

HUME TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2011

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jim Roland at 7:00 p.m. Members present, Craig, Roland, Meagher, Ruth, and Mazure.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to resolve the issues on the purchase and installation of the new furnace and the disposal of the old furnace and AC unit.

Supervisor Jim Roland explained to the board and residents in the audience what happened with the furnace and air conditioner. He told the board that he did indeed sign a work order on 9-13-11 giving permission to Jake's Plumbing & Heating to order and install a new furnace and air conditioner unit.

One board member wanted to know why this was never put on the September 2011 Agenda, "we could have dealt with this then," another board member expressed their displeasure that there was an air conditioner installed when we never even talked about replacing the unit. We heard from Jake Tschirhart on the condition of the air conditioning unit, he said the unit was not in the best of shape and maybe we could get another 5 years out of it, but because it was placed at ground level outside instead of on a 4 inch pad there were problems with it. When asked why he disposed of both the furnace and the air conditioner he said "it is just standard procedure at his business. When the trailer gets full it automatically goes out to D & W Salvage Yard". He offered to write the township a check for \$100.00 to replace what the township lost on the sale of the furnace. The board felt they should be reimbursed for the AC unit that was destroyed. Supervisor Jim Roland was informed by the board that he did not have the authority to sign any work order with Jake's Plumbing & Heating, this should have went through our General Contractor Mike Brake instead, he is the only person who was to bring this change in the contract to the board.

Jake Tschirhart was asked how far along was he with installing the furnace and AC unit and he said it was about 75% completed.

The furnace that was installed is 95% efficient, 70,000 BTU unit with a clean air system, there is a lifetime warranty on the heat exchanger, the AC unit has 2½ ton capacity, which is ½ ton more than his program called for.

The clerk informed the board that she had put the ad for bids on the furnace on hold with the newspaper until this matter with the furnace could be resolved on the advice of MTA. A few board members told her that she is to carry out the board's directives and did not have the authority to withhold the notice in the newspaper. She informed them that a similar situation happened the month prior and the board didn't seem to have a problem rescinding a motion, and felt they would not have a problem with this situation.

Motion by Mike Ruth, supported by Jim Roland to rescind the motion made at the Special Meeting on October 1, 2011 to put an ad in the paper requesting bids to purchase a new furnace and AC unit and installation. Ayes; Ruth, Roland, Craig, and Mazure. Nays; Meagher. Motion carried.

It was noted that it did make sense to have Jake's Plumbing & Heating install the furnace and air conditioning unit since he was the HVAC sub-contractor for the township hall. Mike Brake, General Contractor, told the board that he felt the work done by Jake's Plumbing & Heating in the township hall was the finest he has ever seen.

A board member asked the Supervisor if he could ask the residents in the audience a question and was given permission, he asked; "you are the taxpayers what do you think we should do, do you think we should put the furnace & AC unit out to bid or do you think we should increase the contract and have Jake's Plumbing & Heating finish the job"? The residents told the board to let Jake's Plumbing & Heating finish the job and continue on with the installation.

Motion by Jim Roland, supported by Mike Ruth to request a change in the contract reflecting the furnace and AC unit. All ayes. Motion carried.

The board decided to table the reimbursement for the AC unit that was sent to D & W Salvage Yard until the October 2011 meeting.

Sam Meagher will contact Pam from the Farm Restaurant to see if the township could have the October 2011 board meeting there. A posting will be put on the website and the board outside the hall with information on the October meeting site.

Motion by Mike Ruth, supported by Alice Craig to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Mazure, Clerk