

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
June 22, 2015**

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PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Supervisor Tom Speck, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Sean Fedder, Herbert and Susan Berger, Robert Moore, Fred Roberts, Mike Schmidt, Peggy Fedder, Sean Fedder, Eric and Laura J. Fedder, Bill Nemetz, Rodney W. Lucas, John Reese Hoppenjans, Elwood Brubeck, Linda Ekelman, John M. Fitzsimmons, Sandra Gipe, Patrick Coy, Harry Blose, and Solicitor P. Dan Altland, Esquire.

FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Sharon Cole Engdahl, Charlie Kunkle, and Robert Lightner.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM. Vice-Chairman Sabo convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A quorum of the Board was established. The meeting was recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes. Linda Ekelman informed the Board that she would be recording the meeting and placed her recorder on the front table.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Vice Chairman Sabo welcomed everyone and explained that Chairman Quigley was not in attendance due to an ill family member. He asked those in attendance to continue to pray for Ken and his wife Denby. Noting that there were numerous residents in attendance, Vice-Chairman Sabo opened the floor for public comment and asked the residents to limit their comment period to three minutes per person.

Elwood Brubeck of Valley Road asked if any resident is permitted to utilize the dumpsters in the rear yard of the Township building. Supervisor Speck noted that the Township does not keep a dumpster in the rear yard, except during Clean up. Shortly after clean up all dumpsters are removed by the contractor. Dumpsters will be available again during fall clean up in October.

Rodney Lucas of Mountain Dale Drive expressed appreciation to the Road Department for the services they provide throughout the year.

The following residents appeared before the Board to provide public comment and express their support for Rye Township to consider contracting with Marysville Borough Police Department for police services:

Harry Blose	-	Trout Lane
Elwood Brubeck	-	Valley Road
Linda Ekelman	-	Weaver Drive
Sharon Cole Engdahl	-	Spruce Road
Rodney Lucas	-	Mountain Dale Drive
Bill Nemetz	-	Sun Forest Drive
Robert Moore	-	New Valley Road

The following residents appeared before the Board to provide public comment and express their opposition to contracting with Marysville Borough Police Department for police services and their support of the Newport State Police coverage:

Eric Fedder	-	Valley Road
Laura Fedder	-	Valley Road
Peggy Fedder	-	Valley Road
Charlie Kunkle	-	Valley Road
Fred Roberts	-	Buck Ridge Road
Nancy Sunday	-	Valley Road

Supervisor Tom Speck said he was invited and attended a meeting in Marysville Borough at their request regarding the offer for the Marysville Police Department to provide contractual police services to Rye Township. Speck said he has heard the opposition to this joint venture, but appreciated hearing from those in support of it. The Board thanked all the residents for coming and appreciated their input, which will be taken into consideration as this issue is discussed.

PERSON TO BE HEARD: Mike Schmidt of Rattling Rock Road approached the Board to request the approval from the Board for a permit to purchase and display fireworks within Pennsylvania. Schmidt explained that he was hoping to display the fireworks this Friday, June 26, 2015 at a party for his little league baseball team.

Upon due consideration and in consultation with Solicitor Altland, Supervisor Speck made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to grant the permit to allow a single display of fireworks at 48 Rattling Rock Road on Friday, June 26, 2015 contingent upon the following:

- receipt of a \$500 bond or acceptable financial security made payable to Rye Township; and
- inspection of the display site and signature line on the permit application for signature by the local Fire Department.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Sabo made a motion and Supervisor Speck seconded to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL BUSINESS: No further updates to the Dutch Cemetery Road project were received. The Secretary reported that a letter was sent to the owners explaining permitting procedures and requirements as directed at the May meeting.

The update to the 149 Fleisher Road concern was not addressed.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Vice-Chairman Sabo read a summary of the June Zoning Report provided by Zoning Officer, **Janet Hardman** as follows:

Four	(4) Zoning Permits
Meeting	(1) ZHB hearing
One	(1) Letter
One	(1) Inspection
One	(1) Driveway permit
Five	(5) Phone calls
Total due in wages of \$240.00.	

The Sewage Enforcement Report was presented by Lenny Sizer, SEO of Madden Engineering. Vice-Chairman Sabo read the report: 11 activities: SFTF inspections for Cryders, Otto, Campbell and Thomas; site visit 1180 Flowers Lane; 41 Fleisher Road secondary site probes; back up site probes- Meinsler on New Valley Road; percs and probes - 35 Rytz Drive, Palmer, for a total due in fees of \$1,535.00.

The May Road Report was submitted by Road Foreman, Brad Sloop and read by Vice-Chairman Sabo and placed on the table for review.

Recreation Board member, Nancy Sunday reported a successful Strawberry Festival was held in spite of the rain on June 14, 2015 with 55 individuals in attendance.

She announced an upcoming “free” park event:

- ◆ Community Pot Luck Picnic July 18, 2015 5:00 PM; Rye Township Park
Residents are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. The Township will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages and condiments. Entertainment will also be provided by Cheyenne Country.

No Emergency Management Report was offered.

The May 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. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that second quarter tax distributions to the Fire Companies, Ambulance Services, and the Library were paid.

RESOLUTIONS: Supervisor Speck made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to adopt **Resolution 15-14**, which replaces Resolution 13-05 and establishes a Schedule of Fees for the Township of Rye, Perry County, Pennsylvania effective July 1, 2015. Motion carried. Supervisor Sabo noted that most zoning fees were increased by five (\$5) dollars.

Supervisor Speck made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to adopt **Resolution 15-15**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer monies per the 2015 Budget to the Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation of expenses for the 250th Anniversary celebration and Computer/Software upgrades. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice-Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- June 17 – Pine Hill Road closure for bridge replacement
- July 3- Independence Day Observed- Office Closed. No change in trash collection.
- July 18- Community Pot Luck Picnic; 5 PM; “Free” Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Bring along a covered dish or dessert and join us at the New Valley Road Park. Entertainment will be provided by the local group, Cheyenne Country.

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 Check #s 14831-14880 in the amount of \$49,291.27. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6861- 6866 in the amount of \$4,065.27. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6867- 6872 in the amount of \$4,039.57. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6873- 6879 in the amount of \$4,472.02. No payroll checks void.

Supervisor Sabo made a motion and Supervisor Speck seconded to approve the checks presented and pay the bills. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: The following residents appeared before the Board to offer public comment regarding the pros and cons of providing local police services, such as the benefits, the liability and the costs:

Charlie Kunkle - Valley Road

Fred Roberts – New Valley Road

Linda Ekelman of Weaver Drive provided public comment in support of conducting a cost feasibility study.

John Fitzsimmons of Lambs Gap Road asked about the schedule for completion of paving on Lambs Gap Road. The schedule was not known at this time, but should be in the next few weeks. The rainy weather recently has caused delays.

Susan Berger of Maranatha Drive asked about the dates for the Pine Hill Road closure.

Supervisor Speck offered that the State Police were in attendance at the last board meeting and said Rye Township is a “safe community to live”. Supervisor Speck again thanked the residents for coming to express their comments and concerns.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Sabo thanked the residents for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner
Secretary/Treasurer