

May 5, 2014

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the board of supervisors to order on May 5, 2014 at 7pm at 2435 Hickory Lane. Also present were board members Dave Bird, William (Bud) Brown, secretary Sarah Griggs, and attorney Ed Scacchitti. Twenty – five individuals signed the sign in sheet.

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

Officer Siegler of the South Abington Police Department presented the police report for the month of April noting 2 calls for the month. Officer Siegler advised of a phone scam where they are requesting money. Officer Siegler advised if you receive a call like that do not send money and contact the police department. Dennis Macheska advised the officer that patrols need to be increased on Dark Region Road.

Jeff Lacoce of the Newton Ransom Fire Hall presented the fire report for the month of April noting 30 calls for the month. 19 fire and 11 EMS. Jeff advised the residents that it is brush fire season and to be careful while burning.

Under public comment: Shirley Fit questioned the board if anyone can pick up litter along the road and put it in the normal garbage pickup. Dennis Macheska advised that she could do that and that most litter pickups are done by volunteers.

Hank Rowinski stated that the group he belongs to opinion is still that they are against Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports gun range and that it is a poor idea due to location. Hank stated in his opinion it sets a bad precedent and once the township starts giving concessions to the shooting range or any contractor it lets the worms outta the bag and there is then no way to get them back in. Hank stated that the township has worked so hard to get a township with rules and regulations for everyone and the township should continue on that path.

Being there no further public comment Dennis Macheska returned to the agenda. The township received the inspection report, engineers report and ground water monitoring report for the 1st quarter 2014 for Alliance Landfill noting no violations.

The township received an email from PPL stating crews will begin restoration of the right of way areas beginning in May 2014 and continuing until Fall 2014.

The supervisors received a letter from The Ransom Township Planning Commission recommending the supervisors not approve the preliminary plans for Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC.

Barbara Giovagnoli, Lackawanna County Recycling Manager addressed the board about a tire recycling event taking place in Lackawanna County. Barbara stated that several municipalities have chosen to participate in the satellite drop off sites. She advised that the tire recycling event would be taking place May 27 – May 31. The drop off site at the Recycling Center would be open Tuesday – Friday from 8am – 3pm and Saturday from 8am – noon. The cost is \$2 per passenger tire without a rim and \$3 for SUV and pickup truck tires without a rim. Dave Bird questioned if they would take tires with rims. Barbara stated they prefer the tires not have a rim due to the center having to pay by the pound and the charge for the tires doesn't even cover that expense. She stated if they do accept tires with rims they will have to charge roughly \$5-\$6 per tire. Barbara discussed the township having a drop off location. It was decided due to the township not accepting cash and not having a fenced in area to store the tires overnight

it would not be a good idea for the township to be a satellite drop off location. Barbara stated closer to the event drop off locations and times would be listed in the local newspaper.

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

Dennis Macheska read the treasury report stating the balance of the general fund was \$938,878.48 and the liquid fuels balance was \$1,340,528.37. Recycling for April totaled 4.02 tons. Recycling dates for May would be May 15th and 16th.

Dave Bird presented the road report for the month stating that core samples have been taken on Evergreen Drive and the township is waiting for the report to determine the best material to repair the road. Dave stated that the township will be doing pipe work on Bald Mt Road, Ransom Road, and Sekol Avenue. Dave stated that the Spring Cleanup went well and there was roughly 6 dumpsters collected.

Dennis Macheska introduced Al Chelik, Mayor of Mayfield and from the Coalition for Good Government, who requested to speak to the residents concerning voting on May 20. Al advised that the study commission's job was to study the present form of government in Lackawanna County, they were charged with looking at an optional form of government, and charged with recommendations. Al stated that there was never a study done on our present form of government. Al stated that the commission's recommendations were skewed. Al stated with the new form of government you lose the initiative and the referendum. The new form of government would repeal the home rule study charter. The Office of the Prothonotary would be resurrected. The Office of the Prothonotary handled the civil cases and the clerk of the courts handled the criminal cases. It was a duplication of duties. The offices were combined in 1978 to for the court of judicial records. Resurrecting this office adds \$66,000 to the county payroll. The new government would cost 1.3 million dollars more than the current system. Al encouraged the residents to study the issue before voting.

Dennis Macheska addressed the next item on the agenda, Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC. Andy Massimilian addressed the board stating that Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC will be withdrawing the preliminary plans and will be resubmitting them. Ed Scacchitti questioned Andy if he could state that in writing. Andy agreed and hand wrote a letter and presented it to the board.

Dennis addressed the final plans for JoMar 2008 LLC. Dave Bird made a motion to approve and sign the plans with the stipulation that before any building permits are issued from the township a HOP permit will need to be obtained from PennDOT. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis advised that the next regular supervisors meeting will would be June 2, 2014 at the Mt Dewey Community Hall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs