

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 25, 2017**

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PRESENT: Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Supervisor John Stahl, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, John Schulze, Driveway Permit Officer, Robert Hart, Zoning Officer, Christopher E. and Richard S. Albright, Nancy Sunday, Alex Morrison, Wanda Stahl, John Smith, Sean Fedder, Curt Whitmer, Lieutenant John Kinsey, Commander at Newport PSP, Jean Snyder, Jeffrey and Susie Evinger, Jeffrey Evinger, Jr., Suzan Kissinger, Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record and Solicitor Dan Altland.

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 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 Stahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 supervisors' meeting. Supervisor Sabo seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Lieutenant Jonathan Kinsey, commander of the Newport Pennsylvania State Police was in attendance to provide a summary report of recent activities of the State Police in Rye Township. He reported that eighty (80) activities were handled in a four month period from June to September 2017, which included what they term "nuisance calls", with a few domestics and several thefts. Lieutenant Kinsey reported that Rye Township is generally a low crime area. He offered his assistance to residents and the Township and invited all to call the Barracks with any concerns or trouble spots.

Suzan Kissinger of Spruce Road was in attendance and discussed her concern with off road vehicles racing at high speeds frequently on a portion of Spruce Road creating an unsafe condition with the potential for someone to be seriously hurt. She said she had contacted PSP previously, but the racing continues. Ms. Kissinger spoke directly with Lieutenant Kinsey regarding her concern.

Alex Morrison owner of a vacant parcel of property off Mountain Road introduced himself. He explained that he and his wife have submitted a land development plan to build a home on the lot. Mr. Morrison inquired about permit application procedures in order to be prepared to submit the applications as soon as planning approval is received. He was provided blank zoning and driveway permit applications before he left the meeting to begin to gather the documentation necessary to gain approval. The Morrison's desire is to begin construction this year before bad weather.

Jeff and Susie Evinger of Valley Road approached the Board to discuss a notice of violation letter they received involving a portion of their lot located off Lone Oak Drive, which contains debris, stone, brush, and higher weeds and for which no driveway permit has been secured to provide access to this lot. Susie read a letter expressing frustration and disappointment that no one would contact them prior to sending a letter. Chairman Quigley asked why no contact was made directly with Mr. Hart. He encouraged them to meet with him and resolve these concerns. Zoning Officer Hart apologized if the letter upset and offended them. He explained that this is a standard notice of violation letter. Mr. Hart offered to meet and discuss the concerns with them to resolve the violation.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Quigley acknowledged receipt of a September 22, 2017 letter from Christopher E. Albright requesting a waiver to the driveway grade requirements for his personal driveway located at 73 Fleisher Road. Christopher Albright explained how the ground conditions differed from what was on the final plan with the construction of the cul-de-sac and the house, which attributed to the deviation in the grade of the driveway.

Christopher noted that Driveway Officer, John Schulze, conducted the final inspection of the driveway and offered as part of the solution that the Albright's stabilize the sides of the drive with rip rap stone to prevent erosion from the water runoff. Christopher Albright indicated he plans to seed the yard this fall, which in his opinion will resolve the erosion concerns. They do not wish to add unsightly trenches and additional stone to the front yard.

Solicitor Altland offered that the Albright's submitted a plan with the driveway permit application that showed a grade of approximately 10% and now the grade averages approximately 19%.

Discussion ensued with the Board, the Albright's, and Driveway Officer John Schulze. Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to grant the waiver requested for the grade on the already constructed and paved driveway at 73 Fleisher Road contingent upon mitigation of the erosion with the placement of rip rap along the sides of the driveway with the understanding that this waiver is granted solely for the private driveway to 73 Fleisher Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to approve the **Ryan Michael Salvage Yard License** for October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 contingent upon an on-site inspection and satisfactory report from the Zoning Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stahl made a motion with a second from Chairman Quigley to approve a **commercial improvement contract** from Fuller's Handyman Service in the amount of \$2,300.00 to install 180 heavy duty white metal snow and ice guards on the main building and 50 heavy duty white metal snow and ice guards on the addition to the municipal building. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to approve a three year employee agreement for the current full time employees effective January 1, 2018 to include a three (3%) wage increase each year. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to approve and accept the written request received from Joe Burget of Burget and Associates, Inc. on behalf of David Bair to withdraw the 717 Rebuildables - Final Land Development Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Two requests were received for Township municipal awareness letters. Upon due consideration, Supervisor Stahl made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to acknowledge the request and approve the sending of two Municipal Awareness letters to Penn Dot: 1) for a vacant lot addressed as 3124 Valley Road, Dale Siebel, and 2) for a lot addressed as 3217 Valley Road, the Philip Shenk property. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: The Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer, Seven (7) permits were issued for a total of 18 hours worked and travelled 295 miles for a total due in fees of \$535.81.

Chairman Quigley noted that he and the Secretary/Treasurer attended the FEMA workshop this afternoon. FEMA is updating its flood maps and Rye Township is included in those updates.

No Sewage Enforcement Report was presented.

The September Road Report was presented by Road Forman Brad Sloop and read by Chairman Quigley. Quigley noted that final drainage work was completed on Cove Hill Road. Fulkroad plans to pave a portion of Cove Hill Road this week beginning on Wednesday. Mowing continued and they were hauling anti-skid in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Recreation Board member, Nancy Sunday presented the Recreation Board report. She announced the final event for 2017, Halloween in the Park, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at 6 PM with a rain date of Sunday, October 22 at 5 PM. She also asked for any suggestions or ideas for any new events.

No Emergency Management Report was presented.

The August Treasurer's Report was submitted for public review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. With no further discussion, the reports were accepted as read pending the final approval of the independent auditors. She further reported that the 3rd quarter tax distributions were paid to the fire companies, the ambulance associations and the library.

RESOLUTIONS: Supervisor Stahl made a motion with a second from Chairman Quigley to adopt **Resolution 17-17**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer funds from the Road Equipment Certificate of Deposit at Pennian Bank at Shermans Dale to the General Checking Account at the Marysville Bank to assist with payment of the purchase of the new 2018 International Dump truck. Motion carried unanimously. The checks for payment of the truck to Five Star International and A and H Equipment are on the check register for approval tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Quigley announced the following upcoming events:

- October 9 – Columbus Day Holiday; Office Closed; No change in trash collection schedule.
- October 21, Halloween in the Park, 6 PM; Rain Date of Sunday, October 22 at 5 PM
- October 31, Trick or Treat, 6-8 PM

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a September 2017 expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval, signature and payment:

General Fund Check #s 15705-15738 in the amount of \$160,571.28. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7275-7282 in the amount of \$ 3,895.18 No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7283-7287 in the amount of \$ 3,622.64. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to approve all the checks and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sue Kissinger of Spruce Road appreciated speaking with the Lieutenant. Expressing concern for the safety of everyone involved, she discussed her concern further with the Board. The Solicitor advised all the concerned neighbors also contact the State Police to report this concern.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Stahl to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer