

November 4, 2013

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular supervisors meeting to order on November 4, 2013 at 7PM at 2435 Hickory Lane. Also present were supervisor William (Bud) Brown, secretary Sarah Griggs, and Attorney Ed Scacchitti. Seventeen individuals signed the sign in sheet.

Bud Brown made a motion to accept the previous months minutes as read. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Jeff Lacoce of the Newton / Ransom Fire Hall presented the fire report for the month of October. Noting 33 calls. 6 fire and 27 EMS calls. Jeff advised that there would be an election day dinner and blood drive at the fire hall November 5.

Rick Notari, community relations coordinator for Lackawanna County, presented the months events for Lackawanna County.

Under Public Comment: Kathy Rowinski explained about the blood drive being held at the fire hall on November 5. She explained that for every person that donates or attempts to donate a monetary donation will be made toward a scholarship program for the fire hall. All the blood collected for Geisinger Blood Center stays in this area.

Bob Ketz questioned the repairs done on Snake Road. Bud Brown advised that Dave Bird had met with T&D Power and PennDot regarding the road. PennDot advised that they would take care of the problems with the road.

Jerry Blackwell questioned where the township stands with the bond payment for the Kathy Zielinski repayment. Ed Scacchitti advised that the bond company now has all the correct paperwork for the claim and the township should have an answer by the middle of the month.

Cheryl Macheska advised that there would be a benefit for Todd Winters family November 17 at the fire hall.

Being there no further public comment Dennis Macheska returned to the agenda.

The township received the engineers report, inspection report and 3rds quarter ground water monitoring report for Alliance Landfill noting no violations.

The township received a letter from Burns & McDonnell informing helicopters will begin installing the new wire for the Roseland Susquehanna Powerline beginning in November and will continue into the spring.

The township received an email from PP&L advising that implosive splicing will begin November 4-6 and will sound like a clap of thunder or a commercial firework.

The township has a Toys for Tots drop off box located in the lobby of the township building. If anyone would like to help they can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the drop off box.

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

Dennis Macheska read the treasury report for the month. The general account balance was \$1,023,600.72 and the liquid fuels account balance was \$1,269,914.02.

Recycling totaled 4.19 tons. Novembers recycling dates were November 21st and 22nd.

Andy Massimilian of Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC addressed the board questioning if they have reviewed the legal questions he had submitted. Ed Scacchitti advised as to the Buckeye Pipeline legal issue that under the statute of

liability governing municipalities Ransom Township would not be liable for any harm caused by Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC on the right away area. Ed advised that he does have concern about a surface danger zone that was addressed in a letter written by Buckeye Pipeline. Mentioned in that letter was a potential risk to employees of Buckeye Pipeline because of the surface danger zone, described as particles of shells or stray bullet fragments. Ed advised that he would feel more comfortable with an indemnification letter from Buckeye Pipeline absolving the township of liability.

Andy Massimilian questioned if The Board has any other legal issues with the questions he had submitted. Ed Scacchitti advised that the rest of the issues should be addressed in the plans and decided upon by The Planning Commission. Ed advised that The Supervisors making any decisions on the issue would be prejudging the project. The issues need to be addressed in the plans by The Planning Commission first due to the plans not being before The Supervisors yet.

Dennis Macheska advised that the next regular Supervisors meeting would be December 2, 2013.

Being there no further business Bud Brown made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs