

October 5, 2015

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the public meeting of the Ransom Township Board of Supervisors to order on October 5, 2015 at 6:57 pm at the Mt. Dewey Community Hall located at 1101 Community Drive 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.

Solicitor Scacchitti addressed the group regarding the enactment of the proposed Snow Ordinance and explained the responsibility and possible liability to the township and repercussions of violations.

The floor was then opened for public comment and Hank Makowski questioned what happens when a road/driveway is cleared and the Township trucks go by and deposits snow at the end of the driveway. Clarification was made by Solicitor Scacchitti, that it is the home owners responsibility to clear the snow.

The public hearing was then closed and the Ransom township board of supervisor's meeting was started.

JoAnn Pane read the previous month's supervisor's meeting minutes, Jerry Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Chief Gerrity from the South Abington Police Department presented the September police report noting 139 hours and 35 minutes of coverage. During the month, there were 7 traffic citations issued, 5 for speeding and 2 for registration, 7 warnings, 1 reportable vehicle accident. There was a reckless driving that resulted in arrest after a tasing, a suspicious person, help locating a missing minor, a child custody non-criminal investigation and lastly another suspicious person.

Chief Jeff LaCoe from the Newton-Ransom Fire Department presented the September fire report noting 36 calls for both township's, 6 fire and 11 EMS for Ransom. Chief LaCoe mentioned the scene of a garbage fire and also asked that now that the property numbering ordinance was passed, he wanted to stress to the resident's that the sign needs to be on the same side of the road as your house. Resident Elaine Fischer at that point questioned the sign placement. Solicitor Scacchitti at this point also asked that the South Abington Police as well as Newton-Ransom Fire Department, please notify the township secretary if they do have difficulty finding a resident's address, so the signage or lack thereof can be addressed.

Bob Lukasiewicz had nothing new to report under the township officials report but did ask Chief LaCoe if he would like him to go to the property where the fire was set.

Under Public comment:

Cheryl Macheska announced that the Newton-Ransom Fire Company as well as the Ransom Lion's club will be holding a trunk or treat on October 24, from 2-4 at the Ransom Lion's club building and the Lion's club will be holding their pancake breakfast on October 25 from 7-1.

Being there no further public comment Dennis Macheska returned to the agenda. Dennis stated that we received the Alliance Landfill report, noting no violations. We received the liquid fuels and turnback allocation for 2016. We discussed a change in services with Frontier. It was announced that the Municipal Building office will be closed on Friday, October 30th and Monday, November 2nd.

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Lastly Dennis read the treasurers report for the month. The balance in the general fund was \$274,460.90 and the liquid fuels account balance was \$1,417,095.81. Recycling for this month is October 23rd, September totals were 5.8 ton.

Dave Bird made a motion to accept the snow ordinance, Jerry Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dave Bird gave the road report, stating that we are still mowing and have about 18 hours left to complete the current agility program and we are in the process of trying to enter an agreement to plow Main Street and Creek Road (PennDot roads) within the township as part of a new agility plan.

Jerry Brown updated the residents that the Chesapeake Water Bay Reduction Plan was accepted and approved and the 13-14 and 14-15 Annual reports were accepted and approved, noting minor violations. Jerry also alerted the residents of the new ordinances that will be passed at the November 9th meeting. He advised the resident's that there are copies for their review on the back table.

Dennis advised that there will be a Toys-for Tots box placed in the Municipal Building for collection. Dave advised that the fall clean-up will take place on Friday Oct. 9th 7 am-7pm and Saturday Oct 10th from 7am-noon.

The next regular township meeting will be Monday, November 9th in the Township Building.

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

Respectfully Submitted
JoAnn Pane