

July 7, 2014

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order on July 7, 2014 at 7PM at 2435 Hickory Lane. Also present were supervisors Dave Bird and William (Bud) Brown and attorney Ed Scacchitti.

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

An officer from the South Abington Police Department presented the police report for the month. Cheryl Macheska questioned the officer about a fireworks complaint where fireworks were being lite after 11:30 PM on Main Street in Ransom.

Jeff Lacoë of the Newton Ransom Fire Hall presented the fire report for the month. Jeff advised that Newton has passed the sign ordinance requiring residence to mark their houses with the green reflective signs so that fire and EMS can locate homes in case of an emergency.

Bob Doble of Reilly & Reilly Associates addressed the residents and board of supervisors of the progress being made for the grant application for flood mitigation. Bob advised that Newton and Ransom are working together on this application. They are working together to strengthen the chances of receiving the grant. Bob advised that everyone was in agreement that the worst area of the creek is along Creek Rd. Bob stated that there is a \$100 application fee for the submission of the grant. This fee would be split between Newton and Ransom. Each township paying \$50. He stated that even though the grant is for \$250, 000 there would only be about 2,000 – 3,000 feet that will be able to be done due to the amount of work that would need be done. Bob advised that he will need a resolution signed by the supervisors to continue with the grant application. Bob presented a summary of the key issues to the supervisors.

Under Public Comment: Kathy Rowinski questioned the South Abington Police Officer about a bank owned abandoned property located near her residence. Kathy stated that she had spoken to police a few months earlier and had since contacted the bank. She stated that the property is getting worse and has been abandoned for about a year or two. According to research she had done it went for sheriffs sale in July, but did not sell and will be going up for sheriffs sale again in October. The officer questioned Kathy of the address of the property. Kathy stated that the address is 2305 Ransom Road. Kathy questioned the officer what can be done about the situation. Kathy stated that Bank of America has done nothing about the situation. Bud Brown stated as far as he knows since Bank of America is the owners of the property, it is their responsibility to do something with the property. The officer from South Abington stated that they have been keeping an eye on the property and has walked around the house before. The officer stated that the police cannot do anything except to keep an eye on the property. Ed Scacchitti stated he will have to do some research but the township may be able to site Bank of America for having a public nuisance.

Ed Scacchitti updated the residence on the restitution case against Kathy Zielinski stating that she has made \$200 in payments but before the township receives the money they are owed Lackawanna County has to recover the fines and court costs that were assed with her case. Ed stated for the next meeting he will hopefully have the information of what has been paid.

Being there was no further public comment Dennis Macheska returned to the agenda. The township received an inspection report and engineers report for Alliance Landfill noting no violations.

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

Dave Bird made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Ransom Township to co apply with Newton Township for a flood mitigation grant. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis Macheska read the treasury report for the month. The general fund balance was \$910,718.70 and liquid fuels fund balance was \$1,340,564.93. Recycling for June totaled 5.78 tons. Julys recycling dates were July 17th & 18th.

Dave Bird presented the road report for the month. Dave stated that the supervisors will be opening and reviewing the bids for the road work project on Friday July 11 at 5:00pm and will be awarding the bids on July 14 at 5:00pm. Dave advised that when work begins on Evergreen Drive the road will only be open to residence of that road. The project will take approximately 2 days.

Dennis Macheska advised the next regular township meeting will be August 4, 2014.

Bud Brown advised that we will working on the mandated public education aspect of MS4, pertaining to storm water management.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs