

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING
May 7, 2007**

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PRESENT: Chairman Ronald Evans, Vice-Chair, Charles Kunkle, Supervisor Sharon Cole, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Ron Cree, Elliott Chotas, Jr., Nancy Sunday, Pete Fitting, Kathleen Miller, Joyce Chotas, Elliott Chotas, Sr., Jean Snyder, Peggy Fedder and Sean Fedder.

Former Supervisors present: Robert Lightner and Phyllis Page.

This meeting was advertised in the Duncannon Record and proof of publication is on file. The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:30 PM. Chairman Ron Evans convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Evans asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. Peggy Fedder of 2985 Mountain Road suggested that since there is no legal representation present tonight and since this is not a regular meeting, that the Board keep to the items listed on the agenda.

Elliott Chotas, Jr. of 9 Dicken Drive asked if the Board would consider another item of business.

Supervisor Cole said he can say whatever he wants.

Chotas requested to know the status of his position as zoning officer.

Chairman Evans said that issue could be addressed at the next regular meeting on May 21, 2007.

Elliott protested alleging that he has been "put off" for three months now.

Supervisor Cole notified the Board she was tape recording and held the recorder up to Chairman Evan's face.

Chairman Evans said he did not want to discuss the issue now, but did say that Chotas was the one who said he wanted relieved of his duties. Chotas said he was/is ready to resume those responsibilities.

Kunkle made a motion to table this discussion on the Zoning Officer's position until the next meeting when legal representation is present. Cole questioned the motion and attributed it to "politics".

Evans seconded the motion to table any discussion on the Zoning Officer's position until the next meeting; Motion carried.

Cole continued to question Evans waving the tape recorder in the Chairman's face. She asked if Chotas would serve as the Zoning Officer in the interim.

Evans said, "No"; Ron Cree was appointed to act as Zoning Officer.

Cole complained and attempted to divert the meeting business with disruptive comments.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board to continue with the business at hand.

Supervisor Cole said to the Secretary/Treasurer, "I want you to be quiet and not to speak unless you are asked."

Chairman Evans asked Supervisor Cole to also be quiet.

OPENING OF THE BIDS: The bids were advertised in the April 19 and April 26, 2007 editions of the Duncannon Record and proof of publication is on file. The Secretary/Treasurer opened the bids for the demolition, removal of an existing culvert structure and excavation for a pre-cast concrete culvert on Idle Road. Chairman Evans read them as follows:

BIDDER	BID
G & R Charles Excavating	\$61,953.99
Lobar Excavating	\$73,995.00
Top Rate Construction	\$59,379.00
Weber Excavating	\$32,291.18
McNaughton Services	\$50,960.00

RESOLUTION: Kunkle made a motion and Cole seconded to adopt **Resolution 07-04**, which authorizes the electronic transfer for payment from the General Checking account # 20044 by (IBA), the Independent Business Association for monthly health insurance, approval contingent if the amount of the payment determined by the underwriters at Capital Blue Cross is less than the current health plan with Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance (PCI). Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy Sunday, chairman of the Recreation Board, apologized that no one from the Recreation Board was present at the April supervisors' meeting. She brought two items before the Board for their approval: 1) Mowing of the Park, 2) Donation to Marysville Borough for the wading pool.

Upon the recommendation of the Recreation Board, Evans made a motion and Cole seconded to appoint Kurt Matter to mow the New Valley Road Park at a rate of \$90.00 per mowing. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on the amount of the donation to Marysville Borough for repair of the wading pool. Evans made a motion to donate \$125.00 to the Marysville Borough for the wading pool.

Discussion continued.

Kunkle made a motion to donate the recommended \$100.00 plus his meeting pay for this meeting of \$70.00 for a total of \$170.00. Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cole made a motion to table the discussion and adoption of the Police Standard Operation Procedures (SOP's) manual drafted by Corporal Clinton Shoop until legal representation is present at the May 21, 2007 supervisors' meeting. Kunkle seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Upon due consideration, Evans made a motion and Kunkle seconded to accept the lowest bid received for excavation, demolition of the existing culvert for the Idle Road bridge project to Weber Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$32,291.18. Motion carried unanimously. Evans said the start date for the project is June 12, 2007.

Kunkle made a motion and Evans seconded to hire Thomas Bitner, Jr. as a temporary part-time refuse employee at \$11.95 per hour to fill in when the regular full time employees are unavailable. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/treasurer provided a May expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Checks #s 10865-10888 in the amount of \$22,010.53. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 4840-4848 in the amount of \$8,046.56. No payroll checks void.

With no discussion on the bills presented, Kunkle made a motion & Evans seconded to approve the checks & pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Phyllis Page of 165 Mountain Road asked about the placement of boulders and trees planted possibly in the Township's R-O-W at the entrance to Dean's Gap Road. Discussion ensued. Evans said he would drive to the area and check Township documents to attempt to determine where the Township's R-O-W is located.

Nancy Sunday announced that the **Fishing Derby** would be held on this **Saturday morning May 12, 2007 at 9:00 AM** promptly for ages up to 13. Nancy said the Recreation Board was able to acquire a 30 day special permit this year for approval for this area of Fishing Creek to be designated a children's fishing area.

A pool party is scheduled at the Marysville Pool in July, free of charge. Additional details would be available in the summer newsletter.

Robert Lightner of 1879 Valley Road said one of the residents in the area is excavating and dumped limestone on the cul-de-sac at the end of Lee Drive and expressed concern with hindering emergency vehicles from turning at the cul-de-sac. Chairman Evans said he would drive this area also and look into this concern.

Kathleen Miller of 1970 Old Mill Road requested filling in the sides of Old Mill Road, which she said need filled due to the resurfacing of the road last summer.

Peggy Fedder of 2985 Valley Road asked about 2470 Valley Road, the Clouser residence and the concern with vectors. Evans and Kunkle said the owner has been cooperating and the animals are gone and poison has been set to kill the rodents.

William Thumma, Jr. of 120 Cove Hill Road asked if it is a conflict of interest that Bob Lightner is running for supervisor and his wife is the Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Evans said this is not a conflict of interest according to the Second Class Code. Decisions are made by the majority of the Board and not one individual supervisor. Kunkle said there are other Townships that have similar relationships and it is not considered a conflict.

Vice-Chairman Kunkle notified residents to watch their small animals when outside. Kunkle said the coyote population is increasing and dogs and cats have turned up missing.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: With no further business before the Board, Chairman Kunkle made a motion and Evans seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 8:06 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner
Secretary/Treasurer