

June 1, 2015

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order on June 1, 2015 at 6:57pm at the Mt. Dewey Community Center located at 1101 Community Drive. A quorum of members was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence for Supervisor William "Bud" Brown. Also present were JoAnn Pane, Secretary, and Attorney Ed Scacchitti, Solicitor. Seventeen (17) individuals signed the meeting sign in sheet.

JoAnn Pane then read the previous month's supervisor's meeting minutes, David Bird made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Officer Siegler of the South Abington Police presented the police report for the month. Officer Sigler advised that on the 20th of May on Newton Road there was a disabled vehicle. On May 21st on Cherry Hill Road there were a group of bicyclists, that will be out on Thursday evening's, complaining of a truck coming close to them. On May 25th in the 2000 block of the Boulevard a woman hit a deer and lastly a criminal mischief on the 30th on Main Street where a tractor was damaged and aluminum nails were thrown in the driveway, there were no leads.

Chief Jeff LaCoe from the Newton Ransom Fire Hall was present but did not have the report for the month, he did indicate he would drop it off at the township building. Chief LaCoe also asked that residents who are doing controlled burns to please call and alert the fire department. And lastly he indicated that the fire company is currently working on restoring a brush tanker for township use.

Under Public comment:

Jim Murphy questioned the township procedure for appointing a new supervisor. Dennis Macheska explained that a motion is brought forward appointing a new supervisor and it is not done by bid. Solicitor Scacchitti then explained the procedure for a second class township supervisor appointment.

Bob Lukasiewicz questioned the verbage of the newly passed property numbering ordinance with regards to compliance as stated in the ransom township zoning ordinance booklet #2003 -1 & 2 amended February 3, 2003, stating that as the zoning officer, he would be the first that would be non-compliant. Dennis Macheska directed Bob to page 58, section 407 on informational signs and the verbage of "not subject to any requirements". Township Solicitor Scacchitti clarified further that the objective of the ordinance is so every residential and non-residential structure has a street number on it so emergency personnel can find it. Hank Jones questioned the numbers on his house vs. the required sign. Cheryl Macheska stated that the sign needs to be in your yard. Joy Zeiss stated that her bushes would block the sign.

Bill Auriemma questioned who would be taking over the responsibility of Landfill Inspector with the untimely demise of Bud Brown. David Bird responded that it would be him and it would be no more than 20 hours per month. Bill then questioned the activity on Snake Road and the heavy equipment that has been seen. Zoning Officer Bob Lukasiewicz stated that the Ransom side of the property is being used as a parking area. The Taylor side of the property currently has a HOP and the owners are trying to obtain a mining permit. Dennis Macheska questioned as to whether or not Bob was able to get in touch with Taylor Borough or the owner to confirm their actions/intentions. Information that was obtained by Ransom Township was shared within the meeting. It was stated that will wait for Bob to gather the information requested with reference to the property and Mr. Doherty. Bob stated that he will come to the township building during business hours to obtain copies of the documents in our possession.

Hank Rowinski questioned what the procedure would be if the land owner/worker wouldn't speak to the zoning officer. Solicitor Scacchitti explained the procedure of filing a petition after exhausting all our other options.

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Lenay Blackwell questioned David Bird as to when he will be starting the HLI position and whether he will need to recertify. David Bird stated that he will need to re-certify and should begin the inspections within the next couple months.

Joy Zeiss spoke about a "deaf child" sign that was stolen from near her property, David Bird responded that we have ordered a new sign and are waiting to receive it. She also stated that the vehicle's have been driving very fast down her road and asked that someone alert South Abington Police to monitor that road.

Being there no further public comment Dennis Macheska returned to the agenda. Dennis stated that we received the Alliance Landfill report, noting no violations.

David Bird made a motion to appoint Jerry Brown to serve as supervisor until the next municipal election. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion, All yes 0 no. Bill Auriemma questioned how long Jerry will be in office. Solicitor Scacchitti clarified that Jerry will need to run in the next election if he so chooses, to finish the previous supervisor's term.

Dennis Macheska then discussed extending the property numbering ordinance. Dennis then made a motion to extend the requirement of the property numbering ordinance for an additional 60 days, Jerry seconded the motion, All yes, 0 no. The requirement will be for all resident's to have property numbering signs in place by September 1, 2015.

The new township mailer was discussed. It was decided that the mailer will be in black and white and will be a quarterly mailer sent to the residence. Barbara Jones asked if the entire process would be done in house or if it would be contracted out. It was clarified that the design and the resident list would be done in house and the folding, tabbing and mailing would be contracted out.

Dennis Macheska read the treasurers report for the month. The balance in the general fund was \$547,377.51 and the liquid fuels account balance was \$1,416,785.09. Recycling for this month is June 19th. Spring clean-up results were 4 dumpsters from Mt. Dewey, 8 from Milwaukee and 3 truckloads of t.v.'s. The next regular township meeting will be Monday, July 6th in the Ransom Township Municipal Building.

Dennis Macheska advised at this point that we would begin opening our roadwork bids then take a slight break to review them with Solicitor Scacchitti and return to award them.

Dennis Macheska resumed the meeting after the break and turned the floor over to Roadmaster/Supervisor Bird for the bid results. David Bird read the results for cracksealing various township roads. Jerry Brown made a motion to award the cracksealing project to Bothar for \$43,800.00. Dennis Macheska seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. David Bird read the results for Chip Sealing of Community Drive. Jerry Brown made a motion to award the chip sealing project to Suit-Kote for \$46,971.86. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. David Bird read the only result for FB-Modified work on N. Sekol Avenue from AMS for \$217,353.88, Dennis Macheska made a motion to accept the bid, Jerry Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. Finally David Bird read the only result for line painting various roads, but the bid was incomplete, so nothing was awarded.

Jerry Brown made a motion to adjourn, David Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no

Respectfully Submitted
JoAnn Pane