

July 5, 2011

Chairman Joe Esposito called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7 PM on July 5, 2011 on Hickory Lane. Also present were Dave Bird, Dennis Macheska, and Atty. Howard Terrari. Twenty-five individuals signed the roster.

Joe Esposito opened bids requested for Line Painting of various township roads. Two bids were received which are as follows:

Alpha Space Control Co.	\$17,266.00
Interstate Road Management	\$15,112.20

Joe Esposito opened bids requested for Cracksealing. Four bids received which are as follows:

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions	\$57,850.00
Axtell Inc.	\$60,000.00
E.J. Breneman	\$111,750.00
Vestal Asphalt	\$66,850.00

Joe Esposito opened bids requested for Microsurfacing of Milwaukee Road and Hickory Lane. Three responses were received which are as follows:

E.J. Breneman	\$128,942.00
Suit-Kote	\$79,520.00
Vestal Asphalt	\$94,010.00

Joe Esposito opened bids requested for Paving of Ledge Drive. Four responses were received which are as follows:

Hanson Aggregates	\$294,652.00
Locust Ridge Contractors	\$298,617.50
Pennsy Supply DBA Slusser Bro.	\$166,055.00
Popple Construction	\$ ?

Dennis Macheska made a motion to reject the Popple Construction bid due to the fact the mandatory site meeting was not attended. Dave Bird seconded the motion and vote count was 3 yes and 0 no. The Popple Construction bid remains unopened. William Brown of Bald Mountain Road questioned and Dave Bird responded as to the status of the roads for which the bids were received. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the opened bids for review and award the contracts after review is completed. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion and vote count was 3 yes with 0 no.

The minutes of the past meetings were read. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no.

Joe Esposito reported the township received from DEP notification of the renewal of the mining permit for the Duryea Mine Operation of Popple Brothers Coal Company.

Dave Bird made a motion to pay bills as presented. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion and vote count was 3 yes and 0 no.

Officer Thom Kreidler of SAPD was in attendance and presented the police report for the month of June noting 145 hours 50 minutes of coverage. He reviewed the police reports for the month and noted the first reportable accident of the year occurred.

Treasury report was \$2,458,072.59 and revenue was \$53,329.23.

Recycling totaled 9,900 lbs. for June and 7/21 & 7/22 are this month's dates.

Dave Bird, Roadmaster, presented the road report noting the bid for the piping and drainage on Sekol Avenue had been awarded to Wince Construction and the project on Evergreen Drive was wrapping up. He also noted he received word from Waste Management that construction items are being dumped in the township dumpsters in both Milwaukee and Mount Dewey. William Brown of Bald Mountain Road suggested a lock be placed on the dumpsters but it was noted if they are locked, the items will be found in front of the dumpsters.

Joe Esposito announced the next regular meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2011 on Hickory Lane.

Under public comment, Bill Auriemma of Ransom Road initiated a discussion with township engineer John Seamans who was in attendance concerning highway occupancy permits issued by PennDot and the proposed gun range. It was noted no plans have been received so no answers can be given. A township newsletter was discussed. Dave Bird will contact John Hambrose at the landfill to restart the newsletter as the landfill had done in the past. Bill Auriemma discussed the recent Spring Cleanup and his thoughts on the metal collection at the cleanup. Atty. Pat Lavelle discussed the current status of the Falling Springs Estates Development. John Seamans stated his concerns about an easement that is noted on the plans and Atty. Lavelle will clear up the easement concerns. Jeff LaCoe from the Newton-Ransom Fire Company was present and noted no report was available tonight but will be forthcoming. He also questioned the status of sign ordinance and he was told there is no progress.

There being no further public comment, Dennis Macheska made a motion to adjourn and Dave Bird seconded the motion. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Zielinski  
Secretary/Treasurer