

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
December 15, 2015**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Supervisor Tom Speck, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Sean Fedder, Jean Snyder, and John F. Stahl.

**FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Charlie Kunkle and Robert Lightner

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM. Following a moment of silence in memory of former supervisor, Ron Evans who recently passed and in memory of those who lost their lives in the San Bernardino terrorist attack, Chairman Ken Quigley convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Quigley welcomed everyone and asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Supervisor Speck made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Supervisor Sabo seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** With the meeting held earlier this month due to the Holidays, most of the monthly reports were not presented. No Code Enforcement Report was presented. No Sewage Enforcement Report was presented.

An abbreviated Road Report was provided by Road Foreman Brad Sloop and read by Road Superintendent Ken Quigley as follows: Chip brush at the Township, cut up downed tree on Idle Road; took #4 truck for tires and repair of dump bed, repair of lights on trucks #1 and #2.

No Recreation Board report was presented. The Rec Board does not meet in December.

No Emergency Management Report was presented.

The November Treasurer's Report was submitted for public review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer and with no discussion was accepted as read pending the final approval of the independent auditors.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to adopt **Resolution 15-28**, which authorizes the transfer of a matured certificate of deposit designated for Future Land Purchase in the amount of \$22,156.66 from Members 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union along with a matured Future Land Purchase CD at the Bank of Landisburg in the amount of \$22,472.95 combining both matured CDs and depositing them in a 35 month CD at a rate of 1.51%. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Speck to adopt **Resolution 15-29**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer 2015 tax monies, which were levied and received for Road Equipment from the General Fund Checking at the Marysville Bank to a separate line item account designated for Road Equipment in the General Savings MMA account at the Bank of Landisburg before year end. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Speck to adopt **Resolution 15-30**, which authorizes the transfer of a matured certificate of deposit designated for Underground Storage Tanks in the amount of \$10,292.54 from Members 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union to a 35 month CD at the

rate of 1.51% interest at the Bank of Landisburg, Shermans Dale. Motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed briefly what to do with the 500 gallon underground gasoline tank on site that is currently in a state of temporary closure. Former Supervisor Lightner offered that it may be feasible to have the tank professionally cleaned and possibly utilize it as an additional diesel tank. The secretary will check on the details of the underground tank closure with Perry Petroleum.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed a request received to change the name of a private drive from Rytz Drive to Harmony Drive. Upon due consideration and review of the recorded Barrick plan and deeds, Supervisor Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to grant the request to change the private drive name from Rytz Drive to Harmony Drive and to number the addresses consistently with the block numbers along Valley Road (SR 850) contingent upon the review & approval of the Township Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a December 10, 2015 letter from Executive Director, Jim Buffington, Jr. of Capital Tax Collection Bureau that they are unable to accommodate the requested change in refuse billing to increase the rate \$2.00 per quarter with their current billing software. They recommend converting to a new system software. However, costs to convert are estimated at \$4,500.00, for which Rye Township would be responsible. In addition, Capital Tax Collection Bureau proposes a 42% increase in quarterly billing fees. This would mean the current cost of \$1.50 per bill would now cost \$2.60 per bill. They offered two Options: Option 1 would be to temporarily use the old system without changing to the new rates until the second quarter billing. Option 2 would be to convert the system the last 2 weeks of December in time for the January 1 billing. Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to select Option 1, stay with the old system and forego the proposed increase for the first quarter of 2016. In the meantime, the Board would review the Agreement with Cap Tax and consider the options proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Supervisor Speck made a motion with a second from Chairman Quigley to approve the request from the Marysville Fire Company to place a Community Aid container at the far eastern end of the Township parking lot. This is the only location that is feasible and approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley announced the following upcoming events:

- December 19- Santa visits Rye Township; 6-7:00 PM
- Dec 25 and January 1 – Township office is closed. No change in trash collection.
- January 4- Organization Meeting 2016; 7:00 PM

Chairman Quigley noted that this is Supervisor Speck's last public meeting and expressed appreciation to Tom for stepping up and accepting appointment to the position of supervisor when former Supervisor Ron Cree resigned.

- January 5- Planning Commission Meeting; 7:30 PM
- January 12- Elected Auditors' Meeting; 6:00 PM

**APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/Treasurer provided a December check register and submitted the following checks for approval, signature, and payment: General Fund Check #s 15036-15056 in the amount of \$49,498.00. Void check #14719 in the amount of \$44.97 never deposited after due process to notify the owner.

Payroll checks #s 6944-6949 in the amount of \$ 3,898.25. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6950-6952 in the amount of \$ 3,938.46. No payroll checks void.

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Quigley asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. Former Supervisor Charlie Kunkle expressed concern with the deteriorating condition of the pavement surface on Pine Hill Road. Chairman Quigley offered that Pine Hill Road is scheduled for resurfacing in 2016 now that the bridge replacement is complete. Discussion ensued on various projects anticipated for completion in 2016.

Former Supervisor Robert Lightner offered that a new driveway(s) and shed were installed on a vacant lot off Mountain Road. He expressed concern with successful enforcement of zoning regulations after a structure is built. The Board reported that Janet Hardman, Zoning Officer, issued and posted a stop work notice on-site on Saturday, December 12, 2015, which instructed the owner to acquire both a zoning and a driveway permit. The owner contacted the office regarding the applications today.

John Stahl of New Valley Road inquired of the status of CDL drivers for snow removal. Chairman Quigley offered that the Township is currently in good shape with CDL drivers. Chairman Quigley noted that John Ritter, Jr. of Shermans Dale started full time employment yesterday, December 14, 2015 to fill the position left vacant with the resignation of full time road crew employee, Mike Miller.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Board, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Speck to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer