

June 2, 2014

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the board of supervisors to order at 7pm at Mt Dewey Community Hall on June 2, 2014. Also present were board members Dave Bird, William (Bud) Brown, secretary Sarah Griggs and attorney Ed Scacchitti. Eight 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.

There were no members of the South Abington Police Department or the Newton Ransom Fire Hall to present the reports for the month.

Bob Doble of Reilly Associates, an engineering firm located in Pittston Pa, addressed the board. Reilly Associates and engineer firm Colwell – Naegele Associates Inc are working together on a grant project to clean the local streams in the area to prevent future flooding. Bob stated that the engineers are purposing Ransom Township and Newton Township work together on the project. Bob advised that the supervisors of each township will identify the areas that are of most concern. Bob presented the board with a map to circle the most critical areas. The engineers will then study the areas and come up with a plan. Dave Bird questioned how big of an area it would be. Bob stated that it is a \$250,000 grant for each township with a 15% match, roughly \$37,500. Bob stated that they are still looking for funding to do a regional project that would include more than just the two townships. Bob advised that there is no cost to the township for submitting the application for the grant. There would only be a cost if the township is picked to receive the grant. Bob stated that if the township has pictures of past flooding it would be helpful.

Under public comment: Bob Lukasiewicz addressed the board stating that for the record as Ransom Township Zoning Officer the purposed fenced for Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC does not meet Ransom Townships code. Bud Brown stated that Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC will be submitting new plans.

Jerry Blackwell questioned if Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC has paid the back bills owed to the township and if not could he resubmit new plans without paying the past bills. Dennis Macheska stated that the bills haven't been paid. Ed Scacchitti stated that plans cannot be held up because of it.

Lenay Blackwell questioned the board if Kathy Zielinski has been paying back her restitution to the township for the balance owed. Ed Scacchitti stated when the township received the check from Travelers she had not yet started her repayment. Ed advised he would check if she started making payments. Ed stated due to the bond not covering the forensic accountants cost payment to the township for the cost would come out of her restitution.

Being there no further 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 the 2013 audit conducted by Rainey & Rainey CPA's. Noting no discrepancies for the year.

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

Dennis read the treasures report for the month. The balance in the general fund was \$926,568.74 and the balance of the liquid fuels account was \$1,340,554.22. Recycling totaled 4.65 tons for the month of May. Junes recycling dates were June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Macheska advised that the township had participated in PPL's E Power Program to have the outdoor lighting at the townships buildings and the Hickory Lane interior garage lighting upgraded to more energy efficient lights. The total cost of upgrading was \$13,719.40. Because of PPL's E Power Program the townships cost was \$3,496.59.

Dave Bird presented the road report for the month stating the core samples came back for Evergreen Drive and the township will be getting the bid work ready. The township will be awarding the bids at July's meeting. Dave stated that mowing in the township has begun and if any residents see any intersections that are critical and need to be done please contact the township.

Dennis advised that the next regular township meeting will be July 7, 2014.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs