

Vice-Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7 PM on October 3, 2011 at the Mount Dewey Community Hall. Also present were Dave Bird and Atty. Bill Jones. Twenty-one 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 2 yes and 0 no.

Dennis Macheska reported the township received from Alliance Landfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2011 ground water monitoring report.

From DEP the township received a check in the amount of \$535.00 for the Recycling Program Performance Grant in addition to a copy of an inspection done at the landfill on 9/8/11 which noted no violations.

Dave Bird made a motion to pay bills as presented and Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. Vote count was 2 yes and 0 no.

Dennis Macheska reported a Declaration of Disaster Emergency was signed on 9/12/11 due to flooding damage from Hurricanes Irene/Lee. He noted the lower part of Ransom Township was flooded resulting in the loss of the 3 cottages along the river with floodwater 4" from Cascade Tissues' offices. The Ransom playground had water almost to the rafters of the pavilion. The Ransom Lions suffered 6' of water at their ball field. Dennis Macheska reported the township is applying for a grant along with other municipalities for a Preventive Flood Mitigation Project from casino monies.

Officer Thom Kreidler of SAPD presented the police report noted 131 hours 35 minutes of coverage for September and reviewed several incidents that were reported.

The treasury report is \$2,057,807.09 and revenue was \$8,950.36.

Recycling totaled 8,420 lbs. for September and 10/20 & 10/21 are this month's dates.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2011 on Hickory Lane.

Dave Bird, Roadmaster, presented the road report noting the crews are cutting back the roadways. He is happy with the recent drainage work done on Evergreen Drive because there were no problems with the recent rains. Fall Cleanup is scheduled for this Friday and Saturday with the same times as in the past.

Dennis Macheska thanked the fire company for hosing down and cleaning the pavilion at the Ransom Park. As a Ransom Lions Club member, he also thanked the fire company for the work done at the Lions Club ball field.

John Cuck was in attendance as a Board member of the Abington Little League and spoke concerning the Ackerly field complex. He gave a history of the complex and requested money be budgeted for the complex for next year. He noted 51 kids are from Ransom Township who participate in Little League and use the complex.

Under public comment, Bill Auriemma commented on his views on the fall cleanup. Jeff LaCoe, representing the Newton-Ransom Fire Company, presented a report noting 7 fire calls and 5 EMS calls were in Ransom Township last month. Connie Flesch of Lakeview Drive reported a couch was dumped on the top of Snake Road and Dave Bird stated the township will remove it.

Ron and Sharon Kroptavich from Evergreen Drive discussed the water issues on Evergreen Drive at their property which the township engineer will have to address. Ron also reported the flood gate was ripped off PennDot's pipe and Dave Bird will contact PennDot concerning it. Atty. Bill Jones noted an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation. Hank Rowinski requested opening and closing balances for all accounts be placed on the treasurer's report. Connie Flesch questioned if more was heard on the gun range of which there was not. William Brown of Bald Mountain Road questioned if anymore was heard on the Crisp Avenue bridge which is a PennDot project. No further word has been received.

There being no further public comment, Dennis Macheska made a motion to adjourn and Dave Bird seconded the motion. Vote count was 2 yes and 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathy Zielinski  
Secretary/Treasurer

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