chief Kerschner advised that he would speak with the property owner again to advise him of Chairman Deck's suggestion.

The Zoning Officer addressed the Werni property (342 Godfrey Street); she reported that there has been no movement. She noted that she would contact the property owner in a few weeks to remind her that the garage needs to be moved and the driveway addressed. Chairman Deck commented with regards to the Township needing to make sure that the property owner complies.

### ***David Alspaugh (7647 Lancaster Avenue) – Garage is being built, no permits have been obtained***

The Board discussed the property located at 7647 Lancaster Avenue and agreed that it needs to be watched to make sure that any permits needed are obtained.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

***Police Report*** – Chief Kerschner read the March, 2015 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2782	968
Gallons of Fuel	289	0
Hours of Work	450.5	60
Total Incidents	7	7
Complaints	10	13

Misc. Calls for Service	43	11
Follow-up Investigations	4	5
Telephone Assignments	20	10
Comm/Residential to Alarms	1	5
EMS/Fire Advisory	10	3
Traffic Stops	30	5
Citations Issued	25	5
Non-traffic Citations	1	0
Traffic Warnings	5	2
Warrants	1	1
Parking Tickets	0	0
Traffic Accidents	2	4
DUI Arrests	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	0	1
Security Checks	62	25
Police Assists	13	0
Motorists Assists	2	1
Court Appearances	2	1
School Hours	48	0

Chief Kerschner reported that during the month of March there were 148 calls received through Berks County 911 for police services.

Chairman Deck inquired if the Township can charge a fee for security checks. Attorney Hartman and Chief Kerschner reported that there is no charge, it is just a service provided by the police.

Mr. Zimmerman commented with regards to parking at the square in Mt. Aetna; it is difficult to see when pulling out onto Lancaster Avenue from Market Street. The Board discussed installing no parking signs. Attorney Hartman reported that to enforce a no parking area the Township would need to amend the ordinance. Chief Kerschner reported that he discussed the matter with the owner of the pizza shop. It was noted that the area is in the PennDOT right-of-way. It was discussed to paint hash marks to prohibit parking. A suggestion was made to mark the corner with no truck parking. Mr. Zimmerman suggested installing vinyl posts. Supervisor Feick advised that he would look into the concerns. Chief Kerschner advised that he would talk to delivery drivers and business owners.

Chief Kerschner and Secretary Lane reported on two (2) grant details; an Aggressive Driving Grant (Marion Township) in the amount of \$1,100 and a PA Buckle Up Grant (Tulpehocken Township) sometime in May.

Chairman Deck inquired with regards to the crime report for the 2014 year. Chief Kerschner and Secretary Lane advised that they are working on the report.

***Road Master's Report*** – Supervisor Feick read the March, 2015 report. The work consisted of snow plowing, stock pile salt, check road conditions, pick up parts/supplies, equipment maintenance, telephone calls/paperwork, sewer maintenance, sewer inspection, clean vehicles/garage, meet with Township Engineer, work on Stouchsburg Road, patch holes in roadway, meet with salesman, sewer problems in At. Aetna, post Township property, address complaint on Green Alley, sign maintenance, meet with PennDOT rep., emergency call out for the Godfrey Street Pump Station, check sewer lateral, and check pump station specks for Village Estates.

Supervisor Feick reported that he can't find used wheels for the loader. The Board discussed the cost of new wheels. Chairman Deck advised that he would also look into getting wheels.

Supervisor Feick reported on the quotes he received with regards to the Stouchsburg Road project:

Pipe prices

- 40 ft. aluminum pipe - \$51.90 ft. – approximately \$2,076
- 40 ft. plastic pipe – \$49.95 ft. – approximately \$1,998
- 40 ft. Steel pipe (12 gauge) - \$71.21 ft. – approximately \$2,848.40
- 32 ft. Class 4 concrete pipe - \$189.55 ft. - approximately \$6,065.60

End Walls \$5,200 each – the Board discussed if the end walls need to be so big.  
Crane Rental for eight (8) hours - \$3,180

Supervisor Feick advised that a GP11 Permit is needed and that due to the condition of the roadway an emergency permit should be granted. The roadway is currently being undermined and washing out.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Zimmerman advised that he has been approached with regards to how long the road will be in the condition it is currently in. He suggested that Supervisor Feick looks at the road area that was fixed last year by the school (30 West Market Street).

The Board discussed how long it would be before starting the Stouchsburg Road project. Supervisor Feick felt the pipe would be ready within two (2) weeks of being ordered. He advised that he would discuss the matter with the Township Engineer. It was noted that the Township has sixty (60) days to complete the project once the permit is granted.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize ordering the pipe and headwalls for the Stouchsburg Road project, condition on the Emergency Permit being granted. The motion was seconded by Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Supervisor Feick reported that the muffin monster at the Mt. Aetna Sewer Plant needs to be repaired. The repair should take approximately two (2) weeks.

Supervisor Feick reported that he has received a quote from K&W Septic Service of \$500 per plant to run pipe and drill two (2) holes in the concrete tank.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize K&W Septic Service to run pipe and drill two (2) holes in the concrete tank for a cost of \$500 per plant. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Vice Chairman Kramer reported on a seminar he attended today and how the importance of proper roadway drainage was stressed.

**Fire Chiefs' Report** – Supervisor Feick read the monthly reports for the Keystone Fire Company and the Rescue Fire Company.

## **SEWER OPERATIONS**

### ***Judgments and Delinquent Sewer Accounts***

The Supervisors discussed sewer operations with regards to judgments and delinquent accounts.

***Christina Kennelly – 15 West Market Street (Note that this property is not occupied) – Current Judgement amount past due \$3,776.38 – Foreclosure filed February 24<sup>th</sup>***

- ***Berks County property – Reissue Writ or Break the Lock Order (How to proceed?)***
- ***Schuylkill County property – File Writ, have Sheriff serve, may have to appear in Court (How to proceed?)***

The Supervisors discussed the matter and agreed to wait until the property is sold. It was noted that the lien information needs to be kept current.

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion not to take any action at this time, but to wait until the property is sold, noting that the lien information should be kept current. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

### ***Sewer Waiver Requests***

***Need to clarify waiver request process – Are homeowners going to be required to disconnect? What does disconnect involve? Would it be unsanitary to disconnect?***

This matter was discussed under Public Comment.

***Kevin Brown (49 Apple Street, Mt. Aetna) – Requesting a waiver of sewer user fees***

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to grant Mr. Brown's (49 Apple Street) waiver of sewer user fees. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

***Salem/St. John's Church (14 East Mill Street) – Waiver was denied at the March meeting***

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to grant the Salem/St. John's Church (14 East Mill Street) waiver of sewer user fees effective June 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Discuss hands free cell phone devices for CDL drivers***

The Board agreed that this matter could be removed from the agenda; it was noted that in prior discussions the CDL drivers agreed to pullover if they needed to use their cell phones and did not have a hands free device.

***28 Church Street (formally the Manegold property) – Discuss putting the property out for bid***

Attorney Hartman provided the Township with the original deed for the property. Vice Chairman Kramer suggested posting for sale signs on the property. Attorney Hartman updated the Board with regards to bid options. Chairman Deck suggested that the Board come up with a proposal for review at the May meeting. The Board discussed having Attorney Hartman prepare and draft a notice and condition of sale for approval at the May meeting. The Board discussed items that need to be stated in the conditions such as the property needing to be cleaned up. Vice Chairman noted that he feels that the mobile home is habitable. Mr. Zimmerman also suggested that the sale conditions include information with regards to the cost the Township has expended.

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a notice and condition of sale for review/approval at the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (3-0).*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### ***Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys – Tulpehocken Area School District is requesting a quote from the Township to provide Police coverage at Penn-Bernville Elementary and Tulpehocken Junior-Senior High School***

The Board discussed the correspondence received from Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys with regards to the Tulpehocken Area School District requesting a quote. They also discussed the number of hours police coverage is being requested; it was agreed that the correspondence did not define the number of hours. The Board discussed providing police coverage for six (6) hours per week. Supervisor Feick suggested that the proposal provided by the Township have a cost per hour. Attorney Hartman suggested that the proposal also require a minimum number of hours per week. Chief Kerschner reported on discussions that have taken place at recent meetings with the School Board. Attorney Hartman commented with regards to the School District paying all startup costs and noted that all expenses should be covered. He recommended that both items be noted in the proposal.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize the Police Department to prepare the proposal to the School District and that the hourly rate would be \$61.30. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

### ***County of Berks, Office of the Commissioners – Breakfast meeting – April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – Hosted by Keystone Water Rescue Team (Keystone Fire Company, Boyertown)***

The Board discussed the invitation to the breakfast meeting scheduled for April 24, 2015 and agreed that no one from the Township would attend.

### ***Fireworks Permit Application – Teen Challenge submitted an application for a fireworks display to take place on Saturday, July 25, 2015 (Rain date August 1, 2015)***

Mrs. Flaherty advised that she has all required information with the exception of the upcoming insurance info, due to the renewal date being June.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the permit application once all conditions have been met. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***Ludgate Engineering Corp – Annual Dinner – Tuesday, April 21, 2015***

The Board discussed the annual dinner and agreed that all Supervisors would be attending with their spouses with the exception of Supervisor Feick's wife.

***Rep. Jozwiak Meeting – Jefferson Township hosting meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9 AM***

The Board discussed the meeting scheduled for the morning of April 28, 2015. It was agreed that all Supervisors would be attending.

***Rep. Jozwiak – Open House – Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 5 PM***

The Board discussed the open house scheduled for April 24, 2015. It was agreed that none of the Supervisors would be attending.

Rep. Jozwiak's office will be located at 16B Margaret Lane (Cross Keys) in Ontelauntee Township. He will also have a satellite office in the Womelsdorf Library.

***Discuss bids received for the 2005 Crown Victoria – One bid received***

Mrs. Flaherty advised the Board that the Township did receive one (1) bid for the 2005 Crown Victoria. The Bid was opened. David Brown entered a bid of \$1,100 for the vehicle. The Board discussed Mr. Brown's offer and agreed that the value of the vehicle is less than \$1,000, but agreed to accept the offer.

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to accept Mr. Brown's offer of \$1,100.00 for the 2005 Crown Victoria. It was noted that the Board agreed that the value of the vehicle is less than \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

It was agreed that Mrs. Flaherty would contact Mr. Brown to advise him that the Township accepted his offer of \$1,100 for the vehicle.

***Discuss topics for the Township Newsletter***

The Board discussed various topics to be included in the Township Newsletter which included the recycling dumpster and stakes in the right-of-ways.

***Recycling Dumpster***

The Board also discussed contacting the County with regards to the possibility of getting an additional recycling dumpster. Mrs. Flaherty reported that she would look into the matter.

***Shirk Property (37 Teen Challenge Road)***

The Board discussed the Shirk property (37 Teen Challenge Road) with regards to stakes being in the right-of-way. Chairman Deck updated the Board on his discussion with Mr. Shirk and Mr. Shirk's request to pave the shoulder of the roadway at his expense. Attorney Hartman noted that if the Township honors Mr. Shirk's request, once the paving

is completed the Township would be responsible for maintaining. He sees no downside to the request as long as the work is done according to PennDOT specs. The property owner would need to make a presentation to the Township detailing what he is proposing. He would also need to provide a plan for review.

*Update from Tax Collector*

Mrs. Deck updated the Board with regards to information she received from the Pennsylvania State Tax Collector’s Association, Inc. regarding the implementation of Act 164. She discussed the current Tax Collector courses and credit fees which are approximately \$240 per year. Act 164 would increase the fees significantly. The Tax Collector’s Association is in touch with Legislators to see what can be done. She will keep the Board updated.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Account Balances for the end of March, 2015 were as follows:

General Account	\$ 13,076.18
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	\$ 8,297.46
General Plus Account	\$178,767.40
State Aid Account	\$ 1,753.35
State Plus Account	\$166,661.66
Street Light Account	\$ 8,797.02

Payments of Bills for this April 8, 2015 meeting are:

- General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #15849 to #15878 in the amount of \$19,226.92
- Street Light Account – Check #337 in the amount of \$1,179.68
- State Liquid Fuels Account – Checks #186 to #187 in the amount of \$7,694.07
- Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow – Check #153 in the amount of \$31.00
- Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
- Village Estates Improvements Inspection Escrow –
- Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
- Total Expenses for this meeting – \$28,131.67

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this April 8, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of March, 2015 are as follows:

- Sewer Operation Account – \$1,340.95
- Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$94,590.28
- Debt Service Account - \$403,086.71

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this April 8, 2015 meeting are:  
Check #1564 to #1576 in the amount of \$20,230.51

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

*Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christy Flaherty*

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township