

March 4, 2013

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the board of supervisors to order on March 4, 2013 at 7PM on Hickory Lane. Also present were Dave Bird, William (Bud) Brown, Ed Scacchitti, and Sarah Griggs. Thirty-two individuals signed the sign in sheet.

The minutes from two meetings were reviewed. The minutes of the regular meeting of the board of supervisors on February 4, 2013 and the minutes from a special meeting on Feb 11, 2013 with T&D Power and Burns & McDonnell. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the minutes as read from the special meeting. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. Bud Brown made a motion to accept the regular board of supervisors minutes as read. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Representatives from T&D Power, PPL utilities and Burns & McDonnell were present to answer any questions involving the Susquehanna - Roseland Power Line. Rich Beasley was present from PPL Utilities. Peter Dumars and Tim Warren were present from T&D Power. Ed Burgess and Krystal Harwick were present from Burns & McDonnell.

Rich Beasley addressed the board informing that in January 2010 the new power line was approved. There is 145 miles of power line with 6 miles being in Ransom Township.

Peter Dumars presented the board with a calendar of when the work will be done in Ransom Township. He informed that the work on the line will be starting back up in May and will be complete in January 2014. In May is when there will be more truck traffic starting. Trucks hauling rock and concrete trucks will be more present in the area. Tom Bergamino stated that the trucks in his area are going around the corners at a high rate of speed. He presented T&D Power with a list of the contractors. He advised that the trucks are going off the road near his fence and using jake brakes while empty. He stated that he has stopped a supervisor in a white truck and advised him of the problem but nothing has been done. Tim Warren and Peter Dumars stated that this problem will be fixed.

Kathy Rowinski questioned about the first flag man off Keyser Ave. She stated that during certain times of the day the sun shines in drivers faces and the flagger cannot be seen. She questioned moving the flagger to a different area. Tim Warren questioned Kathy if the warning signs are out before the flagger. Kathy stated that they are. Tim stated that he would mention it to the flaggers for their safety. Rich Beasley stated that whether it is one of their employees or a sub contractor they want them safe.

Hank Rowinski questioned after December if PPL would be using Skyline Dr. Peter Dumars stated that they would not be using the road after the power line is complete.

Rich Beasley stated that all the counties will benefit from the new power line. Krystal Harwick stated that it will feed into the Lackawanna County substation. Rich stated that it will be a more reliable system.

Helen Dotty questioned if PPL electric bills would be going up. Rich Beasley stated that the cost would be spread over approximately 50 million customers and that 13 states will share the cost.

Dave Weinerth questioned how many towers will be visible from Ransom Road. Peter Dumar stated that there will be less than a dozen visible. Dave questioned the EMF dangers. Rich Beasley stated that studies have been done for decades and there is no conclusion that it causes ill effects.

Kathy Rowinski questioned if they were aware of the plans for the gun range in the tower area. Hank Rowinski questioned if there were any regulations against gun ranges in the tower area. Rich Beasley stated that he was not aware of the gun range and is not aware if there any regulations. Krystal Harwick stated that they are aware of the plans for the gun range and she is not aware of the guidelines. Hank questioned if there are any other gun ranges in the power line area. Rich stated that no there isn't. Bob Lukasiewicz stated that as far as he knows there are no restrictions on gun ranges in the power line area. Rich stated that they cannot tell property owners what they can do out of the easement area. Kathy questioned if they could not allow

shooting across the easement. Rich replied that he would have to check on it. He stated that they would try to work with the gun range. But does not believe they could restrict it. They cannot govern what is done out of the easement.

Under Public Comment: Kathy Rowinski thanked the board for having T&D Power, PPL Utilities and Burns & McDonnell at the meeting.

Jerry Blackwell informed the board that he does not like the public comment part of the agenda moved to the beginning of the meeting. Ed Scacchitti advised that it was his idea. The reason for the move is that public input on the agenda items is not being discussed at the monthly work sessions due to low attendance. The placement of the public comments at the beginning of the meeting gives the opportunity to discuss issues before the board votes on them. Bud Brown asked the audience by a show of hands if they preferred the public comment in the beginning of the meeting. By a count of hands the audience preferred it in the beginning.

Dave Bird made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis Macheska read the staff reports for the month. The treasury report was general fund \$929,981.44 and liquid fuels \$1,203,041.55. Recycling for January totaled 4.97 tons. The recycling dates for March were the 21st and 22nd.

Dave Bird presented the road report. He stated that the township has stated putting up the weight limit signs. It takes a while to do. There are regulations as to how and where they are placed. Dave stated that PPL will be taking care of what they damage on the roads. Dave advised as of March 21 Danny Sutter will begin working for the township part time.

Dennis Macheska advised that the township will be interviewing auditors for the annual audit of the township.

Bud Brown stated that the township will be accepting bids for a new roof on the Greenspace Barn. Bud advised that the township will be using the money that is received from the rental of the acreage to T&D Power in the Greenspace to pay for the roof.

Rick Notari presented the Lackawanna County events for the month.

Jeff Laco of the Newton / Ransom fire hall presented the fire report for the month. Noting 27 calls.

Bud Brown made a motion to adjourn. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs