

Branch Communicator

December 2011

Supervisor Notes

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Joyce Beach
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SEWAGE Problems
• SCMA 622-8240

Police Report

The Police officers handled 49 incidents/complaint during November. They issued 5 traffic citations and attended 5 court hearings. During the month they traveled 3062 miles patrolling the two townships. This report covers the period 11/1 to 11/30/2011

Sponsors

Don's Classic Restorations
544-8209

Enbee Tax Service 544-6583

Jerry Rizzardi

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Bid for 91 Jeep

Two bids for the 91 Jeep Cherokee were received. One for \$100.00 and a second for \$250.00. Both were rejected as too low. The sale of this police vehicle was not advertised as not required. The supervisors will accept bids with a minimum bid of \$500.00 to be opened at the January meeting. The vehicle has new tires and is offered as is, where is.

2012 Meetings

Supervisors meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month except for January. This meeting will be a joint reorganization and regular meeting. All meetings will be held in the Township building and start at 7PM.

2012 Budget Adopted

The budget for 2012 was adopted. Revenue and expenses total \$638,242.19.

TCC Delegate

A resolution to appoint a voting delegate to the County Tax Collection Committee was passed by the Supervisors. This is the Committee for the collection of the Earned Income Tax. Harry Ebling was reappointed to the Committee with Joyce Beach as alternate member.

Road Masters Report

The township workers repaired streets in New Minersville, on Church Road in Steins Mill and the Black Diamond road. There were also 4 burns at the compost site.

Recycling Center

The County will move the recycling bins from the present location on Brickyard Road to a location near the Post Office on the Silverton Road. There needs to be a copy of the deed to determine what the Good Intent Hose Com-

pany owns in this area to assure the Bins are placed in the correct location. Hopefully this will occur by the end of next month.

Solicitors Report

The Solicitor was not in attendance so there was no report on pending legal items.

Good Intent Hose

The president of the Good Intent Hose Company, Paul Kennedy, presented a letter to the Supervisors requesting clarification on Workmans Compensation coverage. Request for fire police assistance in non-emergency activities outside the township will need a request to the Supervisors from the governing body of the municipality requesting assistance. This to assure coverage of the member fire police under their policy. The same request is necessary for our requests for assistance.

This and that

Wings and Things

The Good Intent Hose Company of Llewellyn is serving wings, peel and eat Shrimp, and fries every Tuesday night from 6 until all are gone. Eat in or take out.

The Phoenix Park Fire Company Monday night bingo is suspended until March 2012 due to the cold weather.

Fracken Earthquakes

On Nov. 5, an earthquake measuring 5.6 rattled Oklahoma and was felt as far away as Illinois. Until two years ago, Oklahoma typically had about 50 earthquakes a year, but in 2010, 1,047 quakes shook the state.

Both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Geological Survey have concluded that the practice of injecting water into deep rock formations causes earthquakes.

While environmental groups have primarily focused on fracking's capacity to pollute underground water, a more ominous byproduct emerges from U.S. government studies—that forcing fluids under high pressure deep underground produces increased regional seismic activity.

Earthquakes induced by human activity have been documented in a few locations in the United States, Japan and Canada. The cause was injection of fluids into deep wells for waste disposal and secondary recovery of oil, and the use of reservoirs for water supplies.

Most of these earthquakes were minor. The largest and most widely known resulted from fluid injection at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal near Denver. In 1967, an earthquake of magnitude 5.5 followed a series of smaller earthquakes. Injection had been discontinued at the site in the previous year once the link between the fluid injection and the earlier series of earthquakes was established.

Washington will eventually be forced to address the issue, as the U.S. Army and the USGS have noted a causal link between the forced injection of liquids underground and increased seismic activity. While the Oklahoma quake caused a great deal of property damage, had lives been lost, the policy would most certainly come under increased scrutiny from the legal community.

While polluting a local community's water supply is a local tragedy barely heard inside the Beltway, an earthquake ranging across six states is an issue that might yet shake voters out of their torpor.

(adopted and adapted from article by John c k Daly)

To all, wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and Healthy New Year is extended from the Township Supervisors and from this publication.



Financial Data

Account Statement December 19 2011

General Fund:	
Balance Forwarded	\$3,092.22
Deposits December	\$13,120.87
Xfered From Peninvest	\$25,000.00
Dec Expenses Paid	(\$35,750.02)
Oct Post Meeting Bills	(\$19.99)
Checking Bal 12/19/11	\$5,443.08
PAInvest Gen Bal Forward	\$158,140.81
Interest earned	\$6.72
Xfered to General Fund	(\$25,000.00)
Balance 12/19/11	\$133,147.53
Liquid Fuel Checking	
Balance Forwarded	\$859.04
Dec Expenses	(\$2,268.04)
Xfered From PennInvest	\$2,500.00
Balance 12/19/11	\$455.05
PennInvest bal forwarded	\$17,181.93
Xfered to Checking	(\$2,500.00)
Interest earned	(1.67)
Balance 12/19/11	\$14,683.60

Senate Bill 1867 was passed by US Senate and the US House .Discussions of the bill was held in secret to prevent debate and public scrutiny. A military construction bill, It allows for indefinite detention of any American Citizen who the Government says is a threat to national security. If you say anything they don't like, make a contribution to any organization they deem supports an opposition view, writes a letter to the editor they deem is anti-government you can be detained by the military as long as they want to detain you. If you think it can't happen here, check with the Japanese-Americans during WW2.

This bill, in particular sections 1031 and 1032, along with the senate amendment S.amdt 1072 are bad news. I have it on good authority that 24,000 national guard troops are being trained in civil arrests and detention actions. To me this sounds like the establishment of a Nazi-like SS concentration camps. I called Senator Toomey's office to expressing my opposition to the bill sections and the amendment cited above. The Drudge Report also had an article on S.1867 and it's threat to our liberties, Given our legislators inability to read and understand what they are enacting, think of the heath care bill and the Patriot Act. The bill make the Constitution a shadow of what is was.