

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
February 25, 2025**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Jim M. Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean M. Fedder, Supervisor Brad L. Sloop, Secretary/Treasurer Daisy Lightner, Driveway Officer Eric Simmons, Clerk, Nancy Sunday, Elected Auditor Cathy Sabo, Floodplain Administrator, Gordon Warren, ZHB Chairman, John-Thomas Graupensperger, William Kretchman, and Solicitor Michael Pykosh.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT:** John Schulze

Supervisor Sabo convened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with the accurate preparation of the minutes.

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo welcomed everyone and asked if there was any citizen participation for items on the agenda at this time. None was offered.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2024 supervisors' meeting as submitted and the minutes of the January 28, 2025 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried. Chairman Sabo abstained from the vote since he was not in attendance at the meetings.

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

No Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by **SEO Lenny Sizer** of Frederick Seibert Associates, (FSA).

The Road Report was provided by John Ritter, Jr., Road Foreman and read by Supervisor Brad Sloop as follows: plowed snow, salt and cindered roads; mixed salt & cinders; repaired the edge of the road that gave way at a cross pipe on Lambs Gap Road, spent multiple days cleaning up and organizing the shop, took scrap metal to Raven's Recycling, repaired anti-freeze leak on Truck #1, installed new cutting edges on Trucks #1 and #4, took Truck #1 to Turners for hydraulic repair, took Truck #4 to L. B. Smiths in Lemoyne for engine light on and turbo making noise, and installed new hydraulic lines on plow on Truck #2.

No Recreation Board Report was presented since their February meeting was cancelled. Recreation Board secretary, Nancy Sunday was present and announced the following upcoming event:

- April 10 at 7:00 PM, An "Evening of History" with Brian Hummel at the Township municipal building. Light refreshments and beverages will be served. She invited all to attend.

No Emergency Management Report was presented.

The January Treasurer's Report was submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. The report is submitted and approved pending the 2025 Financial Audit.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 25-12**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer a matured General Savings Cd from Mid Penn Bank to the Bank of Landisburg, to a 19 month Cd at 3.8%. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 25-13**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer the 2025 Liquid Fuels Allocation when received electronically in March from the Bank of Landisburg Highway Aid Money Market account and combine it with a matured Liquid Fuels Cd at Mid Penn Bank and transfer the total of both Cds into a 3 month Liquid Fuels CD at Mid Penn Bank for a better rate of investment return and upon maturity, deposit it into the Highway Aid checking account bearing 1.30 % for liquidity until utilized for payment of future road projects. The amount of funds to be received for the Liquid Fuels Allocation CD is \$118,268.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Solicitor Michael Pykosh offered that he received an email from Rebecca Schulze, President of the Rye Township Community Association, RTCA, on February 21, 2025 stating that they received the Notice of Violation, NOV, letter dated January 30, 2025 on February 1, 2025. Solicitor Pykosh summarized the NOV letter stating it provided for a thirty (30) calendar day appeal period to the Zoning Hearing Board, ZHB. The request from the RTCA was to extend the period to respond from March 2, 2025 to May 2, 2025 with reasons given: to converse with professionals, to coordinate with the PA DEP concerning floodway management, and to await a response to a right to know request.

Solicitor Pykosh recommended that the Board deny the request for a time extension, because the RTCA received a “Cease and Desist” letter from the Township Zoning Officer and the fence contractor was also notified. The RTCA ignored the “Cease and Desist” letter and continued to construct the fence. In addition, if the RTCA appeals the NOV to the ZHB, the ZHB is required to schedule a meeting within sixty (60) days of the date of appeal. The RTCA could request a continuance at that point in time if needed from the ZHB.

Upon due consideration and at the recommendation of the Solicitor, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to deny the February 21, 2025 time extension request received in an email from RTCA President, Rebecca Schulze. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Two proposals for the **Spring Bulk Clean-up** in May were received: one from Tiger Trash of Manchester and one from Penn Waste of York. Total haul cost per roll-off quoted from Tiger Trash is \$275.00 with a tipping fee cost of \$120.00 per ton with most items going for disposal to the incinerator in Harrisburg. Penn Waste proposed a haul cost of \$370.00 per roll off with a \$121.00 per ton tipping fee. Dumpsters for scrap metal would be provided free of charge by both companies.

Discussion ensued. Upon due consideration, Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to remain with **Tiger Trash** and accept the **Bulk Clean-Up** proposal received from them conditional upon the receipt of proof of compliance with CDL testing. Motion carried unanimously. The secretary indicated she would prepare the acceptance letter and proposal for signatures.

Supervisor Sloop made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to participate in the **State CoStars (Piggyback) Bulk Salt contract** and to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to complete the application online for 140 tons of salt, which obligates the Township to purchase at least 60% of the contract, or 84 tons for the year beginning in August 2025 to July 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to grant a second time extension request letter to the 2025 June supervisors' meeting for the **Final Minor Subdivision Land Development Plan for Justin and Randy L. Barlup** to allow for more time to address numerous review comments from the Planning Commission and the Township engineer and to gain various approvals. The date of the June supervisors' meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve a simple contract for mowing of **Oak Grove Cemetery** with Edgar Lingle of Rye Township at the cost of \$120.00 per mowing with the maximum of 11 mowings with additional mowings as authorized by the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve two **flood hazard mitigation opportunity forms** for submission to the County for inclusion in the County-wide Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The two areas involved are: 1) Pine Hill Road at the bridge and 2) New Valley Road culvert located near the Tower Road intersection. Both areas overtop the Township roadway during extreme precipitation events.

Discussion ensued on the Pine Hill Road flooding hazard and a nearby private driveway culvert in need of replacement at 35 Pine Hill Road that is undersized and damaged and adds to the water overtopping the public roadway. It was noted that the 40+ acre property addressed as 35 Pine Hill Road, upon which the culvert is located, is scheduled to be sold at a public auction on April 26, 2025 by Fahnstock Auctions. Solicitor Pykosh advised that the Secretary, Tom Graupensperger and Gordon Warren work together to compile a notice to send to the auctioneer so any interested buyers are made aware of the concern and the need for replacement.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to table any action on hiring for the position of secretary/treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to reschedule the May Board of Supervisors' meeting to Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM due to Primary Election Day on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- ◆ March 5 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM.
- ◆ March 9 Daylight savings time; spring forward and turn your clocks ahead
- ◆ April 10 An "Evening of History" with Brian Hummel at 7:00 PM at the Township building.
- ◆ April 18 Good Friday, Office Closed with no change in weekly trash collection
- ◆ Annual Spring Bulk Clean-up - Friday, May 2 from 6 AM to 1:45 PM and Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon

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

General Fund Check's #s 18221-18251 in the amount of \$33,426.58. Void check # 17990 lost in transit.

Payroll checks #s 8467-8473 in the amount of \$5,521.71. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8474-8479 in the amount of \$5,890.58. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to approve payment of the bills, except for check # 18246 issued to Cathy Sabo and # 18248 issued to Brad Sloop. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve payment of check # 18246 issued to Cathy Sabo for the tax collector audit. Motion carried. Chairman Sabo abstained due to a conflict of interest since Cathy is his spouse.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to approve payment of check #18248 issued to Brad Sloop for medical expense reimbursement from December of 2024. Motion carried. Supervisor Sloop abstained due to a conflict of interest, because he was an employee of the Township in December of 2024.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo checked the public participation comment sheet and opened the floor for those who signed up to participate.

John Schulze of Lee Drive signed the participation sheet, but had no further comment.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING:** With no further business or discussion before the Board, the meeting adjourned on a Sabo/Sloop motion at 7:36 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer