

April 1, 2013

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular board of supervisors meeting to order on April 1, 2013 at 7 PM on Hickory Lane. Also present were Dave Bird, William (Bud) Brown, solicitor Ed Scacchitti and Secretary Sarah Griggs. Twenty – six individuals signed the sign in sheet.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Chief Gerrity presented the police report for the month of March. There was 151 hours of service with 3 violations. Chief Gerrity addressed the citizens of the township warning of scams in the area and that people should be aware of these. He advised the citizens that they should never send money to these unknown organizations. Chief Gerrity advised the citizens that if they have any questions for the police do not wait to the next supervisors meeting. Call the South Abington Police directly. Bud Brown addressed the audience explaining that do to complaints the police will no longer be sitting in the cemetery on Ransom Road. Dave Bird advised that he asked Chief Gerrity to come to the meeting to answer any questions that the citizens of the township may have for the police.

Jeff Lacoé of the Newton Ransom fire department presented the fire report for the month of March. Noting nine fire calls and seventeen ems calls.

Rick Notari, Lackawanna County Community Relations Coordinator, presented the upcoming events for Lackawanna County.

Under Public Comment: Joan Degilio advised that the adopt a highway garbage pickup will be April 29 with a rain date of April 30. She questioned the board if the state or the township would be removing the garbage bags. Dave Bird replied that she can check if the state would pick up the garbage on the state roads and the township would pick up the garbage from the township roads.

Dave Bird advised that Alliance Landfill has advised the township that they will be pulling the dumpsters from Mt Dewey and the Community Hall due to costs. Dennis Macheska read the letter that the township received. Dave Bird advised that the supervisors will be talking to Alliance Landfill to take care of the situation.

Bob Lukaszewicz questioned the board if he should still use the permit for sheds for the camper that is being place on a property on the Newton Ransom Boulevard. Dennis Macheska advised that yes the shed permit is still to be used.

Kathy Rowinski questioned the statues of the sentencing hearing for Kathy Zielinski. Bud Brown advised that the date has still not been set. Kathy also questioned if the township has received the results of the audit. Bud stated that the township has not received the results yet.

Bob Lukaszewicz questioned if the Ransom Township auditors will be involved in the audit. Dave Bird stated that yes they would be.

The township received the engineers report, inspection report, and groundwater report for Alliance Landfill. Noting no violations.

The township received an email from PPL warning of door to door salesman fraudulently claiming to be PPL salesman. PPL do not engage in telemarketing door to door. All PPL employees carry identification. PPL is advising to ask for identification before opening the door.

The township received a letter and map outlining the instillation of the new gas main stream crossing in Ransom Township. The gas main is to replace the old gas main during the Main Street bridge project.

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

Dennis Macheska read the treasury report for the month. The general fund balance was \$932,309.43 and the liquid fuels balance was \$1,203,084.79. Marchs recycling total was 4.16 tons. Aprils recycling days were April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Bird presented the road report for the month. PPL has begun repairing the roads that they have damaged. The weight limit signs in the township are almost complete.

Dennis Macheska advised that a contractor for the barn roof project in the Greenspace has been chosen. First Choice Roofing LLC is the contractor that will be doing the work.

Dennis advised that spring cleanup will be May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Dumpster will be placed on Hickory lane and the Mt. Dewey community center. May 10<sup>th</sup> cleanup will be from 7am – 7pm and May 11<sup>th</sup> will be from 7am – 12.

Dennis informed that the township has been doing some in house remodeling of the Mt. Dewey Community Center. Dave Bird advised that painting, new doors, floor refinishing and cork board for hanging balloons and streamers has been done.

Dennis advised that the next township supervisors meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Being there was no further business Dave Bird made a motion to adjourn. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs