

July 6, 2015

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order on July 6, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building located at 2435 Hickory Lane with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum of members was present. Also present were JoAnn Pane, Secretary, and Attorney Ed Scacchitti, Solicitor. Sixteen (16) 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 Percival of the South Abington Police presented the police report for the month. Officer Percival advised that there was an incident of internet fraud, a stolen bicycle on Skyline drive and a non-criminal child custody dispute that was investigated. Lenay Blackwell raised a concern of quads on the roads and was advised by the officer that they do not chase them, she also offered times of speeders on her road. David Bird raised a concern about complaints he is receiving from residents of speeding on Evergreen Drive and Ransom Road. Dennis Macheska then raised a concern about someone blowing fireworks off in the Main Street playground at 11:30 pm, he offered the vehicle information to the officer. Cheryl Macheska questioned the officer about the State Police presence within the township.

Chief Jeff LaCoe from the Newton Ransom Fire Hall was present and stated that in the month of June Ransom had 4 fire calls and 20 EMS calls.

Bob Lukasiewicz gave a township officials report regarding a complaint filed by Bill Auriemma. The problem was addressed and ample time given for compliance. Bob will be returning to the property to inspect the planned solution within the next couple weeks.

There was no additional update on the property on Snake road as it was expected that Mr. Doherty would be attending the July 6th meeting to answer questions and provide information on his property.

Under Public comment:

Lenay Blackwell questioned Dennis Macheska about issued building permits. It was then explained to the secretary, that she will need to provide copies to Lenay.

Connie Flesh questioned the property numbering ordinance. It was explained that the property number has to be on your property, and as long as your mailbox is on your property, it can be on the mailbox.

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

Dennis Macheska stated that we received bids for a new roof for the Ransom Community Hall. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the bid from Ritter's Roofing, Jerry Brown seconded. All yes, 0 no.

Dennis Macheska then discussed reimbursement for the township tax collector, Lenay Blackwell for the required Act 164 credits. A motion was made by Jerry Brown for reimbursement, Dave Bird seconded, All yes, 0 no.

Dennis then gave information regarding the Gypsy Moth spray program for Lackawanna County. Dennis also gave information regarding the resignation of the township engineer, James Gaidula and the receipt of resumes for a replacement.

Dennis Macheska read the treasurers report for the month. The balance in the general fund was \$517,572.70 and the liquid fuels account balance was \$1,416,871.04. Recycling for this month is July 24th. Summer hours and office closure was read.

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Secretary, JoAnn Pane then read the new 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Jerry Brown made a motion to accept, David Bird seconded, All yes, 0 no.

David Bird then gave a road update on township projects. David spoke about a Dirt and Gravel Road grant for drainage work on Dark Region Road. He also discussed the Township contracting with PennDot for an Agility contract for roadwork. Dave Bird made a motion to accept the township contracting with PennDot, Dennis seconded. All yes, 0 no. Connie Flesh then questioned when roadwork would be done on Creek Road.

The next regular township meeting will be Monday, August 3rd in the Ransom Township Municipal Building.

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

Respectfully Submitted
JoAnn Pane