

September 6, 2011

Chairman Joe Esposito called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7 PM on September 6, 2011 on Hickory Lane. Also present were Dave Bird, Dennis Macheska, and Atty. Howard Terrari. Sixteen individuals signed the roster.

The minutes of the past meetings were read by Chairman Joe Esposito. 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 that Alliance Landfill's Form 37 Construction Certification for the Sedimentation Basin I capacity survey has been approved. Also received from DEP was notification that the landfill has made application for a Mine Permit to operate an anthracite surface mine in the 2A area along with copies of inspections done at the landfill on 7/28/11 and 8/12/11 which noted no violations.

From PennDot the township received further information concerning the bridge replacement project on Main Street for additional public input.

The township received preliminary revised Flood Insurance maps and the Flood Insurance Study for public review in addition to a copy of the Financial Statements of the Newton-Ransom Volunteer Fire Company for 2009 and 2010.

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

Joe Esposito read two resolutions as required for turning over the Earned Income Tax Collection to Berkheimer. Dennis Macheska made a motion to pass the Confidential Contact Resolution and Dave Bird seconded the motion. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no. Dave Bird made a motion to pass the Delinquent Cost Resolution and Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no.

Officer Jeff Spagna of SAPD presented the police report noting 184 hours 20 minutes of coverage for the month of August with one accident reported and a plane crash. Bob Ketz from Bald Mountain Road questioned recent activity on Bald Mountain Road and Bill Auriemma of Ransom Road questioned if there was anything else we should know. Helen Doty of Creek Road noted she is glad the police are there.

Treasury report was \$2,063,317.65 with revenue of \$58,875.14.

Recycling totaled 8,420 lbs. for August and 9/15 & 9/16 are this month's dates.

It was noted an executive session was held on August 22 to discuss personnel issues.

Ransom Township now has a website which is www.ransomtownship.com.

The road report was presented by Dave Bird, Roadmaster, who noted minor stuff and brush cutting are being done. Fall CleanUp is Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 at the same times.

Joe Esposito announced the next regular meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2011 on ~~Hickory Lane~~ ^{Mount Seneca}.

Under public comment, Francine Miller, president of the Newton-Ransom Fire Company, was present and offered an apology for the occurrence at last month's meeting. Progress has been made on the new tanker which was contracted for in 2009. Dave Bird discussed fundraising issues and Francine reported plans are being made which include a horse show on 9/11, the sale of street number signs, and a gun raffle. She questioned if the supervisors would volunteer to help with their fundraisers and it was agreed they would. Joe Esposito reminded her of the \$13,000 which the fire company will receive from the landfill when dumping occurs in Ransom Township in the 2A expansion area. Joe Esposito praised the SAPD for their work in the township over the years. Bill Auriemma of Ransom Road questioned an item on the bill list, discussed his views on the upcoming landfill monies, the acceptance of drilling waste at landfills, the proposed shooting range, and employee payroll reports. Atty. Ernie Preate spoke on the Richards estate subdivision status. Much discussion followed which included John Seamans - surveyor of the subdivision, Bill Auriemma of Ransom Road, William Brown of Bald Mountain Road, and Bob Lukasiewicz of Ransom Road. Dennis Macheska made a motion to hold a special meeting after the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission's response to its review of the subdivision is received. Dave Bird seconded the motion and vote count was 3 yes and 0 no. Helen Doty of Creek Road questioned if the street number signs are budgeted for next year then will those residents who already purchased the signs be reimbursed.

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