

March 3, 2014

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular supervisors meeting to order on March 3, 2014 at 7pm at 2435 Hickory Lane. Also present were supervisors David Bird, and William (Bud) Brown, secretary Sarah Griggs and attorney Ed Scacchitti. Fifteen individuals signed the sign in sheet.

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

Officer Siegler of the South Abington Police Department presented the police report for month noting 6 incidents. There were no public questions for the officer.

Jeff Lacoë of the Newton – Ransom Fire Department presented the fire report for the month. Noting 20 calls, 7 fire and 13 EMS calls.

Under public comment: Bill Auriemma questioned the board about the resignation of the township engineer John Seamans and the appointment of Site Services Group. Dennis Macheska advised Bill that Site Services Group has been appointed temporarily until a new engineer can be appointed.

Jim Gaidula of Site Services Group addressed the board and the residents. Jim explained his credentials. He stated that he is a professional engineer licensed in the state of Pennsylvania. For the past few years he has been the alternate engineer and alternate SEO for Ransom Township. He graduated from Penn State in 1994 and was licensed in 1999. Approximately three years ago he started Site Services Group. Jim advised that he has been doing municipal engineering for the past 16 or 17 years. Kathy Rowinski questioned if there was any projects left open from John Seamans that Jim would have to complete. Bud Brown advised that John Seamans projects were completed.

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 township received a letter of resignation from engineer John Seamans. A letter was received from Lackawanna County Planning Commission for the review of the Jomar 2008 LLC subdivision.

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

Dennis Macheska read the treasures report for the month. General fund balance was \$830,467.76 and liquid fuels balance was \$1,270,001.16. Recycling for February totaled 4.45 tons. Recycling dates for March were March 21st and 22nd.

Dave Bird presented the road report for the month. Dave advised that when the weather gets better work can begin on Evergreen Drive and Sekol Ave. Dave advised that the township received the new John Deere backhoe.

Bud Brown made a motion to appoint Site Services Group as the acting engineer firm with Jim Gaidula as the engineer. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis Macheska advised that The Board of Supervisors signed the plans for The Re-Subdivision of the Dorothy Richards Estate 2011 after all stipulations were met.

John Hambrose from Alliance Landfill addressed the board and the residents. He stated the purpose for his attendance was to update the residents and board about what has been going on at the landfill. John stated in 2013 the landfill paid the township about \$565,000 in host fees, \$25,000 in police patrol, \$20,000 for a police car, \$400,000

for a community project, and \$13,000 for the fire company. John stated that in 2013 Alliance Landfill paid just over \$1 million dollars to the township. John advised that Alliance Landfill donated \$10,000 to Abington Heights education improvement organization. John stated that he did some calculating of the townships population and figured the free garbage pickup saves the residents combined a total of about \$170,000 a year, as well as the Spring and Fall cleanups which average about \$6,000. John stated that Alliance Landfill hopes to be even busier next year.

Bill Auriemma questioned John if the landfill is close to capacity. John stated that no it isn't. Kathy Rowinski questioned if the majority of the garbage coming into the landfill is local. John advised that almost all of the garbage coming in is local. Less than 5% is not local. Bob Lukasiewicz questioned how many years the landfill has left. John stated that when the expansion was approved they estimated a 300,000 ton a day average for 20 years. Right now the landfill is not taking in that much and at this average the landfill would last another 60 years.

Dennis Macheska advised the next regular supervisors meeting would be April 7, 2014.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Sarah Griggs