

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
July 23, 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman James M. Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean M. Fedder, Supervisor Brad L. Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer Daisy Lightner, Clerk Nancy Sunday, and Solicitor Mike Pykosh.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT:** John Schulze

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Sabo welcomed everyone and convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with the more accurate preparation of minutes.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chairman Sabo made a motion and Vice-Chairman Fedder seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held to receive comments on the "Solar Ordinance" on June 25, 2024 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** The Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer Max Stoner of JHA Companies listing one (1) permit issued for a shed on Lone Oak Drive.

No July Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by SEO Lenny Sizer of FSA Engineering.

The Road Report for July was provided and read by Road Foreman Brad Sloop as follows: Cleaned up downed trees from storms on various roadways; mow along various roads; mow grass at Township building; oversee paving projects-New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co.; cut up numerous dead trees along Lambs Gap Road; work on Deans Gap Road installing millings; welded cracks found on mower #10; and repaired hydraulic hose on #10 tractor/mower.

Recreation Board member Nancy Sunday was present and reported a successful "Old Tyme Sundaes" event with approximately 85 people in attendance. She announced the following upcoming event: Sunday, August 4, 2024 "Chili Cookoff" from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Hot dogs and snacks will also be provided free of charge. Bethel Church will also be offering homemade ice cream for sale.

No Emergency Management Report was provided.

The June Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary/Treasurer. The report is on file in the Township office and approved pending the 2024 Financial Audit.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt Resolution 24-20, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer at maturity a certificate of deposit at Mid Penn Bank designated for the Comp Plan into a 9 month Certificate of deposit at the Mid Penn Bank at 5.35%. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 24-21**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer at maturity a Certificate of Deposit designated for Future Guiderail into a 12 month Certificate of Deposit at Pennian Bank at 4.75%. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** An update on the JHA contracts from the June meeting was provided. The Solicitor reviewed the terms and conditions and recommended revisions were sent to Max Stoner, PE. Mr. Stoner offered that JHA is working through the revisions, and he expects a response in the near future.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to accept the resignation from Zoning Hearing Board member Barbara Holley with regrets effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to appoint Anthony Leer to fill the position on the Zoning Hearing Board left vacant with the resignation of Barbara Holley. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to accept the resignation from Recreation Board member Robert Lightner with regrets effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to appoint Barbara Fitzsimmons to the Recreation Board to fill the position left vacant with the resignation of Robert Lightner. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to authorize the Solicitor to review and make any recommendations to revise and update the Rye Township Employee Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- ◆ August 4, 2024 “First Ever Chili Cookoff”, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at Bethel Independent Church on Grier Point Road.
- ◆ August 6, 2024 Planning Commission meeting; 7:30 PM at the Township building. Jason Finnerty of Perry County Planning Commission will be in attendance.
- ◆ September 2, 2024, “Labor Day Holiday”, Office Closed; Trash will be collected Wednesday, September 4, 2024.
- ◆ September 14, 2024 “; 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Fishing Derby Rescheduled. Held at the Marysville Sportsmen’s Association. Come early to register your children.

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

General Fund Check #s 18001-18016 in the amount of \$25,160.55. No expense checks were voided during processing.

Payroll checks #s 8377-8382 in the amount of \$4,852.11. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8383-8386 in the amount of \$4,565.47. No payroll checks void.

Upon due consideration of the bills presented for approval, 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 Participation Sheet for those asking to address the Board on a specific subject other than what is on the agenda and recognized the following:

John Schulze of Lee Drive commented on the policy for purchase of Township equipment by Supervisors and employees, the New Valley Road culvert project, resignations from and appointments to Boards and Commissions, and the public's review of the draft Employee Handbook update before adoption.

Vice-Chairman Fedder thanked Secretary/Treasurer Daisy Lightner, Clerk Nancy Sunday, Floodplain Administrator Gordon Warren, and Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Cassidy for their time and effort in working together to complete the required forms for Rye Township's Multi Hazardous Mitigation Plan and returning them to the consulting firm in the short time requested before the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Solicitor Pykosh offered that he researched the law relating to the purchase of Township equipment by an elected Supervisor. He advised that as long as the sale of the equipment is properly advertised and is available on like terms to everyone on a public site, then there is no violation of the Ethics Law. This does not prohibit the Board from establishing their own policy regarding the sale and purchase of Township equipment by Supervisors and employees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Sabo announced that the Board of Supervisors will be holding an executive session for personnel issues immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Board, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:42 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer