

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

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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, Fred Roberts, Bill Kretchman, Gordon Warren, John-Thomas Graupensperger, Elected Auditor, Catherine Sabo, Jackie Green, and Solicitor Michael Pykosh.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT:** John Schulze

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:01 PM. Chairman Sabo convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with a more accurate preparation of minutes.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER:** Chairman Sabo invited all to observe a moment of silent prayer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCED:** Chairman Sabo announced an Executive Session held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues involving Item G under New Business - "Hiring of the Secretary/Treasurer".

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 supervisors' meeting submitted with a minor clarification. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** The Zoning Report was presented by Max Stoner, PE of JHA Company, Zoning Officer, listing the issuance of one (1) zoning permit for a co-location of an additional antenna on the tower addressed as 1310 New Valley Road and three (3) certificates of use for roof-mounted solar projects.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve the Sewage Enforcement Report presented by **SEO Lenny Sizer** of Frederick Seibert Associates listing one activity for sewer tank replacement for a total due in fees of \$150.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman, John Ritter, Jr. and read by Supervisor Brad Sloop as follows: clean up trees from high wind storms on several occasions; clean drains and cross pipes on various roadways; took truck #3 to Turner Hydraulic for repair; cleaned and organized tractor shed; patched pot poles throughout the Township; serviced Trucks #3 & #4. Rotated tires on #3. Serviced chain saws; refabricated tail gates on trucks #3 & #4 to better access the locking pins; cleans cinders/anti-skid from bridge decks; and painted the handrails in the office restroom.

**Recreation Board** member Nancy Sunday was in attendance and announced upcoming events. An "*Evening of History*" with local historian, Brian Hummel is scheduled for April 10, 2025 7:00 PM to be held at the Township municipal building. Light refreshments will be served.

The next event is the Annual Fishing Derby:

May 17 - Fishing Derby; 9-10:30 AM; Marysville Sportsmen's Association

For all children ages 3 to 15 years old. Be there early to register around 8:30 AM.  
Prizes, snacks and beverages.

May 18 – Rain Date; 1-2:30 PM; same location, Marysville Sportsmen's Association

No **Emergency Management Report** was presented

The **February Treasurer's Report** was submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. The report is submitted and approved pending the 2025 Financial Audit. The checks for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tax distribution to the fire companies, the ambulance associations, and the Marysville/Rye library are listed on the check register and included on the agenda for approval.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 25-14**, which transfers matured Cds at Pennian Bank designated for Capital Improvement, Office Equipment, Park/Rec, and MS4 Stormwater into 13 month Cds at the Bank of Landisburg at 4.04%. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adopt **Resolution 25-15**, which transfers at maturity a Gen Solid Waste Cd from Pennian Bank to a 13 month CD at Bank of Landisburg at 4.04%. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to approve the **2024 Planning Commission Annual Report**. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the March 14, 2025 correspondence received from **Perry County EMS Council** regarding stabilizing the current EMS system to keep ambulances in service and prevent further deterioration of coverage. They are planning the formation of an EMS Commission which would manage EMS operations regionally to gain efficiencies in areas such as operations, staffing, purchasing and fleet management. The plan does NOT constitute a merger of EMS agencies. Participating municipalities and EMS agencies would have representation in the proposed EMS Commission.

All three board members were interested in attending the next meeting. However, it is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7 PM at the Perry County Courthouse in New Bloomfield. Unfortunately, that date conflicts with the April Board of Supervisors' meeting. No one was appointed at this time as the representative to the EMS Commission.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to **authorize the advertisement of the 2025 road bids** for tentative award at the May 22 supervisors' meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The roads under consideration this year for overlay and base repair as needed are Weaver Drive, including the cul-de-sac, Heisley Road, the northern portion of Spruce Road, a portion of Lambs Gap Road, and/or a portion of Mountain Road, depending on budgetary restraints.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to accept the **resignation of Planning Commission member, Camille Otto** from the Planning Commission with regrets. Motion carried unanimously. The Board expressed appreciation to Camille for the many contributions she made during the years she served her Community as a member of the Rye Township Planning Commission.

Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to **appoint Gregory Weldon** to fill the partial term on the Planning Commission left vacant with the

resignation of Camille Otto. Motion carried unanimously. The record notes that the partial term expires the end of this year- December 31, 2025.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to accept the **resignation of Planning Commission Secretary, Kimberly Charles** from the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to make an offer to hire an unnamed individual for the **full-time position of secretary/treasurer** at an annual salary of \$72,500, plus meeting pay. Motion carried. Supervisor Sloop opposed stating that the entry level salary was too high.

Discussion ensued on the new hire, the starting salary and related compensation and benefits. Residents Fred Roberts, Gordon Warren, John-Thomas Graupensperger, John Schulze, Jackie Green, and Nancy Sunday addressed the Board asking questions and commenting on their decision.

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- ◆ April 10 – 7:00 PM - An “Evening of History” with Brian Hummel at the Township building with a focus on early history and settlers of the area.
- ◆ May 2 & May 3 - Annual Spring Bulk Clean-up Days; Friday, 6 AM to 1:45 PM, Saturday, 8 AM to 12 noon.
- ◆ May 17 – Annual Fishing Derby, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Marysville Sportsmen’s Association. Arrive early to register the children.  
May 18 – Rain Date, 1-2:30 PM; same location; Marysville Sportsmen’s Association
- ◆ May 22 – May Supervisors’ meeting, 7:00 PM

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

General Fund Check #s 18252-18277 in the amount of \$21,105.58. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8480-8486 in the amount of \$5,724.39. No payroll checks void.

Payroll checks #s 8487-8492 in the amount of \$5,130.67. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Chairman Sabo made a motion and Supervisor Sloop seconded to approve the expense and payroll checks submitted for payment. Motion carried unanimously. The checks were signed following the meeting.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo opened the floor for any additional public participation.

Jackie Green of Lone Oak Drive asked about the benefit package for the new hire.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING:** With no further business or discussion before the Board, Chairman Sabo thanked everyone for coming; and the meeting adjourned on a Sabo/Fedder motion at approximately 7:46 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer