

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 24, 2012**

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PRESENT: Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice-Chairman Ken Quigley, Supervisor Ron Cree, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, Barbara and Raymond (Pete) Fitting, Sean Fedder, Corporal Kevin Ponicsan, Glen and Darlene Campbell, Luke A. Roman of the Duncannon Record, Gary Roth, and 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.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Lightner asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered.

Corporal Kevin Ponicsan of the Newport State Police Barracks was in attendance to provide a report for police activity within the last thirty (30) days in Rye Township. He reported that incidents are very low in comparison to other areas in the County. Corporal Ponicsan asked those in attendance if there were any trouble spots. Supervisor Cree offered the speeding on SR 850. Phyllis Page noted that a very loud vehicle travels on Mountain Road around 7:00 AM. Corporal Ponicsan encouraged the residents to contact the State Police for any concerns or suspicious activities because the information might give them a lead that assists them in an ongoing investigation.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Lightner thanked the Corporal for his report and expressed appreciation for the State Police presence in Rye Township.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of August 27, 2012 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Cree seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 14, 2012 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: The September Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer, James Hawk and available for review. James Hawk was not in attendance. Supervisor Cree read the report as follows: three (3) complaints, two (2) zoning permits, (2) on-site inspections: (1) Michael's Salvage Yard and (1) Woody's Salvage Yard; with a total of \$ 95.00 in fees collected.

The Sewage Enforcement Report for July, August, and September was submitted by Lenny Sizer, SEO of Madden Engineering and read by Chairman Lightner. Six activities were reported: perc test for Kurt Matter for a lot on Mountain Dale Drive, malfunction at 30 Rattling Rock Road; probes for alternate site for Rick Gers on New Valley Road; tank replacement for Marlin Duncan; probes for module work for two (2) back up sites for Larry Kuhn for a total due in fees of \$1,067.50.

A September Road Report was submitted by Road Foreman, Brad Sloop. Supervisor Quigley read the report and noted that the turnaround on Cove Hill Road is complete. Line painting was completed on portions of New Valley Road and Mountain Road and several road entrances.

Supervisor Quigley also reported that finally after many years and repeated requests, the electric pole was successfully dismantled and will be removed out of the sight triangle at the intersection of Mountain Dale Drive and SR 850.

Supervisor Quigley noted that the Township is looking for a place to dump clean fill from replacement of culverts and drain pipes etc. If anyone knows of an area within the Township please contact the Township office.

Supervisor Quigley reported that the first project meeting for the Pine Hill Road bridge replacement was held on September 14, 2012. Mark and Bill Wilson of Wilson Consulting Group provided the Board with preliminary drawings for a proposed 22 foot clean span Precast Single Cell Box Culvert with precast headwalls integral with precast end sections without guide rails. The opening for water flow through the culvert is increased 30% because of the larger span. The existing bridge has an 18 feet clear span.

Supervisor Quigley provided a summary of the meeting and explained that the new bridge culvert proposed will meet the overall objective of this project to replace the structurally deficient load posted bridge to increase the weight limit and allow the passing of legal loads. However, it will not stop the overtopping of water during heavy storm events. The new culvert will improve the hydraulics, but not eliminate the flooding because the roadway is actually low and located within the Floodplain.

The next step is for Wilson Consulting to contact Penn Dot to schedule a safety review of the proposed design.

Supervisor Quigley said the Board requested the start and end date of the project to coincide with the ending and beginning of the school year during the summer months of June, July, and August. It is estimated that Pine Hill Road will be closed approximately three months to complete the construction dependent upon the weather conditions.

Glen and Darlene Campbell of the Recreation Board were present. Glen Campbell announced the following final upcoming event:

- ◆ Halloween in the Park at 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 27, 2012, rain date of Sunday October 28 at 5:00 PM. A bon fire, hay rides, haunted trail provided by the Boy Scouts and refreshments are planned.

No Emergency Management Report was offered.

The August 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: Solicitor Wagner provided an update to the concern with a deed combining two lots into one deed without a subdivision plan. He contacted the attorney involved and a corrective deed will be forthcoming. A letter was sent to memorialize the conversation between the two attorneys.

The Board discussed an ongoing zoning violation at 149 Fleisher Road. A "Cease and Desist" letter was mailed and received. The owner made application for a zoning permit, but never proceeded to acquire a building permit from BIU of New Bloomfield as promised. The inspector from BIU was contacted and plans to visit the site with a "Stop Work Order." The local Zoning Officer also has the right to issue a citation. If the person is found guilty, then a separate citation for each day that the violation continues may be issued. If the owner still does not comply, the Township has the option of filing an injunction with the Court of Common Pleas for enforcement.

Solicitor Wagner offered that Act 97 of 2012, which took effect on September 3, 2012, but has not yet been printed. As soon as he receives the hard printed copy of this Act, he will contact the Township with the details to clarify if there is a minimum of lots that are developed or subdivided before a report is required to be sent by the Township to the school district.

Solicitor Wagner reviewed a copy of Ordinance No. 9, the Junkyard Ordinance adopted in 1966 and Ordinance 86-05 amending Ordinance No. 9 and a draft of an updated Junkyard License application.

The Solicitor recommended the following considerations:

1. Gain input from the Planning Commission to assure the Ordinance is consistent with current Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, in particular the definitions.
2. Review compliance with Zoning District regulations
3. Develop an application consistent with the requirements of the Junkyard Ordinance
4. Stipulate within the Ordinance the information required on the license application

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Lightner announced that the Board designated “Trick or Treat” Night for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6-8:00 PM.

Supervisor Cree commended the Secretary/Treasurer for switching the water cooler rental and service agreement from Sweet Arrow Springs to Crystal Waters to the PA Commonwealth piggyback contract, which saves the Township over 50% on this monthly expense.

NEW BUSINESS: With a satisfactory on-site inspection conducted by Zoning Officer Hawk on file, Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve an annual salvage yard license for Ryan Michael’s Salvage Yard of 160 Cove Hill Road from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

With a satisfactory on-site inspection conducted by Zoning Officer Hawk on file, Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve an annual salvage yard license for Woody’s Salvage Yard of 1790 New Valley Road from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner announced the following events:

- ◆ Office Closed for Columbus Day- October 8. No change in the trash collection schedule
- ◆ October 4, 2012 – 7:00 PM - Budget meeting
- ◆ Friday, October 5, (6 AM-1:45 PM) and October 6, 2012, (8 AM – 12 noon) – Fall Bulk Clean Up
- ◆ September 29, 2012 – 8:00 AM - Free Community Breakfast at the Glenvale Church of God on New Valley Road
- ◆ September 29, 2012 - Community Pig Roast, Lions Club Park; for all residents of Marysville Borough, Perdix and Rye Township; 12 Noon- 7:00 PM; Hamburgers, hotdogs at Noon. 3:00 PM- dinner; Rain or Shine; Bring along lawn chairs, a covered dish to share, and a canned good for the Perry County Food bank.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a September expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Checks #s 13674-13697 in the amount of \$29,306.60. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6296-6305 in the amount of \$3,753.21. No payroll checks void.

Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve all the checks and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Lightner asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner
Secretary/Treasurer