

April 13, 2016

The Codorus Township Board of Supervisors met on April 13, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. Board members present were: Lamar Glatfelter, Bob Gladfelter and Charlie Van Scoyoc. Others present were: April Rehbein, Attorney John Herrold, John Amspacher, Steve & Carolyn Bupp and Brian & Kim Kaltreider.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Charlie seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vote 3-0.

Carolyn Bupp presented a written statement which is attached as part of the minutes. Bob commented on Carolyn's statement that the Township did not have forks for loader when the dugouts were built. Carolyn would like to know where it states that Township employees can use the equipment for personal use. Attorney Herrold stated that Carolyn can submit a right to know request.

Steve Bupp asked what the final cost of the new loader was. Steve stated that he believed the old loader was supposed to be traded in for the new loader. Then the old loader was traded in on the road grinder instead. Steve also asked how much trade in was received from the old loader. Bob stated that \$30,000 was received for the trade in.

Steve asked if it was ok that Bob voted on the purchase of the road grinder since he also serves as Roadmaster. Attorney Herrold stated that this was not a conflict of interest.

Steve asked why Bob met with Amish men, Jeff Shue & the Township Zoning officer at a property that is for sale. Steve said this cost the Township money for someone that doesn't live in the Township. Attorney Herrold said that the Township has the authority to

Carolyn stated that she asked in the past for the Zoning Officer to meet at her property but couldn't get him to come out but the Zoning Officer went out to meet someone that doesn't live in the Township.

Steve asked why the Supervisors and Planning Commission are having a workshop. Steve asked why this can't be done at the Planning Commission meeting. He wanted to know what this workshop will cost. Steve was told that the Planning Commission members and Supervisors do not get any pay for workshops. Workshops can be held at the discretion of the Board.

Carolyn asked what ordinance we are operating under. She was told we are not operating under the new ordinance until it is advertised and voted on. Carolyn stated that Loganview Winery is charging for concerts. She said the processing ordinance has been changed so the grapes can be grown off the property. She feels that Jim Morris has made the changes in the ordinance to fit Loganview.

Attorney Herrold reported that the case of Hillandale vs. the Codorus Township Supervisors has been assigned to Judge Adams. He will be making a decision based on the briefs that were filed by Hillandale and the Township.

Lamar reported that 6 park benches have been ordered. If someone would like to sponsor a bench they can pay the cost of the bench and the cost of the plaque.

Lamar also reported that a resident on Greenmount Church Rd. is installing a pipe. A box might be needed. Bob should go out and talk to him.

Bob has inspected the roads that were tar & chipped last year and agrees that the stones are not sticking. Bob called Hammaker and they will be sending someone down to look at the roads. The work has a 1 year guarantee.

Carolyn reported that there is a property on Rockville Road for sale that is advertising that they have an airstrip.

The bills were presented to the Board. Bob made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Charlie. The motion carried. Vote 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

April K Rehbein
Secretary

Township Board of Supervisors:

At the April, 7th township supervisors meeting, Superior Robert Gladfelter read a written statement concerning his personal use of township equipment.

Mr. Gladfelter justified the use by stating he uses his own personal equipment for township work and began documenting the hours beginning sometime last year.

An inquiry by a township resident as to whether this type of use was permitted seemed to offend Mr. Gladfelter as he went on to state the preconceived reason for the questioning was this certain resident was upset because "they can't do what they want to do, whenever they want to do it."

I'm not sure how the 1st Amendment Rights of a resident to express his concern, becomes a false accusation, when in fact Mr. Gladfelter admits in his statement that he used the township backhoe at his home for three hours, including a 45 minute diner break. And further stated an additional time for approximately 5 hours. While I commend Mr. Gladfelter for allowing the township to use his own equipment "for trade" as his reason for this "permitted usage" Mr. Gladfelter neglected to reference any township ordinance, resolution, policy, procedure or employee hand book guideline that actually permits the personal use of township equipment by the township Supervisor, Road Master or employee.

He also added that other township employees graciously offer the use of their personal trailer and tools as needed. While this may seem as a cost effective measure, in actuality it could cost the township greatly should there be any personal injury or property damage resulting from after hour use or transportation of equipment, leaving the township and its employees liable, if they are improperly covered by their perspective insurance providers.

I would like to remind Mr. Gladfelter that lifelong resident Steven Bupp, charged a fraction of his regular labor rate and the loan of his mixer, cut off saw and scaffolding which also was left on site at the township park while he was assisting in the construction of the park's dugouts. Mr. Bupp is a commercially insured mason contractor, which means any damage to his equipment would have been covered by his insurance. Contrary to Mr. Gladfelter, if his tractor was not properly covered and ensued damage, most likely would seek compensation from the township for any loss. Also it is believed that Mr. Gladfelter's tractor and forks were not necessarily needed at the park. The township still had in possession its own loader with forks.

In closing the township equipment is rightfully owned by the residents of Codorus Township. The proper use and coverage should be of concern and regulated. It leads one to ask, because Mr. Bupp offered his equipment without charge does this entitle him or any other resident to "for trade" use of the township's equipment.

Carolyn L. Bupp