

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 24, 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean Fedder, Supervisor Brad Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer, Daisy Lightner, EMC Jim Cassidy and Deputy EMC Curt Whitmer, Elected Auditor, Cathy Sabo, Jaclyn Green, Luke Roman of the Duncannon Record, Lieutenant Kempton Preston, and Solicitor Michael Pykosh.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT:** John Schulze

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman Jim 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 observed a moment of silent prayer. He announced the passing of former tax collector Stanley Humbert and expressed his condolences to the family. Stanley was not only a great tax collector, but an all-around great person along with his wife, Barbaranne Humbert, who passed in 2019.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo opened the floor for citizen participation on items on the agenda. None was offered.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:** Lieutenant Kempton Preston introduced himself as the new station commander at the Newport State Police Barricks replacing former station commander, Lieutenant Tallman, who was promoted and transferred to another station in the Hershey area. He provided a brief six month summary report from March to July 2024 of activities in Rye Township: 10 crashes; 6 DUIs; 8 thefts; 5 assaults; and 0 burglaries.

Supervisor Sloop mentioned a concern with speed enforcement along SR 850. Chairman Sabo offered that he spoke with PSP Trooper Everett recently in the Township who provided information on traffic enforcement along SR 850. The trooper explained details for monitoring and enforcement of speed along roadways:

1. A trooper has to have a good location when monitoring for speed to pull over the speeder in a safe area where the trooper and the offender will not be hit by traveling vehicles. A good line of sight is necessary for the use of radar. Safety of all is of the utmost importance. No speeding violation is more important than a life.
2. Troopers are hesitant to use a resident's driveway to enforce speed because the offender may think the resident had something to do with the enforcement.
3. There are State laws that require a specified distance from the speed zone change before the speed limit can be enforced. For example, a police officer cannot sit at the area where speed changes 55 to 45 mph and issue tickets.

All of the above limit the areas available for speed enforcement along all roadways.

Chairman Sabo noted an illegal dumping incident he witnessed at the southern end at the top of Lambs Gap Road. He provided the Lieutenant the license number. Lieutenant Preston offered to follow up and investigate the concern as scattering rubbish.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** No Zoning Report was presented by Zoning Officer, Max Stoner of JHA & Company.

No Sewage Enforcement Report was presented by SEO Lenny Sizer of FSA.

The September Road Report was presented and read by Supervisor Brad Sloop as follows: mowed throughout the Township for a second mowing, work on #10 Tractor/mower; cleaned up downed trees and limbs throughout the Township; cold patched throughout the Township; mowed grass at the Township building; cleaned ditches along the back roads; took #3 dump truck for new tires; sprayed #1 and #2 dump trucks with rust inhibitor; and washed and waxed #1 and #2 dump trucks.

No Recreation Board report was presented.

EMC Jim Cassidy and Deputy EMC Curt Whitmer provided an Emergency Management Report focusing on the great training session they attended on September 7, 2024 at the Shermans Dale Fire Company. They noted and appreciated that a check was on the agenda to Shermans Dale Fire Company for payment of the four (4) Motorola radios that were approved for purchase at the August Supervisors' meeting.

The August Treasurer's Report was submitted and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. With no further discussion, the reports were accepted as read pending final approval of the independent auditors. She further reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter tax distributions were paid to the fire companies, the ambulance, and the library. Checks are also on the register for approval tonight of the payment of the Foreign Fire Relief monies distributed 50% to Marysville & 50% to Shermans Dale Fire Relief Funds.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve Resolution 24-25, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to renew a General Fund Checking Cd at Mid Penn Bank into a like term of three (3) months with the same designation to continue a better rate of investment through December. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve Resolution 24-26, which authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to make budgetary transfers in the amount of \$16,000 to the 2024 General Fund Budget. Motion carried unanimously. The record notes the transfers do not change the bottom line of the budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Solicitor Pykosh offered that JHA provided two revised contract agreements: one for zoning activities and one for engineering/miscellaneous activities. Upon reviews and several exchanges, the agreements received were still missing some of the revisions discussed and agreed upon.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve and sign the two contracts for professional services from JHA contingent upon all of the Solicitor's revisions being made to the terms and conditions and final approval by the Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the Ryan Michael Salvage Yard License and Highline Auto Parts, David Bair, Salvage Yard License for the year beginning October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 contingent upon a satisfactory on-site inspection revealing no outstanding violations, and a satisfactory report and recommendation from the Zoning Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to keep the total amount of the State Aid for Municipal Pension System Allocation received for 2024 from the Department of the Auditor General in the amount of **\$18,874.66** in the General Fund Checking

Account at Mid Penn Bank to reimburse the General Fund to help defray the cost of the 2024 MMO previously paid to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, PMRS, check number 17940 issued in the amount of \$19,061 on April 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Supervisor Sloop abstained due to a potential conflict of interest since he is a full-time employee of the Township and enrolled in the Township's non-uniform pension plan.

Chairman Sabo announced that Secretary/Treasurer, Daisy Lightner will be retiring with 32 years of service in 2025. Those in attendance showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise to hire for the position of full-time Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. The Board suggested the placement of the advertisement in the Duncannon Record, the Patriot News, PSATS magazine, and on the Township website.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- September 26, 7:00 PM, ZHB Variance Hearing – 11 Ridge Road
- October 1, Planning Commission, 7:30 PM. November PC meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, November 6, 2024 due to Election Day.
- October 10, Budget Workshop, 6:30 PM
- October 14, Columbus Day Holiday; Office Closed; No change in weekly trash collection schedule.
- October 19, Community Halloween Party, 6-8 PM; Marysville Lions Club Building
- October 24, Budget Workshop, 6:30 PM

**APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/Treasurer provided a September 2024 expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval, signature, and payment:

General Fund Check #s 18043-18072 in the amount of \$33,970.96.

Payroll checks #s 8397-8402 in the amount of \$ 4,670.74. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8403-8408 in the amount of \$ 4,541.05. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve all the checks and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously. The Board signed the checks following the adjournment of the meeting.

**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. Chairman Sabo recognized the following:

John Schulze of Lee Drive commented on hiring of office staff, Township resolutions, and costs for traffic control signage listed and approved for payment on the check register.

*Chairman Sabo offered that the signage and traffic control devices, which were purchased for Heisley Lane for the one lane road restriction resulting from damage caused by TS Debby, were approved by the Township engineer.*

Jaclyn Green of Lone Oak Drive commented about providing a time of overlapping to assist with training of the new office hire.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer