

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
June 28, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice-Chairman, Ronald Evans, Supervisor Ken Quigley, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Nancy Sunday, Jean Snyder, Ronald Cree, Michael G. Gensemer, Barbara Holley, Bill Holley, Peggy Fedder, Sean Fedder, Scott Weaver, John Fitzsimmons, Gary Roth, and Solicitor P. Richard Wagner.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman 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: Scott Weaver of New Valley Road brought up the subjects of Mowing and Dry Hydrants. Chairman Lightner noted that these issues were on the agenda and asked Mr. Weaver to address them at that time.

Peg Fedder of Valley Road stated that she has seen cement trucks traveling on Pine Hill Road on three separate occasions this past week. This is a concern because of the weight limit on the Pine Hill Road Bridge. This issue will be brought to the attention of the Police Officer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of May 24, 2010 supervisors' meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 11, 2010, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner introduced Nancy Sunday as the Acting Recording Secretary for tonight's meeting.

POLICE CAR BID: One sealed bid was received from Chicago Motors. The Acting Recording Secretary opened the bid and Chairman Lightner read the Bid of \$1,907.00 which was below the minimum bid requested of \$3,000. Supervisor Evans made a motion to reject the bid from Chicago Motors and Supervisor Quigley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Township intends to advertise in other publications such as through PSATS.

Chairman Lightner introduced Mike Gensemer of BIU who briefly told the group about his background working for Labor and Industry. He is currently employed by BIU as a Municipal Liaison. He explained that the Uniform Construction Code was approved in 1999 and gives every municipality the option to administer and enforce the UCC. Mr. Gensemer explained some of the requirements of the UCC and also noted that next year their will be a requirement for a sprinkler system in residential homes.

If we opt in, homeowners would have access to the Board of Appeals and could appeal this requirement if it is not feasible to install such a system in their homes. If we don't opt in, the local Code Official cannot waive regulations. Chairman Quigley asked if there was any advantage to going with BIU over a COG. If we went with a COG we would need to establish a Board of Appeals with that agency. The advantage would be namely for commercial construction. Chairman Lightner asked what the procedure is to opt in with BIU. Mr. Gensemer explained that we would first need to adopt an Ordinance. Scott Weaver offered that the Borough of Marysville uses this service and are quite happy with them. Mr. Gensemer noted that there is a model ordinance on Labor and Industry's web site which we should be able to adapt to our needs. Supervisor Quigley made a motion to gain the desired information and advertise our intent to adopt an ordinance to opt in with BIU and Chairman Lightner seconded. The motion carried with two yes votes and one no vote from Supervisor Evans.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Corporal Clinton Shoop submitted copies and Chairman Lightner read the May police Report as follows: 25 miles – Impala; zero fuel – Impala; 60.2 gallons of fuel used – Crown Vic, drove 1,051 miles – Crown Vic, worked a total of 159 hours, 13 incidents, which included: 1 DUI, 1 traffic accident, 1 medical assistance, 1 assist other agencies, and 5 traffic citations. Collected \$319.91 fines from the District Justice, \$98.91 from Perry County, and \$15.00 for an Accident Report Fee.

The May Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer, Ron Cree and available for review. Mr. Cree read the report as follows: thirty-four (34) calls and complaints, 11 zoning permits, 1 Certificate of Use, mileage of 87 miles with a total of \$600.00 in fees collected.

The Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by Mike Higgins, SEO. Chairman Lightner read the report as follows: Probes and percs for Ron Blauch, Final Inspection for Ernie Pace and planning review for Dittmar/Corl. Total fees collected were \$350.00.

The Road Report was submitted by Brad Sloop, Road Foreman. Supervisor Quigley noted that he was away last week, but during his absence the Township secretary located a part time employee capable of operating the tractor to mow in the western end of the Township. Mowing was behind due to work on the Trout Lane project. The road crew collected weekly trash, hauled 2A mod, mowed and trimmed at the Township building, serviced and washed the trash truck, worked on drainage along Trout Lane shoulder installing R-4s and R-5s in preparation for paving, and worked with Handwerk Paving on a project on New Valley Road. Paving was completed from Cold Springs Road to Heisley Bridge.

Nancy Sunday of the Recreation Board was present and reported that we had over 120 people in attendance at the Strawberry Festival and 21 children and their families attended the Fishing Derby. Upcoming events include a Pool Party on July 9, at the Marysville Borough Pool from 7 – 9 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will also have Ice Cream Sundaes in the park on August 15, at 6:30 p.m. Our September event will be a Kids/Community Day and the Recreation Board is requesting that the Supervisors

cook hamburgers and hot dogs for those in attendance. Chairman Lightner felt that the supervisors should be able to accommodate the Recreation Board request. The part time summer employee started work at the Park this past week.

No Emergency Management Report was offered.

The May Treasurer's Report & General & Solid Waste Fund Balance Reports were submitted for review by the Secretary/Treasurer and read and with no discussion were accepted as read pending the independent auditors' review.

LEGAL BUSINESS: Police Negotiations. Supervisor Ron Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to appoint Chairman Lightner as the Board representative to deal with the union on these negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Evans stated that he feels when we get into final negotiations all three supervisors should be involved. Chairman Lightner reported that the union is proposing over a 20% raise for the first year of the contract. In addition, the police department is requesting an additional 5 sick days to the 10 sick days already plus one (1) additional personal day.(3 already are given). However the police want the employee contribution to the health insurance capped for the entire contract at 2%. Several residents offered that it might be time to disband the department. Mr. Wagner advised the Board that they could legally opt to abolish a police force. However, the Township could not replace the department or pay for alternate police services. State Police would remain as primary and sole coverage. The Township discussed reaffirming labor counsel for the negotiations. The firm of Reed-Smith is currently representing the Township. Mr. Wagner offered that Bill Flannery does this type of negotiations and the Township may want to consider using him. The Secretary/Treasurer will check with other firms prior to the July 12 Special Meeting. The Supervisors anticipate appointing labor counsel at that time. It was noted that although the Township has between July 1 and September 10 to complete negotiations, Teamsters has already requested arbitration.

RESOLUTION: Resolution 10-11 authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from the General Checking account into the General Savings at the First National Bank of Marysville. When the Police Car CD matures this \$5,000 will then be added to that CD. This transfer is being done to achieve the most interest earnings on this money. Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from Checking to Savings. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Lightner noted that the Teats property has been cleared of all trash and junked vehicles. Before and after pictures of this property were available for review. The Township does have a lien on this property and if the property is ever sold, the Township will recover their costs. Chairman Lightner made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to pay Vince Sharar of Sharar's Recycling & Salvage the agreed upon amount of \$19,500 for his services in cleaning up this property. Motion carried unanimously. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would fax a copy of this invoice to Mr. Wagner for the lien.

Trash Collection Bids for collection of trash within Rye Township will be opened at the July 12 Special Meeting. Awarding of the contract will not occur at this meeting since the Supervisors need time to study and review the details of all bids received.

Scott Weaver of the Marysville Fire Company reported that there is a new piece of equipment called a turbo draft. The advantage of this equipment over the dry hydrant, is that it sits on top of the water and will pull water out of the stream and remove all air in the process, so only water is going to the pump. The Fire Company will test this equipment on July 12 and Scott invited the supervisors to attend the demonstration. The Fire Company will consider purchase of this equipment if it is not too expensive. Scott noted that the disadvantage to using a dry hydrant is that it sits on the bottom of the stream and in addition to pulling water, it also pulls up silt and sediment. The dry hydrant requires additional ongoing maintenance for this reason.

Mowing and Road Projects: Chairman Lightner reported that there is a sink hole on Pine Hill Road and he does not feel that it is the culvert pipe, but the surrounding ground. He also does not feel that the pipe came apart. Supervisor Quigley will take a look at this tomorrow. Ron Hampton has been mowing in the western end of the township. There was discussion that some areas need mowed with more than one pass of the mower. Supervisor Quigley will ride the roads in the Township and will determine if additional mowing is needed.

The proposed Dry Hydrant installation on Fleisher Road will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to hire Ron Hampton as a part time temporary employee at the part-time wage. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner made the following announcements:

The Township Office would be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010, in observance of the 4th of July Holiday. Trash will be collected on Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

The July Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a Special Supervisors' Meeting on Monday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m. to open the Trash Bids and the Trout Lane Paving Bids. Daisy Lightner received a request for clarification on the Trout Lane Paving Bid from Hempt Bros. Does this bid include paving of the cul-de-sac at the top of Trout Lane? Supervisor Quigley stated that it does include the entire upper cul-de-sac.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided a June expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment. General Fund checks #s 12587-12616 in the amount of \$28,740.13. No checks void.

Payroll check #s 5758-5768 in the amount of \$5,862.52. No checks void.

The Secretary/Treasurer noted the electronic transfer, ELF to Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance, (PCI) for monthly payment for health insurance in the amount of \$5,267.05.

Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the checks presented and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner provided the Re-Assessment Office phone # of 582-5141 and stated that the Rye Township office has nothing to do with the appeal process.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sunday
Acting Recording Secretary