

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING  
December 14, 2012**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Lightner, Chairman, Vice-Chairman Ken Quigley, Supervisor Ronald Cree, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Miller, road crew, Bob Porambo and Larry Tailiano of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) and Ed Ward of Penn Waste, Inc.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 9:00 AM. Chairman Lightner convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** No citizen participation was offered.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:** Bob Porambo and Larry Itailiano of PMRS were in attendance at the request of the Supervisors to clarify the reason for the changes proposed and the checklist enclosed with the November 9, 2012 correspondence from PMRS relating to the Township's Uniformed and Non-Uniformed pension plans.

Mr. Porambo introduced himself and Mr. Itailiano and provided a brief summary of the summary and the Township's pension plans. He explained that as of the 2011 actuarial report both plans are fully funded at this time. The main reason for the changes proposed is so PMRS is eligible to become tax qualified with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). All of the contracts at PMRS are now controlled by IRS requirements and PMRS policy. PMRS is required to generate a new contract for the Township specific to each pension plan. No current pension plans or benefits will be changed in the process. The most significant change is that the Township must now specify in the contract how excess interest is to be distributed in the future. This distribution can now only be changed in the future by amending the contract.

Mr. Porambo explained briefly the choices proposed in the checklist for crediting of excess interest.

Discussion ensued with employee Mike Miller regarding clarification of current non-uniform pension benefits.

At the advice of a State auditor, the Board also discussed possible changes to both pension contracts for any future hires with the goal of decreasing the costs for the municipality for the future Minimum Municipal Obligations, (MMO), especially in light of the economy and investment interest in both plans decreasing. The Board directed the Secretary/Treasurer, who is also the Chief Administrative Officer of the Pensions, to review both pension contracts and provide recommendations to the Board. The proposed changes require approval by the Board and must be typed on Township letterhead and mailed to PMRS along with the checklist.

Chairman Lightner noted that Rye Township needs to act *today* to control costs in the plans 15-20 years down the road. The representatives of PMRS were in agreement that municipal officials need to monitor their plans that originated in the 1980s to review the costs of continuing certain benefits. However, Mr. Porambo stressed that any changes to current benefits are for future hires. No benefits for current employees can be reduced per the State Pension Laws.

The Board thanked Mr. Porambo and Mr. Itailiano for their attendance. They left the meeting at approximately 9: 48 AM

**PERSONNEL BUSINESS:** At this time, Chairman Lightner **recessed the meeting** at 9:50 a.m. to executive session to discuss personnel policy issues.

**RECONVENE THE MEETING:** Chairman Lightner reconvened the special meeting at 10:10 a.m. explaining that personnel policies were discussed and no decisions were made.

**PERSON TO BE HEARD:** Ed Ward of Penn Waste, Inc. entered the meeting at 10:00 AM at the request of the Board of Supervisors to discuss commercial trash collection policies within Rye Township.

**Mr. Ward** provided the Board a one page history of Commercial dumpster trash services within Rye Township and the changes made by Penn Waste. He explained there were concerns with several old containers and the inability to safely pick up the rear load dumpsters. Penn Waste provided front load cans for the following commercial trash stops:

1. \*John Sopensky- Flowers Lane 2 cy dumpster
2. \*Radabaugh's Camping Trailer 4 cy dumpster
3. P & R Auto 4 Toters
4. Harriet Trounson 4 Toters
5. \*Pitt Bros 6 cy dumpster

The \*three (3) roll offs are collected on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

Chairman Lightner began by expressing appreciation to Penn Waste for their excellent service to Rye Township over the last two years. He continued that the only disappointment was that the Board was not aware of the change in the commercial trash collection schedule and had to hear about it from a customer. He explained that the Board understands logistics and costs etc. However, the trash customers are Rye Township's and the Board should have been made aware of the change in the commercial trash collection day to Wednesday, which it was not. The contract directs that the Board of Supervisors must approve changes to the trash collection schedule and collection.

Mr. Ward said he understood and apologized. He assured the Board that going forward the Board would be notified of any changes proposed.

The Secretary/Treasurer noted that Comfort Tech, the renters of Sopensky's property at Flowers Lane need a larger roll off at their location. Ed Ward said he would arrange for the placement of a larger roll off at the Flowers Lane address.

Supervisor Cree asked if Penn Waste provides electronic recycling. Mr. Ward said no. However, he would provide info for costs to drop off electronics at the Harrisburg Incinerator.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** With no further business or discussion before the Board, Vice-Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Cree to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer