

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
January 23, 2017**

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PRESENT: Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Supervisor John Stahl, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Sean Fedder, William (Bill) Holley, John Smith, Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record.

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: Robert Lightner

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:03 PM. Chairman Quigley convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Sabo made a motion and Supervisor Stahl seconded to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stahl made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Organization meeting as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Chairman Quigley read the Zoning Report submitted by Janet Hardman for December 2016 as follows:

- 1) Two (2) Permits Issued
- 2) Five (5) Phone calls
- 3) Three (3) Letters Total due in wages \$150.00

Chairman Quigley announced that Rettew was appointed as the Zoning Officer for Rye Township effective January 4, 2017.

Chairman Quigley read the Sewage Enforcement Report submitted by Lenny Sizer, SEO of Madden Engineering listing four (4) activities: tank replacement at 1430 Valley Road, site visit for a malfunction at 100 Rattling Rock Road; cover inspection for 717 Pine Hill Road and 10 Dicken Drive for a total due in fees of \$550.00.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman Brad Sloop and read by Road Superintendent Ken Quigley. Most of the work completed involved either winter maintenance with snow plowing or repair of equipment, brushing along Spruce Road and chipping of brush.

Recreation Board member Bill Holley reported that the Recreation Board met to reorganize in January and to begin to establish dates for the following events:

- April 8 Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM
- April 9 RAINDATE Easter Egg Hunt 1 PM
- May 20 Fishing Derby 9-10:30 AM
- June 18 Strawberries in the Park
- August 6 Sundaes in the Park 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- TBA Halloween in the Park

No Emergency Management report was presented. The Board discussed filling the position of the Assistant EMC.

The December Treasurer's Report & General & Solid Waste Fund Balance Reports were submitted for review by the Secretary/Treasurer & placed on the front table for anyone to review. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that the 2016 Financial audit is scheduled for February 8 through February 10.

RESOLUTION: The Board received a request from Robert Matsko, Jr. for a partial withdrawal of funds to facilitate the building of his new home. Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to adopt **Resolution 17-05**, which authorizes a partial release of \$60,000.00 from the Matsko fire escrow Certificate of Deposit account at the First National Bank of Mifflintown in Shermans Dale. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Quigley made a motion seconded by Supervisor Stahl to approve and sign the 2017 contract for fire protection services with Shermans Dale Fire Company. Motion carried unanimously. The agreement was signed by the Board.

Supervisor Stahl made a motion with a second from Chairman Quigley to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare requests for proposal for the Spring Clean-up in May. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a request from Blue Ridge Communications to renew the cable franchise agreement. Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to approve the revisions proposed for renewal of the Blue Ridge Cable Franchise Agreement for a five year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley noted that in compliance with the Second Class Township Code, the Elected Auditors met and voted to establish compensation for 2017 for a supervisor who works as an employee of the Township. The rate will remain at \$12.00 per hour for all positions. Currently, no supervisor is a regular employee of the Township.

Chairman Quigley announced the following:

- ◆ The office will be closed for Presidents' Day on February 20, 2017 with no change in trash collection.
- ◆ Due to budgetary restraints, there will be only ONE clean up scheduled this year for Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, 2017. The Board decided to limit the clean up to one this year to assist the Solid Waste fund with paying for the increasing recycling haul expenses. Chairman Quigley noted that most neighboring municipalities only hold one bulk clean up per year.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a January expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment:

General Fund Checks #s 15469-15483 in the amount of \$13,004.01. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7156-7164 in the amount of \$4,115.17. No payroll checks void.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Quigley requested reporter Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record notify the travelling public in his next article that Lambs Gap Road in Rye Township is on the northern side or the colder side of the mountain. Quigley said the policy for winter maintenance is that road personnel or Township equipment will not be put in jeopardy when this steep mountainous road is deemed too icy and dangerous to travel. He advised the travelling public avoid this road during winter storm events.

Quigley further asked Luke Roman if he could include the name of the contractor, Mark Weber in his article relating to the Millers Gap Road project. In a previous article Luke mentioned Terre Hill as providing the culvert, but did not mention Mr. Weber, who is a local contractor that did a great job working with the Township's schedule and preparing the site for Terre Hill to place the culvert with a crane all in record time.

Chairman Quigley requested the Secretary draft a letter to the new occupants at 1060 Valley Road and advise them they are not permitted to access their property off SR 850. The driveway permit allows access to and from this property off Cemetery Road.

Supervisor Sabo requested the Secretary contact BIU to request an inspection of the extensive renovation and digging ongoing at a vacant house at 2001 Elm Street and to also contact the Newport PSP to request they check on an unlicensed pink Cadillac parked in Bellview Acres and a black Volkswagen, which was parked along SR 850 near Bellview Road for several weeks.

Discussion ensued regarding a recent article in the editorial section of the Duncannon Record that spoke about unsightly trash and junk accumulating within Perry County. The Board intends to take a visual survey of the properties within Township when the weather breaks this spring, and then instruct Rettew Associates to enforce the Township ordinances for any violators found who are accumulating junk, debris and unlicensed vehicles on their properties. The Board was in agreement that they want to keep Rye Township clean and beautiful for its residents and citizens.

Supervisor Stahl asked the status of the contract with Rettew for zoning services, the status of the appointment of an assistant EMC, and recommended the installation of a deer crossing sign on New Valley Road near Stream Side Way.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further discussion or business before the Board, Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer