

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING
December 11, 2009**

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PRESENT: Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice-Chairman, Ronald Evans, Supervisor Ken Quigley, and Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 9:03 AM. Chairman Robert Lightner convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was tape recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Since there were no citizens present, no citizen participation was offered.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed the 2010 contract proposed from the Humane Society, which increased almost \$1,000 from last year. Chairman Lightner stopped by the Humane Society and spoke with Executive Director Amy Kaunas to explain the concern relating to the number of animals dropped off at the shelter by a single residence and the increased cost to the Township. The Humane Society had no options to offer. Upon due consideration Supervisor Quigley made a motion to not renew the annual contract with the Humane Society for 2010. Supervisor Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed the possible construction of a temporary holding pen. Strays would be regulated by Officer Shoop and held temporarily overnight or at the most a few days until County Dog Officer John Briner could pick them up.

Road employees Brad Sloop and Mike Miller this year attended the Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance of Dirt and Gravel Roads training. Therefore Rye Township is eligible for funding from the dirt and gravel roads program. Discussion ensued on completion of a grant application to acquire funding for Deans Gap Road. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would review previous paperwork and prepare the application by the January 29, 2010 deadline.

Supervisor Quigley asked if the Township received the paperwork from Rick Levan of PennDot confirming that Deans Gap Road was placed back on the road listing for Liquid Fuels funding. The Secretary/Treasurer said no correspondence was received and would contact Mr. Levan to check on the status.

Chairman Lightner announced that the annual Organization meeting of the Board will be held on January 4, 2010 at 7:30 PM. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would advertise the meeting in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Chairman Lightner reminded fellow Board members that a public hearing will be held for the revised SALDO on Monday December 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM with tentative adoption at the Board meeting immediately following.

Chairman Lightner reported that the two night Santa Visitation program with the police escort was a success. Lightner commended George Askins for his sincerity as he spoke with the children. In appreciation for his time, Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to purchase a fifty (\$50) dollar gift card from Classic Drycleaners in Enola so Santa can have his suit cleaned. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Lightner recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 9:37 AM to discuss personnel and legal business.

RECONVENE THE MEETING: Chairman Lightner reconvened the special meeting at 10:35 AM explaining that personnel issues were discussed and two legal issues. No action was taken by the Board, except to discuss the legal issues with Solicitor Wagner at the December 14, 2009 Board meeting.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a quote for \$900 for a laptop for the Administrative Office from SEDA-COG and discussed the specifications of the computer and software with the Board. The Board directed the Secretary/Treasurer to check on the necessity of the webcam. With no further discussion, Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to purchase the laptop for the Administrative office. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the inadequacy of one 275 gallon tank to hold heating oil for both the municipal office and the police office. The concern arose because the oil tank was empty and the office temperature at 55 degrees when employees came to work after the Thanksgiving Day Holidays. The Board discussed various options to address the concern. Quotes for the cost of an additional tank will be acquired. Chairman Lightner directed the Secretary/Treasurer to add this item to the Monday, December 14, 2009 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: With no further business or discussion before the Board, Chairman Lightner made a motion with a second from Supervisor Evans to adjourn the special meeting at 10:45 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer