

**MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their **reorganization** meeting Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Tim Paris, John Rush and Dean Casciola, and Township Secretary Rachel Warner Blosser.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rush.

INTRODUCTIONS: There were no introductions.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rush, acting as Temporary Chairman, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and passed, Mr. Casciola was re-appointed Chairman. Upon motion by Mr. Casciola, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed, Mr. Rush was re-appointed Vice-Chairman. Rachel Warner Blosser was re-appointed Secretary-Treasurer, upon motion by Mr. Rush seconded by Mr. Paris and passed and the Treasurer's Bond was set at \$150,000.

SET MONTHLY MEETING:

Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and carried, the regular monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

SELECTION OF THE DEPOSITORY:

Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and carried, the depository will be Washington Federal Bank and PLGIT.

PERSONNEL – APPOINTMENTS:

Upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed, the following appointments were made: Road Superintendent – John Rush, Equipment Operator – Robert Gagliani, Alternate Roadmasters – the remaining two Supervisors, Township Secretary-Treasurer – Rachel Warner Blosser. James Thorne was not reappointed as Equipment Operator, upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed.

WAGE – HOURLY RATE:

Upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed, the wage scale for 2008: Road Superintendent - \$17.00, Equipment Operator (Gagliani) - \$14.00, Secretary – \$14.75, Temporary Equipment Operator (with or without a CDL) - \$9.50, Temporary Skilled Laborer - \$8.25, and Temporary Clerk - \$8.75.

The above motion set a biweekly pay period, with payday on the following Wednesday. Wages will be reevaluated in June.

PERSONNEL MANUAL: A new manual will be ready for the regular January meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: Approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

Independent auditors for 2008 will be Cypher and Cypher.

William A. Johnson, Esquire was retained as. Solicitor.

Bankson Engineers was approved as Township.

Debra Bardella was approved as the Realty Transfer Tax Collector.

William Tohey was named Emergency Management Director.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer will be William Tohey, with a rate of \$450.00/month for 1 day/week from 9 AM to 12 PM including required meetings.

Richard Lehman was appointed Vacancy Board Chairman.

J. Grubbs was reappointed to serve on the Joint Sewer Authority, which is a 5-year term (2013). Also on the authority is J. Rush (2009) and J. Dowiak (2010).

R. Garlaus was reappointed to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board (2013), with V. Paris and F. Hofrichter (2010), D. Lehman (2009), C. McConn (2012) with J. Geresti as an alternate.

The three Supervisors will continue to serve on the Cross Creek Valley Regional Planning Commission, which is reorganizing on January 4 at 7:00pm.

K. Gardner and G. Stokum were re-appointed to a 3-year term (2013) to the Cross Creek Planning Commission with J. Stefkovich, M. Kancel (2010).

Tim Paris was appointed to serve on the Independence Township Recreation Board.

R. Blosser and B. Tohey were appointed to the Washington County Sewage Council.

J. Faisant was reappointed to serve on the Joint UCC Appeals Board

The 3 supervisors and R. Blosser will be our 2008 PSATS State Convention delegates.

Reappointed to the Agriculture Security Area Committee were Dean Casciola (supervisor), John Chechuck (farmer), George (Hoss) Godwin, Jr., (farmer), Ray Margaria (farmer) and Warren Bedillion (citizen).

Contracts with Avella VFD, Mount Pleasant VFD and Slovan VFD were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AUDITORS: NONE

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND MOTIONS:

Resolution 1-08 to support sponsoring the Joint Sewer Authority's grant application for gaming revenue, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 15, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:31 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and one township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: Keith Straight, KLH Engineers, consultant to BSTJSA, presented information regarding the proposed Cross Creek Village sewer project. A workshop will be arranged for the Board and Joint Sewer Authorities to discuss the project further.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 18, 2007 township meeting and the January 7, 2008 reorganization meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of December listed no transactions.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of December was received for \$76.41.
- 2007 Lien Sheet was turned over to Tax Claim Bureau and a copy was received for our files from Rachel Warner Blosser, Tax Collector Office. The Township taxes lienied were \$3,654.94, a decrease from last years \$4,427.21.
- Sheriff's Sale is scheduled for February 1, for the Bogo house on Maple Road.
- Animal Control Services report was received for December.
- DCED grant for the Senior Center improvements for \$5,000 was received.
- Another letter of support for the AVFD gaming revenue grant was prepared stating compliance with Comprehensive Plan.
- Thank you letter to Michele Moore for her cleaning service was signed by the Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been repairing equipment, filling potholes and winter maintenance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey provided the Board with his 2007 annual permit report. In addition, he issued 5 citations.

PARKS & RECREATION: Volunteers are need for the April "Community-Build" playground. Also we are looking for a business sponsor for t-shirts; food and drink donations.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Avella VFD Fire chief, Eric Temple, provided the 2007 annual report and asked for the Township's high band radio frequency. They will be conducting a test of the township fire alarm soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2-08 to make the Code Enforcement Officers recommended increases in the Fee Schedule was approved upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and passed.

Ordinance 1-74-01 Street Excavation to be repealed and replaced with new Ordinance that removed the fee schedule and set fees by resolution is to be advertised for adoption, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

The new employee manual was reviewed by Johnson but tabled until next month for the Board to review.

Painting estimates were received to paint the Senior Center, kitchen and restrooms, upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and passed, the lowest bidder PJ Remodeling for \$1800 was awarded the project. He is requesting 50% down payment. This is to be paid from the DCED grant for Senior Center improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Griffith questioned what the remainder of the DCED grant will be used for.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2816-#2848
- State Fund – Check #123

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 19, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Solicitor Bill Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and four township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 15, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of January listed no transactions.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of January was received for \$179.22.
- Washington Area Humane Society is requesting a donation.
- 4th Quarter 2007 Cable TV franchise fees were received from Blue Devil Cable for \$510.45 and HTC Communication for \$625.99.
- Washington County Stormwater Management special meeting with municipal officials is on February 25 at the Washington County Fairgrounds.
- Real Estate Value change for 2008 in the amount of -775 was received.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been plowing and ashing the roads, and filling potholes. Recently ordered cinders and salt.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated it was a slow month, only 1 permit issued and he has 5 hearings to attend. He is preparing a letter to the tavern owners regarding the new amusement device tax.

PARKS & RECREATION: NONE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The comments from the Planning Commission on the draft temporary housing ordinance were received and reviewed. Mr. Johnson said, their comments were well-founded and that he shares their reservations. It will be tabled for further review.

Ordinance 1-08 for Street Excavation, which was Ordinance 1-74-01 with the removal of fees was adopted, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

The new employee manual, reviewed and recommended by Mr. Johnson, was approved upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 3-08, in accordance with the Municipal Records Act, will allow for the disposition of records was adopted upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Ragan questioned the location of the entrance to the park. Mr. Donovall questioned whether the Washington County Stormwater meeting was open to the public.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2852-#2873
- State Fund – Check #124-126

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 18, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:32 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and six township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: Charlie Fife, President of Houston Borough asked the Board to support his "Houston Plan" for gaming revenue sharing and send letters to our State Legislators.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 19, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of February listed no transactions.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of February was received for \$26.32.
- Sheriff's Sale for April 4, 2008 on the Verelst property, Horth, Boyd properties.
- County Park Road Maintenance invoice is being questioned by the County.
- Washington County Stormwater Management special meeting on February 25, resulted in conducting a study to recommend alternative options for enforcement including a cooperative municipal approach modeled after the Sewage Council or a county approach through the Conservation District.
- Avella VFD Profit and Loss Report for 2007 was received.
- Centerville Borough and E. Bethlehem Township invited the Board to join their legal suit against the County's distribution of the gaming revenue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson will be preparing to lien the Hill property for 2007 grass cutting.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been battling the elements and repairing muddy roads and patching potholes. April 9, 10, 11 street sweeping has been scheduled. They would like to purchase a hand held radio. The Region will be opening the Material Bids at the April 3 meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 2 permits, 1 citation and 2 violation letters. He has received the sewage permit for 1420 Avella Rd; therefore, a building permit will be needed.

PARKS & RECREATION: The second bass fishing Tournament and Kids Fishing Derby is scheduled for July 26 at the County Park. The second Murder Mystery Dinner is scheduled for October 18. The "community-build" playground event will be in May.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Ragan questioned if the community garbage cleanup was being scheduled for this year. Ms. Blosser questioned if the roadside cleanup was scheduled for this year; Mr. Jennings said April 26. Mr. Curtis discussed the park survey.

Mr. Jennings, Avella Community Association, invited the Board to participate in their meetings, 3rd Monday of month at 7PM. In addition, they received a \$5,000 grant for a digital sign. They are not sure where the sign will be located.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2878-#2903
- State Fund – Check #127

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 15, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:32 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and six township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: Reporter Mike Jones from the Observer Reporter newspaper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 18, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of March listed 1 transactions for \$183.75.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of March was received for \$210.58.
- Partial payment of \$371.00 was received from the Hilliard Municipal Claim for grass cutting.
- Bankson Engineers sent a notice that the Joint Sewer Authority is applying for DEP & Conservation District permits for the project.
- Robert Bumer is appealing his tax assessment.
- Real Estate Value change for 2008 in the amount of 12,312 was received.
- The 2007 Act 205 Actuarial Valuation Report for nonuniformed pension plan with defined benefits was received and forwarded to Cypher & Cypher.
- PMRS confirmed the vested benefits for former employee, James Thorne III.
- The 2007 Liquid Fuels money in the amount of \$73,131.69 (previously \$64,445.02) and Turnback Maintenance Payment in the amount of \$31,480.00 was received.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson was not present. He filed the Municipal Claim for the Linda Hill property grass cutting in 2007.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been grading and street sweeping. With the donation of a dozer from Anderson Equipment, sitework on the park has begun.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 3 permits, 4 violation letters. He has received payment from 3 taverns with amusement devices and 2 have not paid yet.

PARKS & RECREATION: The "community-build" playground event will be the weekend of May 17. We are looking for volunteers and donations of food. The playground ribbon-cutting ceremony will be on Sunday, May 18.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Avella VFD and Village Tack arena have scheduled a circus for Monday, May 19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing new to report on the County Park Road invoice dispute with Washington County.

NEW BUSINESS: Graff Subdivision was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Allison reported of cracks in the road on Front Street. And stated he need more grass seed for his bank.

Mrs. Gagliani announced that her Verizon DSL campaign was a success. She received the necessary 40 residents to commit Verizon to bring DSL service to a portion of Cross Creek Township.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2907-#2930
- State Fund – Check #128-129

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 27, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 8:20 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and no township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 15, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of April listed 1 transactions for \$14.70.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of April was received for \$28.32.
- 1st Quarter 2008 Cable TV franchise fees were received from Blue Devil Cable for \$508.27 and HTC Communication for \$688.27.
- Washington County paid \$3,000 of the County Park Maintenance invoice, this is not payment in full.
- PMRS provided the Board with the financial statements for the pension plan.
- Weber's are appealing their tax assessment.
- Boyd property on Campbell Drive is in Bankruptcy.
- PennDot has completed the 4-way stop sign study for Atlasburg and Maple Road, and the signs are scheduled to be installed.
- Cypher & Cypher provided the Board with the 2007 Audit reports and newspaper advertisement.
- A grant application has been filed with Washington Federal Bank for the Cedar Grove Park basketball court. We should know in July if successful.
- Grant opportunity by the PA Energy Development Authority to help with rising energy cost. Eligible projects energy efficiency and renewable power projects, ie. wind or solar energy.
- Researching employee benefits and strongly looking at UPMC, waiting for quotation.
- Southwestern PA Commission awarded \$400 towards the purchase of a new computer. In addition, a grant application for new software has not been awarded yet. Board instructed to get computer pricing for next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson was not present.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been working on park site. They have scheduled grading for Beech Knob, weather permitting. The tractor has been repaired and is ready to start mowing the roadsides.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 3 permits, 1 citation and 4 letters of complaint. He attended 2 hearings.

PARKS & RECREATION: The "community-build" playground event will be the weekend of June 21.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Avella VFD and Village Tack arena have scheduled a rodeo for June 6 and 7. Weather dampened the circus turnout.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Porbin Subdivision was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

The Board said as long as residence is temporary they didn't care if it was trailer or double-wide. The "Granny Flat" for the Jay & Mary Joe English's father on Gwen Haley Rd was approved, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

Allegheny Power's right-of-way for power to the Cedar Grove Park was approved, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2937-#2960
- State Fund – Check #130-131

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 17, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and five township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 27, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of May listed 1 transactions for \$1,750.00.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of May was received for \$73.91.
- Avella School District returned the Realty Transfer Tax with interest in the amount of \$1,532.13.
- PennDot evaluated the cost of winter services and the Township qualified for a \$3,413.89 for severe winter adjustment.
- State Police fines of \$1,293.52 were received.
- Southwestern PA Commission awarded \$300 towards the purchase of new software. We purchased the upgrade to QuickBooks.
- WCSC will hold a seminar on subdivision planning process. The Planning Commission members, Secretary and Zoning Officer will attend.
- Municipal Office will be closed the week of June 30.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson was not present.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been mowing and repairing grader. Beech Knob Rd has been graded. Minimal tar and chipping will be scheduled for this year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 8 permits, and 7 letters of complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for August 14 in the Court of Common Pleas for the Boyce property.

PARKS & RECREATION: The "community-build" playground event is scheduled for the upcoming weekend, June 21.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Avella VFD's Village Tack arena schedule includes a Jeep Roundup for this Sunday. In addition, a truck and tractor pull, "Rumble in Avella", is slated for July 11 with fireworks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Donald Allison questioned an alternate exit for County Park Rd. Fire chief, Eric Temple, will check with Jeff Yates, Washington County Public Service.

Kathy Graff questioned the sewage requirements for her subdivision following receipt of a DEP's letter. A meeting will be coordinated with the WCSC and CEO, Wm Tohey.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2963-#2981

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 15, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 7:35 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and three township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Rush.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 17, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of June listed 3 transactions for \$1,727.74.
- Selective Insurance notified Township of claim by Steiminger for lightning strike of tree on Stolze Rd for fencing damage.
- DCED grant for \$5,000 was awarded to the Senior Center for new flooring. Again the Township will administer grant.
- Washington Cty Tax Revenue has scheduled a presentation at Courthouse Square for Thursday, July 24 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss permits, mobile homes, and tax claim issues.
- WCATO has scheduled their annual convention for Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Ramada Inn in Washington.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson was not present.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been mowing, paving and repairing 1997 International dump truck.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 6 permits, and 8 letters of complaint. In addition, a citation was issued to SNPJ for nonpayment of the amusement tax.

Sugar Camp Rd has been inspected following Superior Lumber's logging and upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (2-0) their road bond is released.

PARKS & RECREATION: On Sat., July 26 is the 2nd Annual Bass Fishing Tournament and Kids' Fishing Derby at the Cross Creek County Park.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Avella VFD's Village Tack arena schedule includes a Car show for July 27. Chief Temple and CEO Tohey meet with railroad engineer and underpass at County Park Rd is structurally sound. County Park Rd emergency road through the County Park needs work to make it passable by vehicle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Donald Allison said the culvert on County Park Rd needed cleaned out. Cracks in the road on Front St need filled.

Neal Donovall questioned if the Township would be seeing any of the gas well profit from the wells drilled at the Cross Creek County Park. Board would like to talk to the County Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #2984-#3011

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 19, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 7:35 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Solicitor Bill Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and 12 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 19, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of July listed 2 transactions for \$5,909.40.
- Huntington Insurance audited our workers compensation policy resulting in a return of premium of \$995.
- Real Estate value change in the amount of 6,240 was received.
- 2nd Quarter 2008 Cable TV franchise fees were received from Blue Devil Cable for \$4747.27 and HTC Communication for \$684.30.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of July was received for \$14.10.
- 2008 Upset Tax sale is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2008 and the unpaid taxes were certified (18 parcels) to the Washington Cty Tax Revenue by Rachel Blosser, Tax Collector.
- PennDot 2008-2009 Winter Snow Removal Agreement was received and initialed by John Rush and returned. The amount of the agreement is \$22,954.08 (last year's \$22,069.44).
- Bankson Engineers notified the Township they are renewing their NPDES Permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Indep.-Cross Creek Joint Sewer Authority.
- Washington County Dept of Parks & Rec is having a Campfire Jam Night on Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm at Shelter 1 at Cross Creek County Park.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Tohey attended the Boyce Hearing before Judge Pozonsky on dangerous structure violation and Mr. Boyce was fined \$15,000 and given 90 days to come into compliance.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been paving and mowing. They will be road chipping for the next week or two. Waiting for rain to begin grading.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 1 permit, and 2 letters of complaint.

PARKS & RECREATION: Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Nov. 1.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Neal Donovall again questioned if the Township would be seeing any of the gas well profit from the wells drilled at the Cross Creek County Park. Board would like to talk to the County Commissioners. Mr. Paris will call Lisa Cessna to see what he can setup. Also he would like to see spring clean-up return.

Mrs. Ragan asked if grants will be available for the sewage tap-in fees. Also she questioned what was being done about the weight limit lowering on the Ortitay Bridge. Rush said PennDot has applied for emergency money to repair.

Mr. Rankin asked for Wood St. to be mowed, trees trimmed, and pothole on Home St. The whole Cross Creek Village needs ditched.

Mr. Curtis said Clark Ave. needs ditched.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #3016-#3042
- State Fund – Checks #132

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 16, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:35 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and 5 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 19, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of August listed 4 transactions for \$20,243.13.
- PA Liquor Control Board listed 5 licenses in our township for a fee of \$700.00 annually.
- Real Estate value change in the amount of 59,323 was received.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of August was received for \$25.93.
- PennDot severe winter adjustment was received in the amount \$3,413.89.
- SPC grant for computer and software was received in the amount of \$569.95.
- 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pension plan in the amount of \$10,793 was presented to the Supervisors.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew is finishing chipping in Jefferson and Hopewell and a little remains to be completed here. They have some more patching to do.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 2 permit, and 3 letters of complaint. In addition, he has the Foflygen hearing this week and he working to resolve the Lorch violation.

PARKS & RECREATION: NONE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Paris spoke with Lisa Cessna and Vicky Bryan of the Washington County Planning Commission regarding scheduling a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the gas wells on Cross Creek County Park. More information is pending.

NEW BUSINESS: The Independence – Cross Creek Joint Sewer Authority provided the Board with the local road restoration detail for the proposed sewer project. Upon review the board agreed to the restoration requirements and to waive the fees, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Donovall questioned the Township recourse with regard to road repair from the sewer project.

Mr. Wheeler requested a gate for the new park to curtail late night loiter. He also stated the County Park needed boat docks. He would like to petition the natural gas companies for gas service in Studa. And lastly, he stated that the Cedar Grove bridge needs welded again.

Mr. Allison asked if anymore had been learned about using the road through the County Park as an emergency or secondary access road to County Park Road.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #3046-#3061
- State Fund – Checks #133

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 21, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:32 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and 4 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 16, 2008 township meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit. \$98,000 from general fund was placed in a 61 day PLGIT certificate of deposit at 4.23% interest, matures first week of December.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of September listed 3 transactions for \$2,163.09.
- The 2008 PURTA distribution check for 2007 was received for \$333.43, last year the amount was \$379.36.
- The General Municipal Pension System State Aid was received in the amount of \$12,745.31, an increase from last year's \$9,619.17. The MMO is \$14,529.
- The Volunteer Fire Relief allocation of \$9,528.95 (last year = \$9,228.56) was received and distributed on this meeting to the three fire departments.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of September was received for \$17.63.
- Smith Township was invoiced for Cowden Road maintenance for \$1,390.88.
- An assessment appeal hearing is scheduled for Oct. 10 for Van Cowden's property
- PennDot informed the township of their 2009 estimated liquid fuels allocation for 2009 is \$70,482.64 (decrease of \$2,799.63 from 2008).
- Huntington Insurance provided a \$292.46 dividend from our Workers Compensation Policy.
- State Rep. Jesse White addressed the Washington Cty Local Share funding process.
- Judicial Sale for Oct. 23 for the M. Milvet trailer on County Park Rd.
- A Sheriff's Sale has been scheduled for Nov. 7 on the Pleskovich property on Vance Drive.
- Central Tax Bureau of PA provided the 2007 Financial Statement of Tax Collection.
- Nello Mungai and the Cross Creek Valley Senior Center are seeking donations for the 200 name Memorial Plaque.
- Olga Woodward presented the Township with a census from 1800 for Cross Creek Township. This historical document was turned over to the A.D. White Society.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been mowing and grading and getting ready for winter. In addition, they have cleaned out a portion of the sign room, built shelving in preparation for the new archive room.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 5 permit, and 3 letters of complaint.

PARKS & RECREATION: Murder Mystery Dinner on Nov. 1, tickets are still available.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: The Independence – Cross Creek Joint Sewer Authority is applying for a Local Municipal Share Grant, this project complies with our comprehensive plan and should be given the highest priority. A letter of support was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

The Holding Tank Agreement for the Avella Volunteer Fire Dept/Paris Contracting was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Casciola, with Mr. Paris recusing himself. (2-0). The escrow money was also received.

The Community Development Block Grant Funding from Washington Cty Redevelopment Authority will be deferred a year, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0). A letter will be sent to Bill McGowan explaining the need to defer.

Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0), Phase II of the Cedar Grove Park plan is to be prepared and application is to be made for another DCNR grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #3068-#3091

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 12, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for a special meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush, Tim Paris and Township Secretary Rachel Warner Blosser, and township residents.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

OLD BUSINESS: 2009 Budget workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 4-08 to allocate five thousand dollars (**\$5,000.00**) towards the **joint purchase** of a used **street sweeper**, and support the multi-municipal efforts to obtain a Washington County **Gaming Local Share Fund grant** through the Washington County Redevelopment Authority was approved upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and passed (3-0).

We recognize the need for clean streets, to lessen air and stormwater pollutants to improve the quality of life within our Township and the project meets the grant criteria; purchasing of new or used equipment. A letter of support is signed also.

Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed (2-0), Mr. Paris recusing himself due to his position with the fire department, the **Avella Volunteer Fire Department** will receive a **letter of support** for their **Gaming Local Share Fund grant** application for **various improvements**, ie. lighting plants, additional bleachers, a portable stage, paving and advertisement/promotional material to improve their outdoor venue used for fundraising events.

We recognize the need for the fire department to raise funds to meet the financial needs of the department and salute their innovation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris, and passed.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 18, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:35 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and 3 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 21 & November 12, 2008 township meeting and special meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of October listed 3 transactions for \$1,089.37.
- 3rd Quarter 2008 Cable TV franchise fees were received from Blue Devil Cable for \$495.88 and HTC Communication for \$695.16.
- The 2009 Assessed Value Certification was received in the amount of 8,216,916, which is an increase of 93,710 from 2008.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of October was received for \$336.94.
- Real Estate Value Change was received in the amount of -\$1,008.
- The State Police Fine and Penalties were received in the amount of \$1,524.72.
- Bankson Engineers provide the Board with a copy of the Local Share Grant paperwork for the Joint Sewer Authority.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been preparing for winter.

The draft County Park Road maintenance agreement was received. The Board discussed the necessary increases from \$65/hr to \$85/hr with a \$4,000 maximum and changing it to a 1 year contract. The revised draft will be sent to the County for review.

John Chechuck has estimated repainting the Ford tractor at \$300 plus materials. The Board upon motion by Mr. Casciola, seconded by Mr. Paris made the motion to have the tractor repainted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 3 permit, and 2 letters of complaint.

PARKS & RECREATION: NONE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: The County's 911 dispatch problem is again being looked into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: The 2009 Tentative Budget with no tax increase was approved for advertisement, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

Resolution 5-08 for the Destruction of Records was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

Repository Sale of the Hill house on Cross Creek Rd was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Casciola and passed (2-0), with Mr. Paris recusing himself, the large white storage tank in the back lot will be sold to EAP Industries for \$3,000 contingent upon there being no conflict with the MPC. Per Mr. Johnson, Section 1504 states anything more than \$1,000 must be advertised once for sale and sealed bids received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Donovall questioned the progress on the sewer project. In addition, he asked about the Cross Creek County Park and the gas well money.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #3093-#3108
- State Fund – Check #135

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

MINUTES
CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 16, 2008

The Cross Creek Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:37 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Dean Casciola, John Rush and Tim Paris, Solicitor Bill Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Tohey, Township Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Warner Blosser, and 5 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casciola.

INTRODUCTIONS: Wilma Decker and Nello Mungai, Cross Creek Valley Senior Center, questioned why we must administer their DCED grants, use of building, placement of memorial plaque, and utility payment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 18, 2008 township meeting and special meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0). Mr. Rush made the motion to rescind last month's motion on the sale of the storage tank, seconded by Mr. Casciola, Mr. Paris recused himself and motion passed (2-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed for audit.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Recorder of Deeds Report for the month of November listed 1 transactions for \$113.19.
- District Magistrate Violations for the month of November was received for \$41.85.
- Real Estate Value Change was received in the amount of -\$233.
- PennDot Winter Maintenance funds received in the amount of \$22,954.08.
- PennDot Patterson Mills Bridge Replacement the necessary DEP permits have been received.
- Washington County Stormwater Management Plan meeting January 26, 2009 at 5:00 pm at the Washington Cty Fairgrounds.
- PSATS U.C. Group Trust notified of a rate increase from 3% to 4.5%.
- Avella School Board requested expenditures of gas well money by the County. Upon review an invoice was found for Mingo Park, the County was notified and responded it was an accounting error and will be corrected.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson reported on the Boyce property's dangerous structure violation that has been abated. A letter was received by Attorney Daley on behalf of the Boyces.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Rush reported the road crew has been preparing for winter.

The draft County Park Road maintenance agreement was received. The Board discussed the necessary increases from \$65/hr to \$85/hr with a \$4,000 maximum and changing it to a 1 year contract. The revised draft will be sent to the County for review.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Tohey stated he issued 1 permit for logging.

PARKS & RECREATION: NONE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire chief Eric Temple questioned the reported closing of the Ortitay Bridge on Cross Creek Road, slated to begin in January through May. Mr. Paris stated Beech Construction is handling the bridge project. No news as to possible detours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 2009 Budget with no tax increase was adopted, upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS: The draft County Park Road maintenance agreement was received with the requested increases from \$65/hr to \$85/hr with a \$4,000 maximum and changing it to a 1 year contract, with monthly billing requested. The agreement was approved upon motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Rush and approved (3-0).

Resolution 6-08 for the Right-to-Know Policy was approved upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed (3-0). Mr. Johnson explained this was to comply with the new Right-to-Know Law.

No bids were received on the storage tank.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Ragan questioned the gate for the Cedar Grove Park.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were approved for payment upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Paris and passed:

- General Fund – Checks #3110-#3134
- State Fund – Check #136

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary