

December 1, 2014

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order on December 1, 2014 at 7pm at 2435 Hickory Lane. Also present were board members David Bird, William (Bud) Brown, Secretary Sarah Griggs and Attorney Ed Scacchitti. Ten 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 Harvey of the South Abington Police Department presented the police report for the month. Officer Harvey explained that the police hours were down for the month due to officers calling off. This did not affect the call time to Ransom Township, but did affect the patrol time. Helen Dotty questioned the officer about increasing police presence on Milwaukee Rd near the café. Helen explained that cars have been speeding in that area on the weekend mornings when the café is busy. Officer Harvey explained that the police do sit in that area but he will pass on to the other officers about increasing their presence in the area. Cheryl Macheska questioned the officer about a tree hanging on wires on the Newton Ransom Blvd between Evergreen Drive and Main Street. Officer Harvey advised that he will contact PennDot about the tree. Jeff Lacoé advised that he also called the hanging tree into the comm center a few days prior.

Jeff Lacoé of the Newton Ransom Fire Hall presented the fire report for the month. Jeff advised that there were 43 calls for the month. 17 fire calls and 26 EMS calls. Jeff questioned the board if they will be adopting a sign ordinance for the township. Dennis Macheska advised that the township will be adopting the ordinance in beginning of 2015. Bob Lukasiewicz questioned Jeff if a report had been filed for the brush fire that took place on Bald Mt Rd. Jeff explained that the Department of Forestry had taken over the case and would be sighting the property owner for what had been dumped there and the hazard that was involved. Bob stated that he had visited the sight and was waiting for the report to continue. Jeff stated that he will give Bob the number of the individual with the Department of Forestry in charge of the case.

Under Public Comment: Bob Lukasiewicz questioned the new pick up date for recyclables starting in January 2015. Dave Bird advised that the recycling pick up date will be the third Friday of the month.

Ed Johnston complimented the Christmas lights at the township building. Louis Borgia questioned who's responsibility the tree on the wires on Newton Ransom Blvd is. Dave Bird advised that it is the cable companies since it is on their wire.

Cheryl Macheska advised that The Lions Club will be holding their free breakfast with Santa for the children of Ransom on December 20 from 9-11. Dennis Macheska added that Cheryl has cards that can be filled out for the children.

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.

Ed Scacchitti stated that he recommends adopting the contract with Comcast for 10 years with the terms agreed upon discussed at the public hearing before the

township meeting. Bud Brown made a motion to sign the contract with Comcast for 10 years. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis Macheska read the treasure report for the month. The balance of the general account was \$493,077.78 and the balance of the liquid fuels fund was \$1,340,716.47. Recycling for the month of November was 5.86 tons. Decembers recycling dates would be December 18th and December 19th. Dennis advised that Waste Management will be picking up the recyclables for the township starting January 2015.

Dennis Macheska stated that the township is again participating in the Toys for Tots drop off. The drop off box is located in the lobby of the municipal building at 2435 Hickory Lane. All new, unwrapped toys will be collected until December 11.

Dennis Macheska stated that the Ransom Township Supervisors will be holding a special meeting December 16 at 5:30 pm to adopt the 2015 budget, sign the 2015 tax resolution, sign the recycling contract with Waste Management, and adopt three PSATS ordinances for the pension, life, disability and unemployment insurance. A public hearing for the ordinances will be held at 5:00pm before the meeting.

Dennis Macheska advised that the next regular township meeting and reorganization meeting will be January 5, 2015.

Dave Bird added that recycling bins are available at the township building. Dave advised that when Waste Management takes over the recycling they probably will not pick up anything that is not in a Ransom Township recycling bin. Barbara Jones questioned if having Waste Management pick up the recyclables is beneficial financially for the township. Dave Bird stated that it will cost the township but the township no longer has the manpower to do it. Louis Borgia questioned if the township will still get credit for it. Dave Bird advised that the township does not get money for it but will still get credit for it towards grants because we will still be a recycling township.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs