

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' BUDGET & SPECIAL MEETING  
November 4, 2010**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice-Chairman Ron Evans, Supervisor, Ken Quigley, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, Linda Ekelman, Pat and Elwood Brubeck, and Sean Fedder.

**FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Charlie Kunkle and Phyllis Page

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:01 PM. Chairman Lightner convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was tape recorded to assist with the preparation of the minutes.

Linda Ekelman informed the Board that she would be tape recording the meeting, but preferred to not place her recorder on the table in compliance with the Board's Resolution for audio recordings of meetings.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** No citizen participation was offered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Zoning Officer Ron Cree spoke with Donald Woods regarding the concern with the accumulation of tires at Woody's Salvage Yard on New Valley Road and the denial of his salvage yard license. An inspection conducted on Monday, November 1, 2010 revealed that Mr. Woods now has the tires loaded in a dumpster and plans to take the tires to Mahantangos in Liverpool as soon as the dumpster is full. Mr. Woods stated he has a few tires that need the rims removed also prior to hauling away the tires. Mr. Woods was also notified of the permitted working hours of his operation that is located within a residential neighborhood.

Upon due consideration Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to approve the issuance of a salvage license to Donald M. Wood for the year October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Lightner made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to hire for part-time seasonal work on an as needed basis Douglas Foy of Rye Township. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Evans requested Mr. Foy bring a slip from his doctor stating that he is able to safely collect trash. Supervisor Quigley offered that several local residents are on board to assist the Township with winter maintenance as may be needed.

Concerns were expressed by the Secretary/Treasurer as she began work on the recycling bid for 2011. The Board directed the Secretary/Treasurer to add this item to the November 22, 2010 agenda for discussion with the Solicitor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Lightner recessed the meeting to executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss issues with impact bargaining for the sole former police officer and to discuss personnel issues.

**RECONVENE MEETING:** Chairman Lightner reconvened the meeting at 7:24 PM stating that impact bargaining and personnel issues were discussed.

**APPROVAL & PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/treasurer provided a November 4, 2010 expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Check's #s 12789-12805 in the amount of \$9,014.42. No expense checks void.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion to approve the checks and pay the bills, except for check number 12755 and 12793 issued to Daisy Lightner in the amount of \$35.25 and \$31.00 respectively for mileage reimbursement. Supervisor Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to approve check numbers 12755 and 12793 issued to Daisy Lightner for mileage reimbursement. Motion carried. Chairman Lightner abstained because of a potential conflict of interest being that Daisy is his spouse.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Board with an updated draft of the 2011 Budget worksheet for the General and Solid Waste Funds.

The Secretary/Treasurer also provided the Board a draft 2011 Fee Schedule for consideration. Chairman Lightner read the Schedule in its entirety. Supervisor Evans discussed charging a permit fee for paving of driveways. The Board will confirm that requiring permits for pavement of driveways is included in the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. This item will be followed up at the November 22, 2010 board meeting.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to approve of and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise the proposed Fee Schedule resolution for adoption at the December board meeting. The new fees would be effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

The **Solid Waste Fund Budget** is complete and balanced with a reduction in the residential trash fees for 2011.

The **General Fund Budget** is basically complete and balanced. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that the amount of EIT for November was only \$2,600.00+- bringing the YTD total to slightly under \$220,000 with only one month of revenue expected. The 2010 budgeted amount of \$255,000 may not be realized. Due to this concern the Secretary/Treasurer reduced the figure in account 01.310.20 Earned Income Tax of \$249,000 as originally proposed by \$5,000 or to \$244,000. The Board agreed with the reduction and felt the same concern that the amount anticipated, with the economy, is uncertain for next year. Adjustments will be made accordingly when the revenue is received in December.

Expenses in the road accounts were reduced accordingly.

Chairman Lightner offered that no tax increase is proposed for 2011. Rye Township is awaiting certification of assessment from Perry County to set the tax levy. The Township's tax levy will need adjusted when the certification is received by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed briefly the purchase of a new smaller dump truck in the budget year 2011.

Supervisor Quigley commended the Secretary/Treasurer for her work in preparation of the 2011 budget.

Chairman Lightner discussed with fellow board members a letter received from Capital Region COG requesting the Township's participation financially with their legal defense fund relating to the mandates involved with "Cleaning up the Bay." The Board directed the Secretary/Treasurer to add this item to the November 22, 2010 meeting agenda.

Supervisor Quigley offered that he followed up with a phone call he received from Elwood Brubeck of Valley Road, who questioned the history of letters that lead up to binding arbitration with the former police department. Supervisor Quigley offered that upon research of the files that all correspondence relating to negotiations was addressed to Daisy Lightner's attention. No one understood the reason why the correspondence was not sent to the Board's attention. However, the Board was aware of all of the letters, including the one dated June 1, 2010.

The Secretary/Treasurer offered that all correspondence received was sent via fax immediately and directly to Joel Barras of Reed Smith, the Labor counsel for the Township. She is not the one responsible to contact the Teamster's to schedule negotiations. Labor counsel handles all the negotiations for the Township, including the police department. It was noted during the discussion that the police union with the Teamsters was not final and certified until June 16, 2010. Attorney Barras corresponded with the Teamsters and attempted to schedule negotiations even after the union requested binding arbitration. A July 6, 2010 letter documents this action. No response whatsoever was ever received back from the Teamsters.

The Board of Supervisors noted that they are having the same lack of response from the Teamsters in attempting to schedule impact negotiations. Since early August, Attorney Barras has attempted on numerous occasions to schedule a time to come to the table and bargain over the impact of the disbandment of the department to no avail. Yet, the Township is the one blamed for being non-responsive.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to adjourn the budget and special meeting at 7:59 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner  
Secretary/Treasurer