

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
February 27, 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean M. Fedder, Supervisor Brad L. Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer Daisy Lightner, Driveway Officer Eric Simmons, Clerk Nancy Sunday, Elected Auditor Cathy Sabo, Kimberly Sloop, Jaclyn Green, Jason Finnerty of Perry County Planning Commission, Senator Greg Rothman, and Solicitor Mike Pykosh.

**FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Robert Lightner and John Schulze

Supervisor Sabo convened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with the accurate preparation of the minutes.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Chairman Sabo observed a moment of silence.

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

Jason Finnerty, Perry County Planning Coordinator was in attendance to invite Rye Township to reconsider joining as a partner with the County and recognize Picture Perry as their municipal comprehensive plan. Jason noted that of the 30 municipalities in Perry County, 22 partnered with the County and recognize Picture Perry as their comprehensive plan. Jason is reaching out and visiting the eight (8) townships that opted not to partner with the plan at this time and inviting them to join. He provided the Township with copies of a sample resolution and a public notice ad should the Board reconsider and join the County in creating a unified County-wide planning process by adopting Picture Perry as the municipality's comprehensive plan. Jason thanked the Board and left the meeting at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chairman Sabo made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Senator Greg Rothman** introduced himself and explained that he has the honor of serving the residents of the 34th Senate District, which includes Cumberland and Perry Counties, and northern Dauphin County. Before his 2022 election to the Senate, he served seven years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Prior to his legislative service, he spent decades working and leading in the private sector, where he rose to president and CEO of RSR REALTORS. Senator Rothman is a lifelong Central Pennsylvania resident, a Marine, and most importantly the proud father of five children.

Senator Rothman discussed the proposed State budget and the importance of funding for infrastructure, law enforcement, local municipalities, and our children's education. He offered that Rye Township is eligible for grant funding. The key is to identify the need. Contact his office and he would help to find what and where the funds are available. Senator Rothman serves on the following committees: Agricultural and Rural Affairs, Transportation, Appropriations, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Finance. He fielded a few more questions, thanked the Board, and left the meeting at this time.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** Zoning Officer Max Stoner, PE of Glace Associates provided a **Zoning Report** dated February 23, 2024 listing the issuance of two zoning permits: 3550 Grier Point Road and 1880 Valley Road.

Chairman Jim Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve check number 17895 in the amount of \$909.93 for payment to Glace Associates for January zoning and code enforcement activities. Motion carried unanimously.

No **Sewage Enforcement Report** was submitted by **SEO Lenny Sizer** of Frederick Seibert Associates.

The **Road Report** was provided and read by Road Foreman Brad Sloop as follows: plowed snow, salt and cindered roads; mixed salt and cinders; washed and cleaned up all trucks and backhoes; cleaned up dirt roads from the heavy snow and many downed trees, repaired the spinner on Truck #4, assisted with the heater installation, delivered trash cans to residents, worked with John Deere on repair of tractor, (*a fuel pump is on order*), installed road identification signs on various roadways, and cleaned drains on Trout Lane.

Vice-Chairman Fedder expressed appreciation to the road crew: Brad, John and part-time employee Tom Speck, for the great job of plowing snow and keeping the roads safe. He offered that he travelled to work during the last snow storm and Rye Township had the best roads in the area.

No Recreation **Board Report** was presented since their February meeting was cancelled. Recreation Board secretary, Nancy Sunday announced the following upcoming events:

- April 11 at 7:00 PM an “Evening of History” with Brian Hummel at the Township municipal building. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.
- May 18 Annual Fishing Derby at the Marysville Sportsmen’s Association in Marysville Borough at 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Please arrive early ~ 8:30 AM to register the children.

**No Emergency Management Report** was presented.

**The January Treasurer’s Report** was submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. The report is submitted and approved pending the 2024 Financial Audit. The record notes that auditors from SEK & Co. completed the on-site portion of the 2023 audit on February 8 and 9. They indicated that they plan to attend and provide a summary report to the Board at either the March or the April board meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 24-08**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to make a transfer from Members First Credit Union General Fund monies, which were earned annually as 1% cash back from the VISA credit card to transfer these monies to Marysville Bank General Checking account. It was noted that the amount is very, very minimal since the card is not used for very many purchases. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 24-09**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer the 2024 Liquid Fuels Allocation when received electronically in March at the Bank of Landisburg Highway Aid Money Market account and transfer the funds into a 3 month Liquid Fuels CD at Mid Penn Bank at 5.00% for a better rate of investment return and upon maturity deposit it into the Highway Aid checking account bearing 1.30 % for liquidity until utilized for payment of future road projects. The amount of funds to be received and deposited into the Liquid Fuels Allocation CD is \$123,546.06. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 24-10**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer upon maturity two Cds held at Mid Penn Bank of Marysville, one designated for Road Projects and one designated Solid Waste

Investment and deposit them respectively into ten (10) month special Cds at the Bank of Landisburg at 4.80%. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve **Resolution 24-11**, the 2024 Schedule of Wages, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to adjust the salaries and wages accordingly for the first payroll of January 2024 with all regular full-time employees receiving a 3.0% wage increase per the existing Employee Agreement. Motion carried unanimously. The wage increases were retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to rescind the previous motion for approval of **Resolution 24-11**. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve **Resolution 24-11**, the 2024 Schedule of Wages, and authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to adjust the salaries and wages accordingly for the first payroll of January 2024 with all regular full-time employees receiving a 3.0% wage increase per the existing Employee Agreement. Motion carried. Supervisor Sloop abstained due to a conflict of interest since he is also a full-time employee of the Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to participate in the **State CoStars (Piggyback) Bulk Salt contract** and to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to complete the application online for 140 tons of salt, which obligates the Township to purchase at least 60% of the contract, or 84 tons for the year beginning in August 2024 to July 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to register and certify Vice-Chairman Sean Fedder as the **voting delegate** to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township official's convention in Hershey. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve a simple contract for mowing of **Oak Grove Cemetery** with Edgar Lingle of Rye Township at the cost of \$120.00 per mowing with the maximum of 11 mowings with additional mowings authorized as deemed necessary by the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve and sign the **2024 Shermans Dale Fire Company** annual contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to table the acceptance of the **2023 Planning Commission Annual Report** recommended for approval by Chairman Dan Vodzak and the Planning Commission until the March meeting to allow time for Chairman Sabo to read the report in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo explained that the Rye Township Community Association, RTCA, considers the park lease null and void and therefore dissolved. With the termination of the park lease, there is property remaining at the RTCA property that was purchased with tax payers funds and belongs to the Township. Rebecca Schulze, President of the RTCA, sent a letter dated January 26, 2024 responding to the Township's list of items that the Township would like to retrieve from the RTCA property. The property listed that belongs to the Township is listed below:

1. Three (3) folding tables
2. Grill Master 4 Burner Gas Grill
3. Propane Bottle
4. Eight (8) Picnic Tables (1-2) Children's picnic tables
5. Two (2) Park Benches
6. Two (2) Recycling Containers
7. Bulletin Board (by the Walkway)

8. Aluminum Bleachers near the ballfield
9. Strongway yard cart
10. Halloween in the Park Event Items
11. Pilot Rock Heavy Steel Charcoal Grill
12. Ultra Smokestop, Chassis Model – Green
13. Two (2) Park Walkway signs
14. Double bobble Rider (in large playground)
15. Shed located at the western end of the property
16. Items listed on the most recent shed inventory dated 7/10/2019

Upon due consideration and in consultation with the solicitor, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to agree to allow the RTCA to retain possession of the following items:

- No. 6 - Two (2) recycling containers
- No. 7 - Bulletin Board (by the walkway)
- No. 8 - Aluminum bleachers near the ballfield
- No. 9 - Pilot Rock Heavy Steel Charcoal Grill
- No. 10-Double bobble Rider (in large playground)
- No. 11-Shed located at the western end of the property

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on arranging a time to retrieve the remaining items. Supervisor Sloop offered that he would need approximately three days to gather and remove the property from the site. The Secretary indicated she would prepare a letter detailing the property distribution as approved and tentative dates, weather permitting for the road crew to retrieve the remaining items.

The Township sent out seven (7) requests for proposal to various vendors for the Spring Clean-Up. Two proposals for the **Spring Bulk Clean-up** in May were received: one from Tiger Trash of Manchester and one from Penn Waste of York. Total haul cost per roll-off quoted from Tiger Trash is \$275.00 with a tipping fee cost of \$120.00 per ton with most items going for disposal to the incinerator in Harrisburg. Penn Waste proposed a haul cost of \$315.00 per roll off with a \$98.00 per ton tipping fee. Dumpsters for scrap metal would be provided free of charge by both companies. Bulldog Motors & Recycling offered to provide on-site two containers for scrap metal free of charge and will pay us a portion of the payment received from recycling the metals at the scrap yard.

Discussion ensued. Upon due consideration, Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to remain with **Tiger Trash** and accept the **Bulk Clean-Up** proposal received from them conditional upon the receipt of proof of compliance with CDL testing. Motion carried unanimously. The secretary indicated she would prepare the acceptance letter and proposal for signatures.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to allow Bulldog Motors & Recycling to provide two containers free of charge for scrap metal on-site in return for a portion of the payment received. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on the condition of the Township's tractor/mower and the purchase of a **new tractor/mower** with funds received from ARPA. The estimate for the tractor and the mower received last year was approximately \$172,000. Upon further discussion and consideration, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to table any action on the purchase of a new tractor/mower to investigate and gain an assessment of the existing tractor/mower from Landpro. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Sloop indicated he would contact Landpro Equipment to acquire the written assessment.

At their January board meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal received from Pennsylvania Municipal Service, PAMS to complete the Township's trash billing as of April 1, 2024. Keystone Collections Group no longer desires to collect smaller utility billings.

The Township received a pdf file of a proposed Agreement from PAMS, which designates them as the exclusive agent for the collection of current and delinquent Township garbage fees. The Agreement outlines the services that will be provided such as reports, deposits, mailing etc. and includes an Appendix A, the delinquent utility fee schedule that details the fees, expenses, costs, and commissions assessed by PAMS and paid by the ratepayer.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to **approve and sign a three year Agreement with PAMS for garbage billing** pending the solicitor's final review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

The Solicitor requested the document in Word format to make it easier to redline the changes. The Secretary indicated she would contact PAMS to acquire the file for the Solicitor.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- ◆ March 5 Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled. Next meeting is April 2, 2024.
- ◆ March 10 Daylight savings time; spring forward and turn your clocks ahead
- ◆ March 29 Good Friday, Office Closed with no change in weekly trash collection
- ◆ Annual Spring Bulk Clean-up - Friday, May 3 from 6 AM to 1:45 PM and Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon

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

General Fund Check's #s 17881-17907 in the amount of \$17,089.45. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8313-8320 in the amount of \$5,390.48. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8321-8325 in the amount of \$4,654.00. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Chairman Sabo made a motion and Vice-Chairman Fedder seconded to approve all the expense and payroll checks submitted for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo checked the public participation comment sheet and opened the floor for those who signed up to participate.

John Schulze of Lee Drive offered two suggestions: 1) to consider adding a front bucket to the specifications of the tractor/mower under consideration for purchase to make it more multifunctional; and 2) to consider participating in the Picture Perry County Comprehensive Plan presented by Jason Finnerty earlier in the meeting.

*Supervisor Brad Sloop offered that the initial tractor proposal included a front bucket attachment in the specifications.*

Jaelyn Green of Lone Oak Drive signed the participation sheet but had no comment.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING:** With no further business or discussion before the Board, the meeting adjourned on a Sabo/Sloop motion at 8:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer