

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
May 22, 2017**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Supervisor John F. Stahl, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, Robert Hartman, Zoning Officer, Sean Fedder, John W. Smith, Boy Scout, John F. Toucimak, Eagle Scout Candidate and his father, John M. Toucimak.

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

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman 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. No response was received.

**OPEN AND AWARD ROAD BIDS:** The bid request for Cove Hill Road resurfacing was advertised in the Duncannon Record on May 4 and May 11 and proof of publication is on file. NO sealed bids were received. Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to re-advertise the Cove Hill Road resurfacing project for award at the June 26, 2017 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Supervisor Sabo made a motion and Chairman Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:** John F. Toucimak of Marysville Scout Troop 56 approached the Board to request permission to complete his Eagle Scout Project at a small cemetery known as Sitterly Cemetery, which is located off Cemetery Road in the eastern end of Rye Township. He explained his project and estimates the costs to be approximately \$1,000 with completion in July of 2017. It was noted that the Township does not own or maintain Sitterly Cemetery. Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to grant permission for John Toucimak to undertake his Eagle Scout Project at Sitterly Cemetery within Rye Township. Motion carried unanimously. The Board offered the use of the wood chipper with an operator to clean up any tree limbs.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** Zoning Officer Bob Hart was in attendance and read his Zoning Report as follows: Three (3) Permits Issued; six (6) site visits regarding enforcement, various brief phone calls and emails, and code research; travelled 142.10 miles for a total due in fees of \$441.42. The report was placed on the front table for public review.

No Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by **SEO Lenny Sizer** of Madden Engineering. The SEO has been busy and 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 was busy with Spring Clean-up; delivering tires collected to Mahantango's in Liverpool, prep work for pipe replacement on Cove Hill Road; patching pot holes, set up and tear down for Election Day, and deliver Truck #1 for annual inspection.

No Recreation Board member was present. Robert Lightner, who assisted with the annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, reported a successful event with approximately 33 children in attendance. No Emergency Management Report was presented.

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 2017 Financial Audit.

**RESOLUTION:** Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Chairman Quigley to adopt Resolution 17-12, which authorizes the transfer of a General Fund Certificate of Deposit held at the First National Bank of Mifflintown at 1 % to a Certificate of Deposit in the Marysville Bank at 2% for a better rate of investment return. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE:** Ordinance 17-01 was advertised and proof of publication is on file. Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to adopt Ordinance 17-01, which authorizes the closing of Grier Point Road on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00 AM to approximately 8:00 PM for Bethel United Methodist Church to hold a strawberry/bluegrass festival. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion ensued relating to a request received and approved at the April Board meeting to approve and send a letter of support for a grant request to Pennsylvania DCNR on behalf of Duncannon Borough. The grant for this parcel requests over \$558,000 for the Nature Conservancy to conserve and preserve permanently a conservation easement for 1,592 acres owned by Duncannon Borough. This parcel is located on the North side of Cove Mountain, of which a portion of the parcel is located in the western end of Rye Township.

Supervisor Sabo researched DCNR grants and found that approximately 74 million dollars in grants funds were approved last year. Sabo offered that this is a quite a large amount of tax payer's money expended. Discussion continued. Chairman Quigley read a portion of the letter template sent to the Township to draft the letter of support. Upon due consideration, Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to rescind the motion made at the April 24, 2017 supervisors' meeting and not send a letter of support for the Nature Conservancy request for funding through a DCNR grant to preserve the 1,592 acres owned by Duncannon Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to authorize the Secretary to advertise for sale in the Duncannon Record and in the PSATS magazine the 1996 Ford Dump Truck and the 1977 Clark Austin Western Grader; both items listed for sale "As Is" with reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to hire Eli Whitehead-Zimmers 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. Eli worked at the Park last year and did a great job.

Supervisor Stahl made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to accept the proposal from Charles E. Hursh, Chief Operating Manager of Oxon Investment Group, LLC of Hummelstown to conduct the State required Underground Storage Tank Facility Operations Inspection and Cathodic Testing Services at a cost of \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Quigley signed the proposal.

Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to appoint Robert Lightner to fill a vacancy for a partial five (5) year term ending December 31, 2018 on the Recreation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley announced the following:

- ◆ The office will be closed for Memorial Day on May 29, 2017 with trash collection rescheduled to Wednesday, May 31.
- ◆ June 18 – Strawberry Festival- Free event; 6:00 PM at the New Valley Road Park; rain or shine.

**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 #s 15574-15605 in the amount of \$47,958.42. 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 7214--7224 in the amount of \$4,135.67. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7225-7233 in the amount of \$4,038.31. 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 unanimously.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Quigley asked if there was any citizen participation.

John Smith of Cove Road asked about his request for additional stones on Cove Road. Chairman Quigley said he would talk to the road crew this week.

Former Supervisor Robert Lightner asked about code enforcement of several areas in the Township. The Zoning Officer said he has been on-site and is working to gain compliance. The Zoning Officer noted that he has encountered some difficulty with contacting the resident who either is not home and does not pick up their mail. The Zoning Officer indicated he would post a notice on the door. Discussion ensued on ways to gain compliance. Supervisor Sabo suggested that the Township may decide to clean up the properties and place a lien on them to recover the costs. The Board directed the secretary to check with legal counsel regarding filing a municipal lien to recover funds expended to clean up a property when the property does not sell, but is transferred to family.

Lightner expressed opposition to an opinion offered at last month's meeting that the Board consider discontinuing the voluntary drop-off recycling program.

Lightner requested Chairman Quigley assist him with locating the western boundary line of the Township's property in anticipation of possibly constructing additional trails behind the Township along Fishing Creek.

Chairman Quigley offered to assist with locating the survey pins but needed a metal detector to locate pins. Supervisor Stahl offered to provide a metal detector.

The Zoning Officer reported the shed that was started along a property on Pine Hill Road, possibly too near the stream and without proper permits, has been removed.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** With no further discussion or business before the Board, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer