

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
January 24, 2011**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice Chairman Ronald Evans, Supervisor Ken Quigley, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer, Ron Cree, Zoning Officer, Linda Ekelman, Pat and Elwood Brubeck, William Louder, Jr., William and Barbara Holley, Sean Fedder, John M. Fitzsimmons, Jr., Jean Snyder, Scott Weaver, John Smith, Denise Chubb, Dennis Palm & P. Richard Wagner, Esq.  
**FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Charlie Kunkle and Phyllis Page

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:30 PM. 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. Linda Ekelman announced that she was video recording the meeting. Pat Brubeck announced she would be audio recording the meeting. The chairman instructed the residents where to place their recording devices in compliance with the Township's written policy.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Lightner asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2011 supervisors' organization meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2011 supervisors' special meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN BIDS:** Nine sealed bids were received for the sale of the 1994 F250 Pick up Truck with snow plow. They were opened by the Secretary/Treasurer and read by the Chairman as follows:

Name of Bidder	Bid
Dennis Palm of Ickesburg	\$1,577.00
Frank (Skip) Zettlemyer of Enola	\$ 465.00
Tedd Carr of Duncannon	\$1,094.00
Scott Clouse of Elliottsburg	\$ 600.00
George Robinson, Route 34 Auto Sales	\$1,050.55
Mike Miller of Marysville	\$ 380.00
Ken Gabner of Marysville	\$1,650.99
George Robinson, Route 34 Auto Sales	\$1,313.13
Ron Cree of Marysville	\$ 875.00

Upon due consideration, Supervisor Quigley made a motion to accept the highest bid received for sale of the 1994 Ford F250 with snow plow "As Is" from Ken Gabner of Valley Road, Marysville in the amount of \$1,650.99. Supervisor Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Denise Chubb was in attendance on behalf of Ken Gabner. Denise would be in touch to schedule a time to complete all paperwork and transfer the tags. Denise left the meeting at this time. Dennis Palm also left the meeting at this time.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** The January Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer, Ron Cree, and read as follows: zero (0) zoning permits issued, 9 calls and/or complaints logged; 17 mileage; collected zero dollars in fees.

SEO Mike Higgins provided a Sewage Enforcement Report for January with one (1) activity for a final inspection for Wayne Reigle. Total due for wages is \$105.00.

Road Superintendent Ken Quigley read the entire January report provided by Brad Sloop, road foreman stating, "*We are in the winter mode*". The report was placed on the front table for review.

Bill Holley of the Recreation Board provided dates for upcoming spring events:

1. April 9, 2011 - Gardening Day at 12 noon
2. April 16, 2011- Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM (*This was changed to April 9th at 11:00 AM*)
3. June 5, 2011 – Strawberry Festival at 6:00 PM
4. Changed Fishing Derby to Marysville Sportsmen Facility. The date will be set in the near future.

No Emergency Management Report was offered. Scott Weaver, Assistant Emergency Coordinator was present.

The December Treasurer's Report & General & Solid Waste Fund Balance Reports were submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer and with no discussion were accepted as read pending the independent auditor's approval. The Secretary/Treasurer noted and expressed disappointment that the Marysville First National Bank lowered their statement savings from .50% to .30%. She also noted that the year 2010 financial audit will be conducted on February 14 and February 15th by Smith, Elliott, and Kearns, Co, weather permitting.

**LEGAL BUSINESS:** Solicitor Wagner advised that he is checking into regulations involving the Township selling the guns formerly used by the police department and indicated he would relay the information to the Secretary/Treasurer later this week. However, his opinion was that a gun smith or gun dealer is necessary to complete proper paperwork and to check the background of the purchaser before sale of the weapons can be accomplished.

Solicitor Wagner reviewed and approved a draft of a recycling ordinance. In consideration of the fact that Rye Township's recycling program is currently a volunteer program, the Solicitor advised inserting the word, "voluntary" to Section 3. Establishment of Program to read: *The Township hereby establishes a voluntary Recycling Program....*

Solicitor Wagner reviewed a draft of the summary to be published for the proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance 03-01 and the Zoning map. He advised to more specifically list proposed changes to the Articles and their various sections adding wording that lists the changes to each Article 1 by providing changes to whatever; Article 2, Definitions etc. The services of a court reporter are necessary for the hearing. Solicitor Wagner indicated he is available for a 7:00 PM public hearing on February 28, 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Lightner reported that the elected auditors met and retained the same pay rate as previous years for any elected officials that work as employees for the Township as follows:

\$11.65 per hour	-	unskilled
\$12.60 per hour	-	skilled

There are currently no officials working as employees of the Township.

Chairman Lightner reported that after several months of unsuccessful attempts to bargain with the Teamsters in regards to the permanent furlough of former sole police department employee, Clinton Shoop, the Teamsters finally agreed and scheduled an impact bargaining session

on December 22. Unfortunately, the Union requested an extravagant severance payment for 41 months, which would cost the Township in the ballpark of \$220,000. In addition, the amount requested did not include additional expense for legal services. The Township disbanded the department in July 2010 due to economic reasons and costs involved to operate a one man department and could not even consider this offer. Therefore, the Teamsters said they intend to request arbitration, which involves additional costs for a neutral arbitrator, who will meet with the parties and determine and award any severance package or settlement. During arbitration the Township pays all expenses and the union and employee pay nothing.

To date, the Board has voluntarily provided and paid 100% for the former employee to receive an additional five (5) months of family health insurance coverage, including medical, dental, vision and dependent life, paid all unused vacation with no pro-rating, and paid a full two week final salary payment when only one week was physically worked. The former employee is currently receiving full unemployment benefits.

Several voices expressed concern over the additional high demands for severance payment from tax payers' monies. Chairman Lightner said they are awaiting the appointment of an arbitrator after which dates will be set for meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Evans seconded to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise a public hearing to receive public comments and input on the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance 03-01 and the Official Zoning Map on February 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM here at the Township building. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lightner announced that the office would be closed for Presidents' Day on February 21, 2011 with no change in Penn Waste's trash collection schedule.

**APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/treasurer provided a January expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment: General Fund Check's #s 12883-12904 in the amount of \$23,222.10. No expense checks void.

Payroll checks #s 5899-5909 in the amount of \$6,190.88.

Payroll checks #s 5910-5920 in the amount of \$5,624.89. No payroll checks were voided.

The Secretary/Treasurer noted the electronic transfer to Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance, (PCI) for monthly payment of health insurance on 1/20/11 in the amount of \$2,015.83.

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Lightner asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered.

**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 8:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer