

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING
July 12, 2013**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Lightner, Chairman, Vice-Chairman Ken Quigley, Supervisor Ronald Cree, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Miller and Brad Sloop, road crew and Robert Porambo of Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, (PMRS).

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order by Chairman Lightner at 9:05 AM.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: No citizen participation was offered.

BUSINESS: The Board discussed a concern received involving erosion of the area near a drainage grate at 23 Bellview Road. The road crew will check this concern.

PERSONNEL BUSINESS: At this time, Chairman Lightner recessed the meeting at 9:10 a.m. to executive session to discuss personnel issues.

RECONVENE THE MEETING: Chairman Lightner reconvened the special meeting at 9:55 a.m. explaining that the following was discussed:

- labor for part time seasonal winter maintenance for snow removal-\$20.00/hour for CDL snow removal work *only*
Note: Supervisor Ron Cree is the first to be called when part time road labor is needed.
- Acquiring quotes for the repair of Mountain Road drainage concern
- Acquiring quotes for the repair of Tower Road per PennDot's recommendation
- Purchase of two new radios for the two backhoes
- Purchase of a new non-CDL truck; this item to be discussed during 2014 budget workshops
- Add a 2014 budget line item for 250th Anniversary Celebration to be held in 2016

PERSON TO BE HEARD: Robert, (Bob) Porambo of PMRS was present to discuss and answer any questions in regards to the proposed modifications to the Uniform and Non-uniform pension plans. He explained that all pension amendments were made and copies of the revised agreements and the proposed Ordinances for both plans were received by the Township. Discussion ensued. Mr. Porambo stressed that all reduction in benefits will affect future hires as of January 1, 2014 and not current employees. Porambo said Rye Township's plans are in good shape financially. But he commented that it is good that the Board is being "proactive" in reducing benefits now to reduce financial liability in the future.

Bob Porambo discussed the options for survivor's benefits that PMRS could offer as a courtesy to previous employees Garry Gipe and Douglas Snyder, which would result in no additional cost to the Township, except for the annual administrative fee of \$20.00 each. Upon due consideration, Supervisor Cree with a second from Supervisor Quigley agreed that no survivor benefit option should be offered because there was no survivor benefit provision in the terms of the plan at the time the two previous employees left employment and vested with PMRS. Motion carried unanimously.

With no comments or further discussion or revisions on the pension modifications, the Board authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise the Pension Ordinances for adoption at the August 26, 2013 meeting and forward the signed agreements to PMRS at that time.

The Board thanked Mr. Porambo for coming to discuss and explain the modifications.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: With no further business or discussion before the Board, Supervisor Cree made a motion with a second from Vice-chairman Quigley to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer