## RYE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING December 17, 2012

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice Chairman Ken Quigley, Supervisor Ron Cree, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, James Hawk, Zoning Officer, Linda Sites, Sean Fedder, John Smith, and Gary Roth.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:30 PM. Chairman Lightner convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was tape recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Lightner asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. Linda Sites of Valley Road expressed concern with a neighbor's dog that is left to run at large and frequents her property unattended. Zoning Officer Hawk offered that he has spoken to the resident about the dog running at large several times. He officially sent a certified letter today notifying the owner and occupant at the Valley Road address of the Dog Leash Law regulations. Linda Sites thanked the Board and left the meeting at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Cree seconded to approve the minutes of the <u>November 27, 2012 supervisors' meeting</u> as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of the <u>December 14, 2012 special supervisors' meeting</u> as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: The <u>December Zoning Report was</u> submitted by Zoning Officer, James Hawk, and read as follows: one (1) zoning permit issued to date for a shed; several calls and/or complaints logged; collected \$25.00 in fees. A Certified letter was issued and mailed to a Valley Road residence for allowing their dog to run at large. Spoke with Bob Sultzaberger about his denial letter at 149 Fleisher Road and advised him to consult legal counsel for appeal if he did not agree with the determination.

The Sewage Enforcement Report for December was submitted by Lenny Sizer of Madden Engineering and read by Chairman Lightner. Four (4) activities were reported: permit for replacement of a broken pipe; five (5) percs and probes for Robert Hackmeister; and inspection of a SFTF for Cryders on Fleisher Road. Total due in fees of \$400.00.

The <u>December Road Report</u> was submitted by Road Foreman, Brad Sloop. Supervisor Quigley read the report and placed the report on the front table for review. Supervisor Quigley noted that the road crew replaced damaged stop signs; equipment maintenance; met with part time seasonal drivers regarding snow plowing routes and routines; trimmed brush along New Valley and Idle Road and repaired the chipper's hydraulic hoses.

No <u>Recreation Board</u> report was offered. The Recreation Board does not meet in December.

No Emergency Management report was offered.

The November Treasurer's Report & General & Solid Waste Fund Balance Reports were submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer & with no discussion were accepted as read pending the independent auditor's approval.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Supervisor Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Cree to adopt **Resolution 12-27** which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$7,297.56 from the Bank of Landisburg, General Savings MMA; line item for bridge monies 01.106.03 to reimburse the General Fund checking 01.101 the 20% of costs paid in 2012 for the bridge replacement design and engineering on Pine Hill Road to Wilson Consulting Group.

Supervisor Cree made a motion to adopt <u>Resolution 12-28</u>, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$23,791.36 the total amount of tax revenue levied for road equipment in 2012 from the General Checking at the First National Bank of Marysville to the General Savings MMA account at the Bank of Landisburg. Supervisor Quigley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEGAL BUSINESS:** Due to the change in the meeting date with the Christmas Holiday, the Solicitor had a conflicting appointment and was unable to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business on the agenda for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Upon review and recommendation by the Planning Commission with due consideration by the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Cree made a motion with a second from Supervisor Quigley to authorize the legal review by the Township solicitor and if approved, the advertisement of the amendments to the following two (2) Ordinances:

- 1. Subdivision Land Development Ordinance
- 2. Junkyard Ordinance No. 9

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley discussed the response received to an RFP sent to Madden Engineering, the Township engineer for ongoing drainage issues on <u>Evergreen Drive</u>. It was the consensus of the Board to table any acceptance on the RFP received at this time to allow for further review of the costs and the proposal presented.

Chairman Lightner announced the following upcoming events:

- Visit with Santa at the Township building; tomorrow, Tuesday,
  December 18th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- December 24, 25 and January 1, 2013- Office Closed. Trash will be collected on Wed. Dec. 26 and Wed. Jan. 2nd.
- January 7, 2013, Organization Meeting, 7:30 PM
- January 8, 2013, Planning Commission Meeting; 7:30 PM

**APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/treasurer provided a December expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Check's #s 13774-13800 in the amount of \$42,558.12. No expense checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6339-6344 in the amount of \$3,662.27. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 6345-6353 in the amount of \$4,107.35. No payroll checks void.

Chairman Lightner made a motion to approve the checks and pay the bills, except for check number 13777 issued to Daisy Lightner for mileage reimbursement. Supervisor Cree seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve check number 13777 issued to Daisy Lightner for mileage. Motion carried. The record notes Chairman Lightner abstained from the vote because of a conflict of interest. Daisy Lightner is his spouse.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Gary Roth asked when weekly household trash is to be placed out for collection by Penn Waste. He thought it inappropriate for some residents who place their trash out for collection on Sunday when the trash does not come until Wednesday morning. Roth observed that animals or crows get into the trash and then it is littered along the roadway.

Chairman Lightner offered that he did notice there are those that for whatever reason place their trash out for collection Sundays. The Refuse Ordinance states it is to be placed out by 6 AM on the day of collection. The Board agreed and recommended residents not place trash out for collection until early Tuesday morning. Placing the trash in cans does help with the animal problem. However, refuse workers do not appreciate collecting trash that has been setting in the heat in the summer from Sunday until Tuesday morning. It was suggested that this concern could be included in the next Township newsletter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Lightner recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss several personnel issues.

**RECONVENE MEETING:** Chairman Lightner reconvened the meeting at 8:17 PM stating personnel issues were discussed and clarified.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** The Board wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas! There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Cree made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer