

Chairman Joe Esposito called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7 PM on November 3, 2011 on Hickory Lane. Also present were Dave Bird, Dennis Macheska, and Atty. Bill Jones. Twenty-one individuals signed the roster.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Atty. Bill Jones reported a brief executive session was held concerning litigation of Harold Jones vs. Ransom Township and a driveway easement on land which was formerly acquired by Ransom Township.

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 \$67,950.56 for the host fee payment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011.

From DEP the township received a copy of an inspection done at the landfill on 10/14/11 which noted no violations.

The township received from Abington Senior Center a thank you letter for a recent donation.

Joe Esposito reported the township received a resignation letter from the position of Ransom Township's Emergency Management Agency Coordinator submitted by Charles Saxe III.

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

Dave Bird made a motion to appoint Frank Miller IV as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator and Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. Vote count was 3 yes and 0 no. Frank was in attendance and spoke on the position.

The township is applying for FEMA funds due to the recent rains that damaged the Ransom Playground and as a result, a resolution needs to be passed appointing an applicant agent. Joe Esposito read the proposed resolution. Dennis Macheska made a motion to pass the resolution appointing the secretary/treasurer as applicant agent for FEMA. Dave Bird seconded the motion and vote count was 3 yes and 0 no.

No police report was available.

Treasury report was \$2,023,809.44 and revenue was \$124,037.85.

Recycling totaled 12,150 lbs. for October and 11/17 & 11/18 are this month's dates.

Dave Bird reported problems continue with recycling in that large containers are being put out by some residents, ie. 55 gallon drums. The road crew has extreme difficulty lifting these containers to empty them into the recycling trailer, especially if it rains or snows. If the guys cannot lift the containers, it will be left and not picked up. Recycling containers are free from the township and if anyone needs containers, the township is more than happy to even deliver them to their residences. Joe Esposito and Atty. Jones suggested doing a resolution concerning the size of the recycling containers that can be used. Dave Bird will work with Atty. Jones on proposing the resolution. Bob Lukasiewicz of Ransom Road and William Brown of Bald Mountain Road offered suggestions to alleviate the problem. Dave Bird noted flyers are made up to leave at the questionable recycling sites. Dave Bird also noted the first dose of snow arrived and the road crew is pretty much caught up. He noted fall cleanup was very light with 4 dumpsters used in Milwaukee, 2 in Mount Dewey, and 1/2 dumpster of metals.

Joe Esposito reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2011 on Hickory Lane.

Under public comment, Bill Auriemma of Red Oak Drive spoke concerning his views on the upcoming budget. Joe Esposito noted anyone who has any thoughts about next year's budget to bring them up now and Atty. Jones explained the process. Frank Namotka from Ransom Road noted he has never seen the road crew sitting down doing nothing and they are always working. Frank Namotka questioned if the zoning officer has been replaced yet. The supervisors are still reviewing applications. Frank had questions as to the zoning ordinance in relation to junk, storage areas, property setbacks, and property appearances. Atty. Jones explained the zoning office process. Bob Lukasiewicz of Ransom Road noted the zoning officer cannot be an elected official. Kathy Rowinski of Ransom Road spoke concerning her views on Bill Auriemma's comments. She also questioned why three supervisors attend the yearly conference. Dave Bird explained the benefits of three supervisors attending the conference and the classes offered. Jerry Blackwell of Bald Mountain Road and Bob Rowinski of Ransom Road questioned the gas drilling status. She also questioned a bill item which was for litigation for the Gates easement. Kathy Rowinski and Hank Rowinski of Skyline Drive had questions concerning earned income tax collection. Bob Lukasiewicz, Kathy Zielinski, and Atty. Jones discussed the earned income tax collection system. Lenay Blackwell of Bald Mountain Road discussed her need for a copy of the 2011 building permits. Dennis Macheska discussed what he had been advised by John Foley from the County tax office as to the actual permits required. Atty. Ernie Preate questioned the status of the Richards subdivision. Bill Jones read the response from DEP which noted the subdivision did not meet DEP's requirements. Bud Brown shared his concerns about the subdivision. Jeff LaCoe, representing the Newton-Ransom Fire Company, was in attendance and presented a report as follows: 4 fire calls and 5 EMS calls were in Ransom Township last month. He also congratulated Frank Miller IV on his appointment as the EMA Coordinator. Jeff LaCoe also noted street number signs are for sale at the cost of \$10 each and available by calling Newton Township office. William Brown commended the fire company for selling the signs.