

December 2, 2013

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular township meeting to order December 2, 2013 at 7pm at 2435 Hickory Lane. Also present were Supervisor William (Bud) Brown, Secretary Sarah Griggs and Solicitor Ed Scacchitti. Nineteen 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.

Officer Siegler of the South Abington Police presented the police report for the month, noting 8 incidents. Sean Tompkins questioned the officer if they have caught the people who have been stealing the grates off the catch basins. The officer replied not that he has heard of. Sean stated that he has seen two grates missing. Bill Auriemma questioned what locations the grates are missing from. Dennis Macheska stated that they are missing from multiple locations. Sean questioned if the grates could be welded. Dennis advised that they can't be welded due to needing to get into them to clean them. Marcy Lukasiewicz questioned if they have found out who has been running down the signs in the township. Dennis replied they haven't and there also have been vehicles doing donuts in the playground area. Bud Brown stated that if anyone sees anything suspicious to try to get a license plate and make of vehicle. He advised the residence not to confront the people or attempt to chase the vehicle.

Jeff Laco of the Newton Ransom Fire Hall presented the fire report for the month. He advised that fire calls are down but it's the time of year for chimney fires.

Under public comment: Bill Auriemma questioned if there was any progress with the bond in the Kathy Zielinski case. Ed Scacchitti advised that the problems with it have been resolved. He explained that the township bond does not cover the amount for the forensic audit, but the amount was included in the restitution that Kathy is required to pay. Ed advised that the township will be paid from the insurance company for the amount minus the forensic audit amount. The township will then collect the forensic audit cost amount from Kathy's restitution repayment before the insurance company collects from her.

Bill Auriemma questioned with the secretary going full time what will the township hours be, will her pay be increased and will she be getting health insurance. Bud Brown advised that the township will be open one more hour a day, her pay will be the same with the normal yearly increase and yes she will be getting health insurance. Bill Auriemma stated that he agrees with the secretary going full time. He advised that he works with her on the planning commission and that she does a great job.

Marcy Lukasiewicz questioned if the township will be making a donation to Toys for Tots. Dennis Macheska stated that it is something the supervisors will discuss.

Sean Tompkins questioned a property located on the Newton Ransom Blvd. Dennis Macheska advised that there is a camper on the property and has all the proper permits and inspections.

Cheryl Macheska advised that the Lions Club will be holding their Breakfast with Santa on December 2.

Being there no further public comment Dennis Macheska returned to the agenda. The township received the inspection report and engineers report for Alliance Landfill noting no violations. The 2014 budget was available for review and would be adopted at

a special meeting December 17 at 7pm. A termination contract was received from T&D Power for the laydown area at the Greenspace property. A termination letter was also received from Grace Industries for the rental of the Greenspace Property for a trailer for the Main Street Bridge Project. Dennis advised the township is working with surrounding townships on a new contract renewal with Comcast.

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

The treasury report for the month for the general fund was \$684,947.29 and liquid fuels was \$1,269,926.15. Recycling for November totaled 5.4 tons. Decembers recycling dates were December 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. Under the road report Bud Brown advised that the trucks are ready for winter.

Dennis Macheska advised that the supervisors have made a decision to make the secretary / treasurer full time starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ed Scacchitti advised that a motion is needed for the Supervisor Chairman to sign the paperwork with Travelers Insurance for the bond collection in the Kathy Zielinski case. Bud Brown made the motion. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis advised that the next township meeting would be January 6, 2014.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs