

May 11, 1974
9:00 A.M.
Brookbeck, Pa.

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The Board of Supervisors met for a special meeting at 9:00 A.M. May 11, 1974 in the Township Building. Present were: George Smith, Paul Dehoff, Leroy Thoman and Goldie Day.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need for a Loader and what type.

George Smith called the meeting to order and asked for discussion on a Loader for the Township. The size of bucket was discussed. Paul Dehoff stated that he feels the Township should get a loader with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ Cubic Yard bucket and that a new 1974 production model only be purchased. Mr. Dehoff also feels that the lever should work easily for the operator. George Smith questioned the automatic shift loader, also Mr. Smith feels that the loader should be a size that will make turns easily on the Township roads, and he thinks a quick hooker should be included. John Deere, Allis Chalmers, and Caterpillar models were discussed. The John Deere ^{#5447B} doesn't make $2\frac{1}{2}$ Cu. yard bucket loader. Leroy Thoman said he thinks the bucket on the John Deere they looked at was as large as the present one the Twp. has. George Smith feels that the #604 John Deere would be too big and clumsy and the price difference of approx. \$10,000 would not be justified. Paul Dehoff said he wanted a loader with a double lever.

Paul Dehoff said he would be in favor of buying a backhoe and getting the present grader repaired. George Smith and Leroy Thoman

feel the old grader is too badly worn to have repairing justified, since it would probably cost a few thousand dollars to have it fixed up.

George Smith said a 2-yard bucket would be the right size for loading cinders, and if an Allis Chalmers with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ Cu. yard bucket were purchased, it would cost approx. \$37,000. The feeling of the Board was to get a loader now and plan on the purchase of a backhoe next year. Leroy Thoman said that it's not easy to get someone to do backhoe work and the Twp. should have their own. After a lengthy discussion, George Smith made a motion to place bid for a John Deere Loader, Model # 544-B. Leroy Thoman seconded this motion. Votes were then cast with affirmative votes by George Smith and Leroy Thoman. Paul Rehoff said he preferred to cast a neutral vote. The secretary will advertise for bids to be opened on June 8, 1974.

George Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Rehoff. The meeting then adjourned at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Day
Sec.