

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 23, 2011**

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PRESENT: Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice-Chair Ron Evans, Supervisor Ken Quigley, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, Ron Cree, Zoning Officer, Jean Snyder, Sean Fedder, Pete and Barbara Fitting, Elwood Brubeck, John Smith, Scott Weaver and Solicitor P. Richard Wagner, Esquire.

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: Phyllis Page

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:30 PM. Chairman Lightner convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was tape recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes. Elwood Brubeck notified the Board that he would be audio recording the meeting and placed his recorder on the front table.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Lightner asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. Ron Cree expressed appreciation to the voters for the support he received at the primary election on May 17, 2011.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2011 supervisors' meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: The May Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer, Ron Cree and available for review. Cree read the report as follows: ten (10) calls and/or complaints, one (1) zoning permit, (1) driveway permit; 0 certificates of use, no mileage with a total of \$155.00 in fees collected.

Zoning and Driveway Officer Cree asked the Board and Solicitor if the installation of a second driveway is permitted on a residential lot. The Solicitor offered that per the Township's Zoning Ordinance only one (1) driveway is permitted per residential lot.

The Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by Mike Higgins, SEO. Chairman Lightner read the report as follows: 5 activities- final inspection for Chotas, septic permits for Chotas and Snavely, percs and probe a site for Reigle for a total due in wages of \$550.

The May Road Report was not submitted by Road Foreman, Brad Sloop. Supervisor Quigley noted that a two month report would be provided at the June meeting.

Pete Fitting of the Recreation Board was present and reported three "free" upcoming events:

- ◆ Strawberry Festival June 5, 2011 6:00 PM
- ◆ Fishing Derby June 12, 2011 1:00PM – RESCHEDULED FROM MAY
(This event was postponed in May due to rain and high creek waters.)
- ◆ Pool Party July 8, 2011

No Emergency Management Report was offered. In light of all the devastating damage from tornadoes in Missouri, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Scott Weaver reminded the Board to check if updates to the contact list for the Emergency Management Plan were completed. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would check the date of the most recent updates for the plan.

The April Treasurer's Report & General & Solid Waste Fund Balance Reports were submitted for review by the Secretary/Treasurer & with no discussion were accepted as read pending the independent auditors' review.

LEGAL BUSINESS: No legal business was discussed.

ORDINANCE: Ordinance 11-03 was duly advertised and proof of publication is on file. Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to adopt Ordinance 11-03, which authorizes the closing of Grier Point Road on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 8:00 AM to approximately 8:00 PM for Bethel United Methodist Church to safely hold a strawberry/bluegrass festival. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to adopt Resolution 11-11, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer a matured Highway Aid Fund Certificate of Deposit from Member's First Credit Union in Enola in the amount of \$95,586.10 to a Highway Aid Money Market account at the Bank of Landisburg in Shermans Dale. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the status of the health insurance renewal. Blue Cross offers comparable health insurance coverage for considerable savings to the Township. The Secretary/Treasurer offered that fellow full time employees: Mike Miller and Brad Sloop met with Katrina Price, benefit consultant from PCI, and completed and signed applications for Blue Cross coverage effective for June 1, 2011. All parties are in agreement to the change in carriers from Highmark Blue Shield to Capital Blue Cross. Upon due consideration and with the union employees aware of and in agreement with the proposed change, Chairman Lightner made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the change in the health insurance benefit coverage for all full time employees to Capital Blue Cross effective for June 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner asked about the status of the installation of a dry hydrant at the creek bridge near Fleisher Road. Marysville Fire Chief, Scott Weaver, explained that the MFC obtained a hydro-draft, which permits them to pump from sources with low levels of water. Therefore the installation of the dry hydrant is no longer necessary.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Lightner made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to change the June monthly supervisors' meeting to Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM due to a conflict. Motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Wagner said he would check his calendar and notify the Board of his availability. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would advertise the change.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Evans to approve the 2010 Annual Planning Commission Report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner reported that labor attorney, Scott Blissman, formerly of Reed Smith has changed employment and is now with Eckert Seamans. Supervisor Evans made a motion with a second from Supervisor Quigley to continue with Scott Blissman of the firm of Eckert Seamans to handle all of the labor issues for the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner announced the following events:

- ◆ Memorial Day Holiday, May 30, 2011; Office Closed; Trash will be collected Wednesday, June 1, 2011
- ◆ Fishing Derby June 12, 2011 1:00PM – RESCHEDULED FROM MAY

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a May expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Checks #s 13031-13067 in the amount of \$25,184.62 No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 5981-5989 in the amount of \$4,127.83. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 5990-6000 in the amount of \$4,176.47. No payroll checks void.

Chairman Lightner made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the checks and pay the bills, except for check number 13035 issued to Daisy Lightner for mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Evans to approve check # 13035 issued to Daisy Lightner, for mileage reimbursement. Motion carried. Chairman Lightner announced his possible conflict and abstained from the approval of check 13035 since Daisy is his spouse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Lightner recessed the Board to executive session at 7:53 PM to discuss personnel issues.

Solicitor Wagner left the meeting at this time.

RECONVENE THE MEETING: Chairman Lightner reconvened the meeting at 8:03 PM stating that personnel issues were discussed.

John Smith of Cove Road notified the Board that a logging operation on his road was completed. Supervisor Quigley offered to go on-site tomorrow to talk with the logger and/or the Game Commission officer regarding placement of additional stone on the roadway.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Lightner asked if there was any additional citizen participation.

Phyllis Page of Mountain Road asked the outcome of the arbitration hearing with former police officer, Clint Shoop. Chairman Lightner offered that nothing has been settled. The arbitrator requested briefs from the union and Township attorneys, which are due in thirty (30) days. A determination is not expected before late summer or early fall.

Scott Weaver of New Valley Road expressed appreciation to the road crew for cleaning out the gutters along New Valley Road.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner
Secretary/Treasurer