

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 27, 2015**

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PRESENT: Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman James Sabo, Supervisor Tom Speck, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Senator Rob Teplitz, Megan Thorpe, Ray Martin, John Smith, Sue Crist, Sean Fedder, John M. Fitzsimmons, James and Pamela Colestock, Jim Schell, George R. Speelman, Herb and Susan Berger, Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record, and P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor.

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: Robert Lightner

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman Ken Quigley convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was tape recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes. Supervisor Speck joined the meeting at approximately 7:10 PM.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Senator Rob Teplitz was in attendance. He introduced himself and explained that he came to be the Senator representing Perry County through the redistricting process that took place last year 2014. Senator Teplitz also introduced Megan Thorpe who works in the Perry County office, which is open every day of the week. Both he and Megan offered their services to the Board and to the constituents in Rye Township. He provided pamphlets with contact information and encouraged all to contact him if he can be of any assistance. Senator Teplitz thanked the Board for their time and stayed to observe the remainder of the meeting.

The following residents of Woods Drive: George Speelman, James and Pamela Colestock, and James Schell were present to inquire why Woods Drive was not resurfaced as anticipated. Chairman Quigley explained that he spoke with Jay Fulkroad and Sons and what was proposed to re-profile the road was not feasible and would only complicate driveway entrances and drainage concerns on this steep roadway.

Discussion ensued with residents frustrated and alleging that the storm water is originating from the Township roadway and running onto their various properties causing erosion. The residents suggested at a minimum the installation of black top curbing. They also appreciated the Road Department cleaning out the pipe recently as requested, which did alleviate some of the run off. They requested routine maintenance of this pipe.

Chairman Quigley offered that drainage concerns on Woods Drive have been a problem since the developer installed the roadway before all of the homes were built there. Documentation is on file where this concern became a legal issue several years ago and an easement was granted to assist with controlling some of the drainage. Chairman Quigley offered that rollback curb would only be easily damaged by snow plows or delivery trucks. Chairman Quigley also noted that this year has been extremely wet with storms coming through fast and hard. He offered to contact the engineer to complete a study to see what possible solutions they might offer to attempt to divert and control the storm water issues. He also noted that he is dealing with at least five other storm water issues at this time. He commented that Rye Township is located in a valley between two mountains and the water runs downhill. Chairman Quigley directed the Secretary/Treasurer to pull the file on Woods Drive and set up a meeting with the engineer.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Herb Berger of Maranatha Drive inquired about his drainage concern. Chairman Quigley offered that his concern has not been forgotten. Mr. Berger previously requested the installation of a drain box as a possible solution to alleviate water that is running onto his property. Quigley suggested that perhaps the engineer could also review the proposed drain box installation for Maranatha Drive with both drainage concerns located within the Lee Wood Village Development.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Speck made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 supervisors' meeting. Supervisor Sabo seconded; Motion carried. Chairman Quigley abstained since he was not in attendance at the meeting.

LEGAL BUSINESS: No further correspondence or response was received from the contractor or owners of the lots along Dutch Cemetery Road. It appears that construction activity has temporarily ceased. However, the road is falling apart. The Road Department recently was contacted to repair a section of the roadway and installed additional stone. Chairman Quigley offered that the road cannot be plowed in its current condition. The Solicitor requested the Secretary research and provide him the names of the owners of record for the lots located along Dutch Cemetery Road and draft a letter for his review to request the owner address the damage to the roadway per regulations in the Second Class Code.

There was no update or discussion on 149 Fleisher Road.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Zoning Officer, **Janet Hardman** was on vacation and in training the last few weeks and did not submit a written Zoning Report for the July meeting. The Board directed the Secretary/Treasurer to draft a memo to Janet requesting that she notify the Township office when she is unavailable for extended periods, defined as more than two days; such as vacation or training. The Secretary indicated she would draft the Memo tomorrow since Janet plans to stop by the Township Tuesday evening to address the permit applications submitted.

Supervisor Sabo asked for an update of the condition of a vacant property at 2001 Elm Street. The Secretary indicated that she spoke with the vendor that mows the property. He was scheduled to mow 2001 Elm Street and 960 Valley Road. A certified letter was mailed and received by the property management company in Florida for the property at 2001 Elm Street. The Zoning Officer will follow up with an inspection to check the condition of the property.

The Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by SEO Lenny Sizer of Madden Engineering. Chairman Quigley noted the report was extensive with twenty-one (21) activities. Total due in fees is \$1,788.75. He placed the report on the front table for review.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman Brad Sloop and read by Road Superintendent Ken Quigley, which included: Work with Jay Fulkroad and Sons on 2015 road paving projects, take Truck #1 for clutch repair, clean drainage ditch on Lambs Gap Road, haul 2AMod stone to patch holes on Dutch Cemetery Road damaged from the new home construction along this road, mow grass at Township building, and clean up a downed tree on Millers Gap Road.

Recreation Board member, Robert Lightner was in attendance and reported poor attendance at the Community Day Picnic on July 18 with only 23 people in attendance. Lightner expressed appreciation for the installation of the wooden boardwalk to the park which creates an easier access for residents or visitors to the park. The park walkway begins west of the recycling area and continues to the New Valley Road Park. The Recreation Board is requesting signage with an arrow indicating "Park Walkway".

Lastly, Lightner announced the following upcoming event:

- ◆ Sundaes in the Park, August 16, 6:00 PM, Rain or Shine; “Free” Event

No Emergency Management Report was presented.

The June Treasurer's Report and Fund Balance Report were submitted for public review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted contingent upon final approval from the independent auditors. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: Upon review of the fund balance reports and year to date expenses, Supervisor Speck made a motion and Chairman Quigley seconded to approve and adopt **Resolution 15-16**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer of Rye Township to make budgetary transfers in the amount of \$16,200.00 to the General Fund Budget. Motion carried unanimously. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that once again with the extremely cold weather and numerous snow events, the account for snow removal was over budget. The Township anticipates that it will need the delivery of at least one more load of salt for payment in this budget year. She further noted the transfers do not change the bottom line of the 2015 total budget amount, but transfers dollar amounts solely on paper from one budget line item account to another.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to accept a formal request from Joe A. Burget, Jr. of Burget and Associates, Inc. dated July 20, 2015 to **withdraw the plan labeled “Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Leonard M. and Christina L. Tepsich and D. Mark and G. Marie Bennett”** dated September 22, 2014.” The plan was conditionally approved at the May 20, 2015 Supervisors’ meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Burget recently submitted a new plan for review for the Tepsich’s and Bennett’s.

Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Speck to approve and sign Estimate #1 from Wilson Consulting Group, PC for reimbursement of construction services performed by Handwerk Contractors relating to the replacement of the Pine Hill Road Bridge. Total requested is \$138,928.52. Rye Township is responsible for 20% of the amount requested or \$27,785.70. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Speck to appoint **Sue Crist** of New Valley Road to the Planning Commission to fill the position left vacant from the removal of Robert Williams. Her partial term will expire on December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to send out **RFPs for Fall Clean up** to be held on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3, 2015 for review and acceptance at the August supervisors’ meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley announced the following upcoming events:

- August 16, 2015 – Sundaes in the Park. 6:00 PM, Rain or Shine

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a July check register and submitted the following checks for approval, signature and payment: General Fund Check #s 14881-14904 in the amount of \$21,293.41. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6880-6884 in the amount of \$ 3,714.70. No payroll checks void.
Payroll checks #s 6885-6890 in the amount of \$ 4,227.48. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Supervisor Speck made a motion & Chairman Quigley seconded to approve and sign the checks and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Quigley recessed the Board to Executive Session at 7:58 PM to discuss a personnel issue.

RECONVENE THE MEETING: Chairman Quigley reconvened the meeting at 8:17 PM. No decisions were made following the discussion of personnel issues by the Board in the Executive Session.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Quigley opened the floor for any further citizen participation. None was offered.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner
Secretary/Treasurer