ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 0710 with a flag salute.

The roll was called and Floyd West, Barbara Dillon, Paul Chandler, Debbie Cope, and Bob Neuweiler were present.

The letter from Kluk, Township Engineer, reporting the results of the test wells at Cramers Auto Yard were read and discussion followed with public comment.

There was strong concern expressed by the public and the commission members concerning the high levels of arsenic, cadmium, chromium and mercury. The wells were not tested for lead. No explanation was contained in the report for not testing for lead .

A member of the public expressed her concern about the water test and the unregulated use of the auto wrecking business. She said it impacts her and depresses her property value since her property joins the business. She asked if anything could be done to help her because she is at her wits end.

The commission suggested to the Mayor that well tests should be under the authority of the township and the cost of the tests passed on to the business being tested.

The commission also suggested that because of the reports of high levels of heavy metal in the water test, that notice to surrounding property owners should be sent out.

Mr. William Aaronson's letter of March 15th 2011 was received. The letter was directed to the Township Mayor and Commissioners and a copy to the Environmental Commission. Mr. Aaronson was present and gave an over view of his letter and answered questions. Mr. Aaronson's focus in the letter was on three items of concern:

1) Property tax impact by the Governor's decree.

2) Property tax evasion by Bass River residents being awarded reduced assessment for farm land.

3) The blight caused by absentee owners illegal sign on the old New Gretna House property in that it deflates property values.

The public participation was lively and vocal.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and the meeting was adjourned at 0900.

I certify these minutes to be true

Floyd West