

**H RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
January 28, 2025**

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PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Sean Fedder, Supervisor Brad Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer, Daisy Lightner, Driveway Permit Officer, Eric Simmons, Clerk, Nancy Sunday, Elected Auditor, Cathy Sabo, EMC Jim Cassidy, Deputy EMC, Curt Whitmer, Floodplain Administrator, Gordon Warren, Township Zoning Officer and Engineer, Max Stoner, Jason Finnerty of Perry County Planning Commission, and Solicitor Michael Pykosh.

EXCUSED: Supervisor Jim Sabo

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: John Schulze

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM. Vice-Chairman Fedder convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A quorum of the Board was established.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Vice-Chairman Fedder observed a moment of silence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCED: Solicitor Mike Pykosh announced that the Board held an Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting to discuss potential litigation relevant to a recent development that took place at the Rye Township Community Association, RTCA, Park.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Vice-Chairman Fedder asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Sloop made a motion and Vice-Chairman Fedder seconded to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025 Organization meeting as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: The December Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer, Max Stoner, PE, with one (1) activity listed, which involved a Notice of Violation for 1799 New Valley Road, the Rye Township Community Association park.

Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve the January Sewage Enforcement Report submitted by SEO Lenny Sizer of FSA Engineering listing one (1) activity and to further approve payment due in the amount of \$175.00. Motion carried.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman John Ritter, Jr. and read by Road Superintendent and Supervisor Brad Sloop. Most of the work completed involved either winter maintenance with snow plowing or repair and service of equipment: install new spinner disc and new spinner motor on dump truck #3, install new cutting edge on truck #1, install new carrier bearing on salt spreader on truck #2, install new hydraulic hoses on the plow on truck #4, and take truck #4 and truck #3 to L B Smith for repairs.

Nancy Sunday of the Recreation Board Report was present and announced that the Board met to reorganize and discuss upcoming events. Two events are scheduled: April 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm - "History Night" with local historian, Brian Hummel and the "Annual Fishing Derby" on May 17 with a rain date of Sunday, May 18. She noted that the February meeting was cancelled.

EMC Jim Cassidy was present along with Assistant EMC Curt Whitmer to provide a verbal Emergency Management report. Assistant EMC Whitmer provided an update on the radios. He received the four (4) radios from Shermans Dale Fire Company and they are in his garage. Curt contacted Bill Moyer to discuss maintenance and the FCC license. EMC Whitmer explained that the FCC license will need changed to authorize the use of VHF, very high frequency channels for compatibility with local emergency channels. The Secretary/treasurer offered that the old license recently renewed. She offered to check if the existing license could be amended in gaining the FCC license for VHF frequency. It was also noted that the receipt for the purchase and payment of the radios was not yet received from Shermans Dale Fire Company. Curt and Supervisor Sloop offered to follow-up.

The December Treasurer's Report was presented and read by the Secretary/Treasurer and approved pending the independent audit. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that the 2024 Financial Audit is scheduled for February 5 through February 7.

RESOLUTION: Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 25-10**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer a matured Future Land Purchase CD at the Bank of Landisburg to a different term of 19 months at 3.80%. Motion carried.

Upon due consideration, Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 25-11**, which amends the 2024 Fee Schedule with said fees becoming effective February 1, 2025. Motion carried. The 2025 Fee Schedule will be posted on the Township's website.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve and sign the 2025 Shermans Dale Fire Company annual contract. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to re-appoint Darlene Campbell to a five-year term on the Recreation Board with the term expiring on 12/31/2029. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to work with Pennsylvania Municipal Services, PAMS, for the purposes of taking legal action, if necessary, to collect delinquent trash accounts. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to authorize the Solicitor to enforce the Township ordinances including, but not limited to the Floodplain Ordinance, relative to the recent development at the Park. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare requests for proposal, (RFP) for the Spring Clean-up in May. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder noted that in compliance with the Second-Class Township Code, the Elected Auditors met and voted to establish compensation for 2025 for a supervisor who works as an employee of the Township. The rate will be \$15.00 per hour for all positions.

Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to accept the following certification of Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes for the 2025 tax duplicate received from Tax Collector, Rebecca Schulze:

<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
\$172,124.46	\$9,235.00

Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Fedder announced the following:

- ◆ The office will be closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17, 2025 with no change in trash collection.
- ◆ February 4, 2025 Planning Commission meeting is cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025.
- ◆ Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 2025. Details will follow in the Spring Newsletter.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a January 28, 2025 expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment:

General Fund Check #s 18198-18220 in the amount of \$19,910.89. No checks void.

Payroll check #s 8452-8457 in the amount of \$6,085.42. No payroll checks void.

Payroll check #s 8458-8466 in the amount of \$8,622.58. No payroll checks void

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Supervisor Sloop made a motion and Vice-Chairman Fedder seconded to approve and sign all checks presented for payment. Motion carried. Checks were signed following the meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Jason Finnerty of the Perry County Planning Commission was present to invite and encourage the Township to consider participation in the "Picture Perry" County-wide Comprehensive Plan, which would then become the municipal comprehensive plan. He noted examples of amendments proposed to the plan. Jason commended the Board for their brief meeting, expressed appreciation that he could be heard, and left the meeting at this time.

John Schulze of Lee Drive commented about multiple subjects: the applications for senior and low income trash; the wages set by the Elected Auditors for supervisors working as employees; the part-time clerk position; and the Notice of Violation involving the RTCA.

Elected Auditor, Cathy Sabo commented and provided clarification on the wages set for supervisors by the elected auditors.

Max Stoner of JHA Companies expressed appreciation to the Board for his reappointment as Zoning Officer and Township Engineer.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further discussion or business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer