

August 3, 2015

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order on August 3, 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, Jerry Brown seconded the motion. Dennis Macheska clarified the placement of the property numbering signs with regards to mailbox location. All yes 0 no.

Chief Gerrity of the South Abington Police presented the police report for the month. The Chief advised that 119.30 hours were approximately spent within Ransom Township and within those hours there were 4 incidents. An identity theft investigation that is still active, a report of a possible honey bee poisoning. There was an arrest of a gentleman on Dark Region road with a narcotics possession. And finally a neighbor complaint of a barking dog. The Chief also addressed the speeding and quad's on the roads within the township.

Chief Jeff LaCoe from the Newton Ransom Fire Hall was present and stated that in the month of July Ransom had 6 fire calls and 8 EMS calls.

Bob Lukasiewicz gave a township officials report regarding a question of a possible permanent structure on Bald Mountain Road, the structure was above ground so it was deemed not permanent. He also made a return visit to the Avisato property and no sediment was found on the property.

Under Public comment:

Rich Conte of Ransom Holdings, Taylor topsoil, spoke about the intent and current work being done on the property located in Ransom and Taylor Borough. Rich also apologized for not attending a meeting sooner and reassured the supervisor's and residents that any additional work would be brought to a meeting and permits would be filed.

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 discussed hiring a new engineering company called CARDNO BCM regarding hiring a new company to take care of our Township MS4 requirements. Jerry Brown made a motion to accept the proposal from the engineer for the Chesapeake Water Reduction Plan, Dave Bird seconded. All yes, 0 no.

Dennis Macheska then discussed the PIMA quote for our liability insurance. A motion was made by Dave Bird for acceptance of the new insurance rate, Jerry Brown seconded, All yes, 0 no.

Lastly Dennis read the treasurers report for the month. The balance in the general fund was \$611,523.72 and the liquid fuels account balance was \$1,416,889.46. Recycling for this month is August 21st.

Dennis then introduced Heather Kowalek a junior from Abington Heights and spoke about her trash clean-up project. The supervisors offered garbage bags, gloves, safety vests.

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David Bird then gave a road update on township projects. David spoke about N. Sekol being complete and work on Community Drive. He also discussed the Township contracting with PennDot for an Agility contract for roadwork.

The next regular township meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th 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