

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2007

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:30 pm

2. Attendance of Members Present

- David Music
- Victor Chevrette
- Bill Tobler
- Brian Shelby
- Paul Wagner
- Judy Thornton
- 3 FD members

3. Secretaries Report

- Minutes from the last meeting discussed and a motion made to accept.
 - Motion by Music, second by Chevrette
 - Motion Carried
- Augusta Twp Web site has been updated to show Fire Station Committee as one of the committees. Will have notes from the meetings on it. Tobler requested Wagner pass on notes after approval to post.

4. Presidents Report

- Bill Cragmile is on hand for questions. He will report under old business.

5. Committee Reports

6. Old Business

- Bill Craigmile was present to answer questions about the Review Letter for the Willis Rd property. There was discussion the Hobbs and Black report. Craigmile reported that the retention pond needs to be around 38,000 Cubic Feet to accommodate the site. A Topo study was never done by anyone on the Willis road Property. The township would like the site to meet the County Drain Commission standards. The retention basin needs to be higher than the John Bird Drain. The property needs to be about 3 to 3-1/2 feet higher than it is now to allow for drainage. The cost could be as much as \$175,000 to do that if we have to pay for everything to accomplish the elevation change. The lack of a Topo study is the hold up, it has not been determined whether the John Bird drain is a county drain or not. Craigmile is supposed to find out Thursday if it is or not. We also need to find out about the easement for the drain if it is a County drain.
- **Cost estimate from Hobbs and Black Needs study**
 - Presented the email we received back from H & B on study with the cost to update, it was about \$2500. Tobler had taken the general proposal to the Board and they are not supporting the additional cost to proceed ahead with the Willis Road property. No votes taken, but their reasoning includes Traffic congestion and some still want a township hall and FD together to be more cost effective. They have not presented anything on any kind of a Township hall to the committee at all to date.
- **USDA Loans were checked on by Chevrette**
 - Chevrette had attended a conference and met with a USDA representative about obtaining loans for fire stations. They said there was some loans available for combination Township Hall and Fire Station projects. The current rate is about 4.9%.

Chevrette suggested we have the people come down to discuss the possibility. Kathy Jackson had gone to Congressman Dingle's office, they had indicated that there is some grant money available for a combination facility.

- **Immediate Storage of Apparatus for the Fire Department**
 - There was discussion on the immediate need to find a place to put trucks, several trucks and other equipment is being stored outside.
 - **Nellis Road property Report**
 - Discussion on the property, still in the works.
 - **Mitchell Storage**
 - There was discussion on possibly using Mitchell storage to store fire trucks inside. Andrew Adams knows them and he will contact them to see if they have any room available.
- **Dejanovich Property Report**
 - Judy Thornton will approach them on a price for the property. It is still a possibility.
- **Lombardo Property Report**
 - The township has apparently been having some issues with him, so that still appears a dead issue at this time. No change.
- **School Property Report**
 - It was brought up as a possible location
 - Chevrette will check with the people at Lincoln schools to see if any property is available through them.
- **Beacon Property Report**
 - On 9-27-2007, the board authorized to contact the Township Attorney about the township selling the property is self. Kathy Jackson was supposed to handle that. She had not done so as of 11-14-07. Music will follow up with Jackson to find out the status.
- **Williams Property Report**
 - Thornton will follow up with the Williams family to see if the property is available and a possible cost.

7. New Business

- **2008 Meeting Schedule and location of meetings**
 - There was some discussion on when we want to meet in 2008. It was agreed that we will continue on with the second Wednesday evening time frame. Schedule will be created and passed on to the Township Clerk for posting.

8. Other Business, Good and Welfare (none)

9. Motion to adjourn the meeting

- Motion passed