

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 23, 2016**

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PRESENT: Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Sean Fedder, John W. Smith, Nancy Sunday, John Fitzsimmons, Gary Roth, Lieutenant Gregory Bernard of the Newport State Police, and Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record.

EXCUSED: Supervisor John Stahl

FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Charles Kunkle and Robert Lightner

The meeting was held at the municipal building at 7:00 PM. Chairman Quigley announced that Vice-Chairman Sabo notified the office that he will be late. He opened the gathering with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting will be officially convened when Vice-Chairman Sabo arrives and a quorum of the Board is established. The entire 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. No response was received.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Lieutenant Gregory Bernard, commander of the Newport State Police, was in attendance to introduce himself, provide a report for 2016, and to discuss concerns with the increased traffic on Lambs Gap Road with the closure of SR 11 & 15. He reported that PSP has ticketed larger trucks when they utilize Lambs Gap Road. The road is clearly marked "No Trucks", although GPS probably is sending them over this route. The trooper noted an email concern he received. However, he did not see enough of evidence to justify changing the roadway at Sites Circle to one way. PSP is aware of the additional traffic concerns and indicated troopers would continue to monitor and site any violators on Lambs Gap Road.

Lieutenant Bernard offered that a new software program was installed in March of 2016. He reported that for the first five (5) months of 2016, there were 57 calls logged. The total calls include any call that came into the barracks and range from traffic to one simple assault. Lieutenant Bernard said Rye Township is a relatively safe area in which to live.

Former Supervisor Lightner expressed concern with full size school buses using Lambs Gap Road. Lieutenant Bernard advised addressing this concern with Susquenita School District. Although it was noted that school will be ending in approximately two weeks.

John Fitzsimmons of Lambs Gap Road noted that numerous tour buses are also regularly traveling the road. Lieutenant Bernard said they would ticket the tour buses if they see them. Fitzsimmons also expressed concern with the condition of the road surface on the Hampden Township side. Lieutenant Bernard said PSP does not get involved with roadway conditions unless it is a State road. He advised to address this concern to Hampden Township.

Lieutenant Bernard encouraged the residents to have patience with the road closure. The good news is that 11 & 15 plans to open at least to one lane by August 1, 2016. He thanked Chairman Quigley and departed the meeting at this time.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Chairman Ken Quigley read the summary of the May Zoning Report provided by Zoning Officer, **Janet Hardman** as follows:

Four (4) Zoning Permits
Zero (0) Inspections
Two (2) Letters
Seven (7) Phone calls
Total due in wages of \$195.00

The report was placed on the front table for public review.

No Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by **SEO Lenny Sizer** of Madden Engineering. A report for May is forthcoming.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman, Brad Sloop and read by Road Superintendent Ken Quigley. The road crew has been busy patching potholes throughout the Township, installing pavement markings and Chevron signs on Lambs Gap Road, repairing a drain in Lee Wood Village, working at Spring Clean-up, and assisting Chemung Supply with guiderail repair on Lambs Gap and New Valley Roads.

Recreation Board member, Robert Lightner was present and provided a Recreation Report. He reported that the Recreation Board has been busy preparing for the 250 Anniversary celebration event on August 13. He invited the Board and interested volunteers to a meeting on Monday, July 11 at 7:00 PM to discuss the event. They need volunteers throughout the day to sell tickets, serve and cook food, traffic control, and trash removal.

Lightner asked if the Recreation Board could utilize the Township's trailer for the day of the event. Chairman Quigley said yes.

Nancy Sunday offered that the Annual Fishing Derby was cancelled on May 21 due to rain. Tentative date for rescheduling will be Saturday, July 16, 2016. Nancy will confirm the date for the Summer Newsletter and the website.

The Recreation Board scheduled the following dates for upcoming events:

- June 12 6:00 PM Strawberry Festival
- July 10 6:30 PM Sundaes in the Park
- August 13 11:00 AM 250 Year Anniversary Event Opening Ceremony

No Emergency Management Report was presented. However, Philip Beck of East Pennsboro Ambulance Association provide a brief report for May that only included one (1) ambulance service that occurred within the 10 o'clock hour on May 5. Response time was 19 minutes and no concerns were presented by the ambulance crew regarding the response detour due to the 11 & 15 construction project.

The April Treasurer's Report & General & Solid Waste Fund Balance Reports were submitted for review by the Secretary/Treasurer & placed on the front table for review. The reports are submitted and approved by the Board pending the 2016 Financial Audit.

Vice-Chairman Sabo entered the meeting at approximately 7:24 PM. A quorum of the Board was established and Chairman Quigley officially convened the May supervisors' meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Sabo made a motion and Chairman Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Chairman Quigley to adopt Resolution 16-12, which authorized the transfer of monies designated for the 250 Anniversary celebration from the Bank of Landisburg and the General Fund combined into a short term easy access municipal CD at the FNB of Mifflintown at .65%. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Ordinance 16-01 was advertised and proof of publication is on file. Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to adopt Ordinance 16-01, which authorizes the closing of Grier Point Road on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:00 AM to approximately 8:00 PM for Bethel United Methodist Church to hold a strawberry/bluegrass festival. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to hire Genevieve Elmore of Rye Township to work at the New Valley Road Park part-time this summer at the rate of \$8.00 per hour for approximately 50 hours beginning in early June. Motion carried. Ms. Elmore, who worked at the Park two years ago, graduated from high school last year and is in the National Guard. She is home for the summer and available to work.

Chairman Quigley announced the following:

- ◆ The office will be closed for Memorial Day on May 30, 2016 with trash collection rescheduled to Wednesday, June 1.
- ◆ June 12 – Strawberry Festival- Free event; 6:00 PM at the New Valley Road Park
- ◆ June 13 – Special Board meeting to open road bids for Woods and Maranatha Drives

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided an April expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Check's #s 15174-15205 in the amount of \$22,703.05. Void check # 15148 issued to Marysville Fire Company. The check was accidentally shredded. A replacement check is on the check register for approval.

Payroll checks #s 7029-7037 in the amount of \$4,216.19. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7038-7047 in the amount of \$4,318.47. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to approve all the expense checks and payroll checks presented for payment. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Quigley asked if there was any citizen participation at this time.

John Fitzsimmons of Lambs Gap Road expressed concern with the high grass and weeds on a vacant lot across from his property hindering visibility and sight distance. Chairman Quigley offered that the Township can notify them in writing of the concern and see if they might mow the lot.

John Smith requested the Board place additional stones on Cove Road following turkey season is finished. There are pot holes near the bottom and possibly the deterioration of cross pipe. Chairman Quigley said he would talk to the road crew.

Chairman Quigley announced there are two positions available on the Recreation Board if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: With no further discussion or business before the Board, Chairman Quigley adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer