

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

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PRESENT: Chairman Jim M. Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean M. Fedder, Supervisor Brad L. Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer Daisy Lightner, Clerk Nancy Sunday, Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Cassidy and Deputy EMC Curt Whitmer, Elected Auditor Cathy Sabo, Kimberly Grundon, Jaclyn Greene, and R. Bruce Crelin, Esquire.

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: John Schulze

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Sabo invited everyone to observe a moment of silence.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Sabo opened the floor for citizen participation. Kimberly Grundon of the Perry County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was in attendance and requested the Board approve and sign a Proclamation for Constitution Week - September 17 through September 23. Kimberly explained that September 17, 2024 marks the 237th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to proclaim the week of September 17 to September 23, 2024 as Constitution Week to reaffirm the ideals of the Fammers of the Constitution by protecting the freedoms guaranteed to all. Motion carried unanimously. The Board signed the Proclamation and a copy was provided to Ms. Grundon. Ms. Grundon left the meeting at this time.

There was no further citizen participation at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Zoning Officer Max Stoner, PE of JHA/Glace Associates submitted a **Zoning Report** for August listing eight (8) activities: three (3) Certificates of Use issued; four (4) Zoning permits and one (1) demolition permit issued. No invoice was received with the report.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the **July Sewage Enforcement Report** submitted by SEO Lenny Sizer of FSA Engineering and to approve payment of the same listing six (6) activities with a total due in fees in the amount of \$2,325.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The **Road Report** for August was provided and read by Road Foreman Brad Sloop as follows: mowed along various Township roads; picked up cold patch and patched pot holes throughout the Township; mowed Marysville Lions Park for Marysville Borough; mowed and trimmed grass at Township building; cleaned out drains on the dirt roads; Call out to close Heisley Lane with Tropical Storm Debby; installed reflector posts on Mountain Road; repaired head wall on Lambs

Gap Road culvert; cleaned up downed tree on Pine Hill Road; repaired shoulder and around headwall from wash out at culvert on New Valley Road near Tower Road from TS Debby and general clean up of debris and mud from several mudslides on roadways from TS Debby that occurred on August 9, 2024.

Recreation Board member Nancy Sunday was present and reported that the "First Ever Chili Cook-Off" event was a success with eleven (11) entries and between 40-50 in attendance. She announced the following upcoming events:

Saturday, September 14 – Fishing Derby Rescheduled; 9-10:30 PM; Marysville Sportsmen's Association. Please bring the children early around 8:30 am to register. Hot dogs, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Saturday, October 19 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Halloween Celebration – Marysville Lions Club Park. A joint event with Marysville Lions Club. Custom judging and hotdogs/snacks/ beverages in the building. The Scouts will provide a haunted trail. Hayrides and face painting. Prizes awarded for various age groups. Mid Penn Bank will be providing

No **Emergency Management Report** was presented. EMC Jim Cassidy introduced newly appointed Deputy EMC Curt Whitmer.

The **July 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: Upon due consideration Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 24-22**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to make payment from the Highway Aid Fund and the General Fund for the 2024 Road paving projects completed by New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc. and to transfer the remaining funds combined with a Highway Aid Easy Access Cd from Pennian Bank into a six-month Cd for a better rate of investment return. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that this Certificate would be combined with the 2025 State Allocation when received in March 2025 and deposited into a short-term Cd for a better rate of investment return.

Upon due consideration Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 24-23**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer at maturity two CDs - one at Mid Penn Bank designated for Underground Storage Tanks and one at the Bank of Landisburg designated for Road Equipment to Mid Penn Bank in Marysville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo read Resolution 24-24 in its entirety. Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 24-24** establishing policies for anonymous right-to-know requests. No requests made by Anonymous Requesters will be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Recommended revisions to the contract agreement with JHA were made by the Township solicitor and sent to JHA for review. JHA recently returned their review comments, which were sent back to the Township Solicitor for a final review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to designate Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6 PM to 8 PM as Trick or Treat Night in Rye Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the purchase of a refurbished Kyocera, office copier, formerly Copy Star, in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Executive Image Solutions located in Lemoyne and to also approve a maintenance agreement at \$.01 per copy billed quarterly, which includes all

toner and service. The machine will be networked with the two main computers and have the capability to scan and print documents up to ledger size 11" X 17". Motion carried unanimously.

EMC Jim Cassidy and Deputy EMC Curt Whitmer discussed a concern with the lack of capacity to communicate with the emergency services in this area except with cell phones. There are several dead zones within the Township where cell phone service has trouble making or keeping the connection. During a discussion with Shermans Dale Fire Chief Mike Minnich, they were made aware that Shermans Dale Fire Company has several used Motorola 16 Watt radios available for purchase.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to purchase four (4) radios at the cost of \$2,000 each for a total of \$8,000.00 from the Shermans Dale Fire Company contingent upon approval from Perry County 911 Dispatch Center to adding units to their call center. Motion carried unanimously. EMC Cassidy indicated he would confirm with the Perry County Dispatch Center.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to accept the resignation of Stephen Smith from the Zoning Hearing Board, ZHB, with regrets effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

There were two candidates interested in filling the vacancy on the ZHB: Sherri Cloward and Jerry Oberdorf. Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to appoint Jerry Oberdorf to fill the position on the Zoning Hearing Board left vacant with the resignation of Stephen Smith. Motion carried unanimously. The Board expressed appreciation to both residents for their willingness to serve.

Act 205 of 1984, as amended, governs the funding requirements for all municipal pension plans. Daisy Lightner as the Chief Administrative Officer of the pension plans informed the governing board of the plan's expected financial obligation for the coming year as required before the last business day in September.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion and Chairman Sabo seconded to accept the **2025 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation, (MMO) at \$21,015.00 and the 2025 Cash Balance, (CB) Plan 2 at \$1,950.00 and the 2025 Uniform, (Police) Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation, MMO at \$0.00, (Zero)**. Motion carried. The record notes Supervisor Sloop abstained because of a possible conflict of interest as he is a full-time employee enrolled in the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. The record notes the MMO or the Minimum Municipal Obligation is the annual pension invoice.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- ◆ September 2, Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday. Trash collection Wednesday, September 4.
- ◆ September 10, Planning Commission rescheduled due to Labor Day Holiday, 7:30 PM;
- ◆ September 14, Kid's Annual Fishing Derby rescheduled. 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Marysville Sportsmen's Association. Arrive around 8:30 AM to register the children.

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

August General Fund Checks #s 18017-18042 in the amount of \$66,216.55. No checks void.
Payroll checks #s 8387-8391 in the amount of \$4,694.29. No payroll checks void.
Payroll checks #s 8392-8396 in the amount of \$4,727.10. No payroll checks void.
Highway Aid Check #743 in the amount of \$124,000.00 issued to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. for the Highway Aid Fund's share of payment of the 2024 road paving projects. No checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to approve for payment all the expense and payroll checks submitted except for check # 18039. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve check number 18039 issued to Brad Sloop. Motion carried. Supervisor Sloop abstained because of a possible conflict of interest as he is a full-time employee enrolled in the health insurance benefits provided by the Township.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Sabo checked the Participation Sheet for those requesting to address the Board on a specific subject other than what is on the agenda. Chairman Sabo recognized the following:

Deputy EMC Curt Whitmer mentioned an upcoming pipeline training session to be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Shermans Dale Fire Company. Curt Whitmer and Jim Cassidy indicated they plan to attend. A small section of pipeline is located at the northern end of Pine Hill Road in the western end of the Township.

John Schulze of Lee Drive commented on the traffic control signage installed on Heisley Lane as a result of the recent storm damage from TS Debby, and culvert pipe inspections.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion or business before the Board, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 PM. Chairman Sabo thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer