

August 1, 2011

Chairman Joe Esposito called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7 PM on August 1, 2011 on Hickory Lane. Also present were Dave Bird, Dennis Macheska, and Atty. Bill Jones. Twenty-five individuals signed the roster.

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 Alliance Landfill a check in the amount of \$52,658.19 for the host fee payment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011 in addition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Groundwater monitoring report.

From DEP, the township received a copy of an inspection done at the landfill on 6/29/11 which noted no violations.

The township received notification that the firm, L.R. Kimball, is preparing a water obstruction and encroachment general permit application to DEP on behalf of PennDot for the bridge replacement on Main Street.

From the State Auditor General's office, the township received a copy of the Newton-Ransom Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association's Compliance Audit Report for the period 1-1-06 to 12-31-08.

Dennis Macheska made the motion to pay bills as presented and Dave Bird seconded the motion. William Brown of Bald Mountain Road questioned paying the crack sealing due to an issue he noticed on Milwaukee Road at the stop sign. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no. Motion carried.

Dennis Macheska reported the township put out three phone bids for repairing the porch at Mount Dewey. Two bids were received with Kirk Zeiss of Rose Drive being the low bidder.

Officer Thom Kreidler of SAPD presented the police report noting 146 hours 55 minutes of coverage for the month of July with no accidents reported.

Treasury report was \$2,328,705.36 with revenue of \$58,139.44.

Joe Esposito read a letter from the Planning Commission recommending final approval be granted to a 22 lot single family residential major subdivision along a cul-de-sac being developed as Falling Springs Estates Phase I. Dennis Macheska made the motion to approve the subdivision and Dave Bird seconded the motion. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no.

Dennis Macheska reported the township has been unable to get in touch with the current zoning officer after repeated attempts so the supervisors have declared the position vacant. Anyone interested can obtain an application from the township office.

Recycling totaled 11,140 lbs. for June and 8/18 & 8/19 are this month's dates.

The road report was presented by Dave Bird, Roadmaster. He announced the bids were awarded as follows: Cracksealing-Asphalt Maintenance Solutions; Line painting-Interstate Road Management; Microsurfacing-Suit-Kote; Paving-Slusser Brothers. Ledge Drive will be closed except for local traffic during the paving. James Watkins from Ransom Road commented on the paving. The work on Sekol Avenue is finishing up and Evergreen Drive is finished. Once all the roads are done then the cutting back of roads will start. Bob Ketz from Bald Mountain Road described an area near his property that needs attention and Dave Bird said it is next on the list for repair. James Watkins of Ransom Road noted a large hole on Creek Road and Joe Esposito advised him to contact the State who is responsible for the road. Dave Bird asked residents to slow down on the roads when they see the road crew out. Dennis Macheska made a motion to award the bids and Dave Bird seconded the motion.

Joe Esposito announced the regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2011 on Hickory Lane.

Under public comment, James Watkins of Ransom Road questioned the co-pays on the insurance policies in addition to offering various comments on the proposed gun range. Jeff LaCoe representing the Newton-Ransom Fire Company questioned the status of the sign ordinance that the fire company wants. He stated Newton's ordinance is in the hands of Newton's Planning Commission. Much discussion followed and included Helen Doty of Creek Road, Bob Lukaszewicz of Ransom Road, Connie Flesch of Lakeview Drive, John Hambrose of Alliance Landfill, Bill Auriemma of Ransom Road, Hank Rowinski of Skyline Drive, and Lenay Blackwell of Bald Mountain Road. Atty. Jones suggested the supervisors monitor Newton's ordinance and once it is passed by Newton Township, have the ordinance resubmitted to Ransom Township. Bill Auriemma gave an acknowledgement to Atty. Jones and John Seamans for all the hard work they did in relation to the Falling Springs Development. Ed Bush also thanked everyone for their involvement to gain the approval of the Development.

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 Zielfski  
Secretary/Treasurer