

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
July 22, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Sabo, Vice-Chairman John Stahl, Supervisor John Schulze, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant EMC, Michael Rugh, John-Thomas Graupensperger, Sean Fedder, Jean Snyder, Solicitor Dan Altland, and Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record.

**FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Robert Lightner, Ken Quigley, and Charles Kunkle

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM following a severe thunderstorm. Chairman Sabo 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 Sabo welcomed everyone and asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Supervisor Schulze made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 supervisors' meeting. Vice-Chairman Stahl seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** Chairman Sabo read the Zoning Report for July provided by Zoning Officer, **Brian Gilbert**. Activities included updates for inspections at the Barlup project, review of the Matsko/Raisner lot; civil citations for 97 Pine Hill Road and 2105 Sites Circle, and follow up on several other complaints.

The Sewage Enforcement Report for July was submitted by **SEO Lenny Sizer** of Frederick Seibert Associates. Chairman Sabo read the reports: Four (4) activities: repair permit for 15 Ridge Road, percs for 208 Evergreen Drive, site visit to verify distance from septic; and probes for Weaver Drive lot for a total due of \$875.00.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman Brad Sloop and read by Co-Road Superintendent John Stahl. Mow along various Township roads; clean downed tree on Pine Hill Road; install drain boxes and pipes on Lambs Gap Road and Mountain Road in preparation for resurfacing. Trim tree limbs along intersection of SR 850 and Bellview Road; clean drains on Willow and Spruce Streets, and work with Fulkroad & Sons with milling and prep work prior to road resurfacing.

Jean Snyder of New Valley Road mentioned that there are stones washing out onto New Valley Road near the area of Buck Ridge from what appears to be clogged gutters. Co-Road Superintendent John Schulze indicated he would talk to the Road Department about this drainage concern.

Recreation Board member Robert Lightner was in attendance and reported several successful events: 31 children in attendance who caught 51 fish at the annual Fishing Derby; 105 in attendance at the "Strawberries in the Park" event; 89 in attendance at the "Sundaes in the Park" event. He also announced the monthly meeting of the Rye Township Community Association, RTCA, is Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Sabo received good feedback from a neighbor about the "Sundaes in the Park" event. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors he expressed appreciation to the Recreation Board for volunteering their time and energy to put together the various events for the Community.

Assistant EMC Michael Rugh discussed notification of Emergency Services during road closures. Since he works from home, Assistant EMC Rugh directed the Secretary to email him directly of any road closures and he would disseminate the information to the various emergency services. The secretary indicated she does have Mr. Rugh's email address on file.

The June Treasurer's Report and Fund Balance Report were submitted for public review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. The reports were accepted as read pending final approval of the independent auditors.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Penn Waste contacted the office with a concern with the Township's cardboard transporter and pieces of cardboard flying out of the transporter while it is being hauled in transit to the recycling facility at Penn Waste. Since Penn Waste's automatic tarp will not work with this particular container, and Rye does not have a tarp, they recommended the installation of flaps onto the Township's cardboard transporter. Penn Waste would install the flaps at a cost to install the flaps is \$750.00. Penn Waste is willing to pay for 50% of the cost or \$375.00.

Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to gain additional information on the type of flaps and how the flaps will function when residents come to recycle cardboard. The secretary indicated she would contact Penn Waste for additional information for discussion at the August board meeting.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Schulze to approve a time extension for approval of the **Revised Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Dr. Robert P. Matsko, Sr.** to **November 18, 2019** to allow for additional time to allow for research and to address the comments from the July 2, 2019 Rye Township Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this time extension at their July 2, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Stahl to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to send a written notice to Randy Barlup to replenish the escrow account to its original opening balance within ten (10) days from receipt of the notice per the executed November 2, 2018 Escrow Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- August 10, 2019 – Music in the Park, 6-7 PM; local vocal talent, Mike Foltz
- September 2, 2019- Office Closed; Labor Day, trash collection, Wed. Sept. 4
- September 29, 2019 – Bon Fire Night; 6-7:30 PM; Hot dog roast and s'mores

Recreation Board member Robert Lightner requested the placement of two backhoe scoops of 2A Modified stone near the entrance to the walkway in the park. Vice-Chairman Stahl made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to provide the requested stones for use at the Park at no cost to the RTCA. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/Treasurer provided a July 2019 expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval, signature and payment:

General Fund Check #s 16348-16379 in the amount of \$27,955.09. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7591-7597 in the amount of \$ 4,293.42 No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7598-7602 in the amount of \$ 4,404.28. No payroll checks void.

Supervisor Schulze asked about check # 16366 issued to H.A.R.I.E. The Secretary/Treasurer offered the check is issued to the Housing and Redevelopment Insurance Exchange (H.A.R.I.E.), for the Township's annual Workmen's Compensation Insurance premium.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Vice-Chairman Stahl made a motion with a second from Supervisor Schulze to approve the checks and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Former Supervisor Quigley thanked Mr. Rugh for his willingness to serve as Assistant EMC and as an emergency responder.

Former Supervisor Quigley asked the status of the Barlup project located in the 2700 block of Valley Road. The Board offered that the engineer has been on-site and has completed numerous inspections over the last several months. The Board was aware of at least one final inspection remaining relating to installation of drainage facilities.

Former Supervisor Lightner discussed his concern with what is intended for construction on the Barlup parcel.

The Board explained that the recorded Barlup Preliminary Plan approved the development of only three (3) lots on the subject parcel. The drive installed does not meet specifications for a public roadway, which would allow for additional building lots.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked the Solicitor how long a developer has to gain final plan approval following the approval and recording of a preliminary plan.

The Solicitor advised the PA Municipalities Planning Code grants a developer a five (5) year period following approval of the Preliminary Plan by the Board of Supervisors to submit and gain final approval of their plan. He requested the Secretary/Treasurer provide him with the date the Board of Supervisors approved the preliminary plan for Barlup.

Sean Fedder of Valley Road discussed the recent resurfacing completed by Fulkroad and Sons on a portion of Mountain Road. He questioned the contractor's compliance with PennDOT specifications, the compacting of the paving over the cross pipes, and noted that the large culvert at Deans Gap Road was not replaced prior to resurfacing.

Co-Road Superintendent Schulze noted the concerns. Unfortunately, the permit to install the culvert pipe at Mountain and Deans Gap Road was not submitted in time to be issued by DEP prior to resurfacing. However, this may work to the Township's advantage as another nearby pipe replacement will also be included with the same permit package. It was noted that once issued the DEP GP 7 Minor Road Crossing Permit is good for five (5) years.

John-Thomas Graupensperger asked about post plan approval inspections conducted by the Zoning Officer. His concern was with the location of a pole building under construction at 2302 Valley Road, which was granted by a variance. Graupensperger said construction began and it appears the pole building is not located as was discussed by the owner at the hearing and may even be located within the front yard setbacks.

Discussion ensued. Solicitor Altland reviewed a copy of the June 4, 2019 Decision and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Variance 2019-02. He advised that the variance granted only relief from the side setbacks. The applicant is required to comply with all other regulations. He advised the Zoning Officer be directed to conduct an on-site inspection tomorrow. If he is not available then an authorized representative of the Township needs to go on-site so construction does not continue. The Secretary indicated she would send an email to the Zoning Officer requesting an on-site inspection ASAP at 2302 Valley Road at the end of the meeting, and copy all involved and acquire additional information from BIU on the specifications of the building proposed from the application package submitted to them.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Sabo thanked everyone for coming and made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:57 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer