

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 21, 2024**

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PRESENT: Chairman Jim M. Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean M. Fedder, Supervisor Brad L. Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer, Daisy Lightner, EMC Jim Cassidy, Elected Auditor, Cathy Sabo, Curt Whitmer, Scott Schatz of SEI, Stephenson's Equipment, Inc., Jim Johnson of New Enterprise, and Solicitor Michael Pykosh.

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: John Schulze

The meeting was held at the municipal building. Chairman Sabo convened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with the accurate preparation of the minutes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Sabo announced an Executive Session was held on Tuesday May 14, 2024 for personnel matters.

Chairman Sabo referred to comments he made at the April board meeting relating to a concern with the office hours. He did not want the comments provided to cause anyone to think that he ignored the concern expressed. But restated the Board's policy to be flexible when necessary.

Chairman Sabo clarified and explained the procedure to receive public comments during the times provided on the meeting agenda. He requested that anyone wishing to participate do so at the appropriate time provided either during the meeting, which is citizen participation for items on the agenda, or at the end of the meeting during the public participation period.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Sabo welcomed everyone and asked if there was anyone who would like to offer comments at this time on items listed on the agenda. No comments were offered.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Chairman Sabo read a Zoning Report presented by Zoning Officer, Max Stoner listing twelve (12) activities from April 11 through and including May 20, 2024 including certificates of use, zoning permits, and enforcement notices.

The report was placed on the front table for public review. No fees were listed as due at this time.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice Chairman Fedder to approve the Sewage Enforcement Report submitted by SEO Lenny Sizer of Frederick Seibert Associates listing four (4) activities: percs and probes for Barlup lot in the 2700 Block of SR 850 and percs and probes for 311+ acres owned by Yingst for a total due in fees of \$ 1,180.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Road Report was provided and read by Road Foreman Brad Sloop. Activities included: Spring Bulk Clean-up, mowed and trimmed at the Township building; trimmed trees at Lone Oak Drive and Cherry and Woods Drives; repaired a drain on Spruce Road; saw cut Oak Grove Road to

install drain pipes prior to paving; cleaned up a downed tree on Cove Road and met with prospective bidders on 2024 road projects.

Recreation Board member Nancy Sunday reported that unfortunately with the all the rain recently, the Fishing Derby was cancelled. She announced the next event scheduled as follows:

June 8 - 9:00-3:00 PM, Strawberry Festival held at the Bethel Church on Grier Point Road in conjunction with the Community Day sponsored by the Church. The strawberries and ice cream and cakes are free to all. The church will be selling sandwiches, soup, and beverages. Stop out and join us!

EMC Jim Cassidy **Emergency Management Report** introduced resident Curt Whitmer who is willing to accept appointment as the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. This position was left vacant with the resignation of Mike Rugh earlier this year. Curt also serves as the Deputy Coroner for the County and is a trained EMT. EMC Cassidy offered that he would work with Curt to get his training for certification in hopes that he would eventually assume his position as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Jim Cassidy would step down and offered to continue to serve as the Deputy EMC.

The Board thanked Curt for his willingness to come forward and accept the appointment. Solicitor Pykosh advised adding the appointment to the June meeting agenda to assure compliance with the Sunshine Law.

The **April Treasurer's Report** was submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. The report is submitted and approved pending the 2024 Financial Audit.

ORDINANCE: With proof of publication on file for this Ordinance, Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Ordinance 24-01**, which authorizes the closing of a section of Grier Point Road to through traffic to permit the Bethel Church to safely hold a Community Day on June 8, 2024 from 9 AM to approximately 8 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 24-15**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer a matured Road Equipment Cd at Pennian Bank and reinvest the funds in a 12 month Cd at Pennian Bank at 4.75%. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 24-16**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer the matured 2024 Liquid Fuels Allocation Cd at Mid Penn Bank and deposit it into the Liquid Fuels Checking account to keep it liquid until withdrawn for payment of 2024 paving projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to adopt **Resolution 24-17**, which approves the withdrawal at maturity of three American Rescue Plan, (ARP) certificates of deposit held at Pennian Bank and Cetera Investments Group and deposit them into the designated ARP money market at Pennian Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jim Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 24-18** to transfer a General Savings Cd at Mid Penn Bank to a special nine (9) month Cd at a rate of 5.35% for a better rate of investment return. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Sabo read the **2023 Tax Collector's Audit** presented by elected auditors: Cathy Sabo, Deb Lucas and Vickie Broughton. Vice Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to accept the 2023 Tax Collector's audit report. Motion carried unanimously. The report was placed on the front table for public review.

The Board received an updated quote from Scott Schatz of Stephenson Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a new tractor/mower. Road Equipment Supervisor Sloop explained the new quote, which includes a 6000M Series John Deere tractor and a 2024 Diamond Model Cradle Boom mower with a four-function control Joystick. The 4-wheel drive tractor includes better tires-Nokia brand, and a Q link that allows for attachments to be mounted on the front of the tractor and easily removed, such as a snow blower or broom. Total quote for the purchase under consideration is \$220,190.59.

Discussion ensued. Chairman Sabo suggested for safety reasons the addition of a camera that records in front and the rear of tractor. The Board agreed. Scott Schatz of SEI Equipment indicated he would research the camera option and get back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: The bid request for **road resurfacing** was advertised in the Duncannon Record on April 11 and April 18, 2024. Proof of publication is on file in the Township office for resurfacing of Stiles Drive, including the cul-de-sac, Hickory Street, including the cul-de-sac, Oak Grove Road, the upper portion of Reed Drive from Woods Drive to Maranatha Drive, and a portion of Lambs Gap Road including several areas of base repair. Four (4) bids were read and announced by Chairman Sabo as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Glenn Hawbaker, Inc.	\$186,930.00
Pennsy Supply Inc.	\$169,896.00
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	\$151,720.00
Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc.	\$158,008.04

Upon due consideration of the bids received and with all bid bonds in place, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to award the 2024 Road Project bid to the overall lowest responsible bidder: New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. for \$151,720.00 conditional upon the receipt of required contract paperwork and a 100% performance bond. Motion carried unanimously. The secretary indicated she would prepare the contract documents and provide them to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co.

Jim Johnson, of New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., thanked the Board and left the meeting at this time.

Solicitor Pykosh provided an update to the 22 Bellview Road property violation. He referenced a structural report received from Township engineer, Max Stoner, PE, indicating the structure on the property is in a state of blight and uninhabitable. He noted that the occupant/owner is deceased. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed and directed the Solicitor to send a letter to the co-owner/heir to notify them that the structure on the property is deemed uninhabitable and condemned and to contact the solicitor and provide a written plan of action within a specified period of time to remedy the situation.

The Rye Township Planning Commission, the Perry County Planning Commission and the Solicitor reviewed the proposed amendment to the Zoning Chapter 360 which includes regulations for principal solar energy systems, PSES. With all reviews complete and comments addressed and in consultation with legal counsel, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for a public hearing to be held at 6:30 PM immediately before the June 25, 2024 meeting to receive public comment and a notice to consider of the intent to adopt Ordinance 24-02 regulating principal solar energy systems at the board meeting immediately following. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- May 27 –Office closed - Memorial Day; weekly trash collection rescheduled to Wednesday, May 29
- June 8 – Strawberry Festival, 7-3 PM. Rain or Shine. Free Event! Come out and join us at the Bethel Church on Grier Point Road for fresh local berries, shortcakes, ice cream and whipped topping. This event is held in conjunction with Bethel Church’s Community Day. The church will also be selling food and beverages.

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

General Fund Check’s #s 17951-17968 in the amount of \$12,441.51. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8349-8353 in the amount of \$4,344.49. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8354-8361 in the amount of \$5,116.01. No payroll checks void.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Sabo checked the comment participation sheet. The following resident signed the participation sheet:

John Schulze commented on the tractor/mower purchase and asked about public review of the proposed solar ordinance prior to the public hearing.

Chairman Sabo offered that the final draft of the solar ordinance would be posted on the Township website at the time of publication of the ad in the local newspaper.

ADJOURN THE MEETING: With no further business or discussion before the Board, Chairman Sabo thanked everyone for coming and made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:58 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer