

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
November 16, 2020**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman James Sabo, Vice-Chairman John Stahl, Supervisor John Schulze, Secretary/Treasurer, Daisy Lightner, Driveway Officer, Eric Simmons, Sean Fedder, Gene Rebert, Ashley Fleisher, Dana Cotton,(late arrival at 7:44 pm), and Roger Watson P.L.S. of NavTech, Inc.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Masks were worn by all in attendance and social distancing was practiced. Hand sanitizer was available for use. Chairman Sabo convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with the accurate preparation of minutes.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT:** Tom Speck

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo welcomed everyone and asked if there was any citizen participation at this time. None was offered at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Vice-Chairman Stahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 public hearing as submitted. Supervisor Schulze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

During the review of the minutes a brief discussion occurred relating to posting of the Recreation Board events on social media. Referring to this concern and the RTCA Facebook page posting of Recreation Board events, Ashley Fleisher of Elm Street offered that the Township newsletter did not indicate that Recreation Board events are strictly for Township residents.

Gene Rebert, President of the Rye Township Community Association, RTCA, apologized for the mix-up with the posting of Recreation Board events on the RTCA Facebook page. He assured the Board that the RTCA will no longer post the Recreation Board's events on social media. The Recreation Board will be creating their own Facebook page in the near future which will resolve this concern going forward.

Chairman Sabo said the concern was that the Recreation Board was overwhelmed and not prepared to serve over 100 people. There was not enough food or supplies for all those in attendance. It was not meant to offend anyone or cause any discord. The events sponsored by the Rec Board are mainly for Township's residents and their families and that can be emphasized and clarified in future newsletter articles.

Chairman Sabo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting as amended. Supervisor Schulze seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Schulze noted, that in his opinion, he would like more detail in the minutes.

The Secretary offered that minutes are to be kept brief and record the Board's actions according to the Sunshine Law. They are not a transcript.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:** Roger Watson of NavTech, Inc. approached the Board to gain final plan approval of the Final Subdivision Lot Addition Plan for the lands of Elwood H., Jr. & Patricia A. Brubeck. The purpose of the plan is to subdivide the existing lands of Brubeck parcel # 220,166.06-04.000 into two (2) lots, Residual Lot 1 and proposed Lot 1A. Proposed Lot 1A will then be added to the existing lands of Zina Speck parcel # 220,168.06-05.000. This Lot, which is a small pie-shaped piece of land of slightly over 5,000 square feet, was created when State Route 850 was relocated from its original location on June 17, 1955. All filing fees for submission are paid in full. A \$50 security deposit was received. The subject plan was submitted to the Perry County Planning Commission and comments were received and addressed. The Brubeck Plan was recommended for conditional approval at the November Rye

Township Planning Commission meeting. The Board reviewed and discussed the outstanding conditions listed in the November 10, 2020 Planning Commission minutes as follows:

- Label the Right of Ways and widths of New Valley Road and Old Mill Road on the plan.
- Identify a dedicated Right of Way of thirty (30) feet on New Valley Road, (T-307).
- Add the right of way width and centerline of SR 850.
- Update the bearings and distances on the Brubeck parcel.
- Add a note to the plan that Proposed Lot 1A is a lot addition to the existing lands of Speck and may not be retained or sold as a stand-alone lot.
- Acquire and certify the signatures of the owner(s)
- Acquire the signature of the surveyor to certify the accuracy of the survey

Chairman Sabo discussed and provided Roger Watson a copy of a recorded 2002 Easement Survey and Deed for United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania involving ingress and egress to maintain and operate their communication system on the Speck parcel. Mr. Watson agreed to add the recorded Easement Survey to Sheet 2.

Supervisor Schulze discussed PennDOT's slope easement located at the intersection of SR 850 and New Valley Road, the overlapping of the thirty (30') ft. dedicated right of way, and the number of signatures required within the signature block on the plan.

Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Stahl to approve the following **alteration of requirements** from the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance for the **Final Subdivision Lot Addition Plan for the lands of Elwood H., Jr. & Patricia A. Brubeck:**

1. Section 320-21 (Preliminary Plan Submission)
2. Section 320-27.A.3 (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Planning Module)
3. Section 320-27B (2). (Stormwater and E & S Plan)
4. Section 320-21.1. (Property Outline Scale)

Motion carried unanimously.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Stahl to approve the **Final Subdivision Lot Addition Plan for the lands of Elwood H., Jr. & Patricia A. Brubeck** conditional upon the following:

- Add the 2002 Recorded Utility Easement Survey for United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania to Sheet 2 of the plan.
- Label New Valley Road, (T-307), on Sheet 2.
- Add a note to the plan that the steep slope easement and the thirty, (30) feet dedicated right of way are overlapping.
- Certify the signatures of the Surveyor on the plan

Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Watson indicated he understood and accepted the outstanding conditions for approval of the above-referenced Brubeck plan. He thanked the Board, took the plan with him to complete revisions, and left the meeting at this time. Resident Tom Speck also left the meeting at this time.

**MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:** No Zoning Report was submitted by Zoning Officer Brian Gilbert. No Sewage Enforcement Report was submitted by SEO Lenny Sizer.

Vice-Chairman Stahl read the November Road Report submitted by Road Foreman, Brad Sloop as follows: Set up/clean up for Election Day, chip brush, installed snow equipment on the trucks, cut up several downed trees from high winds, install chevron signs on Mountain Road; install new hydraulic hose on #4 dump truck spinner motor; install new spinner motor on #2 dump truck and repaired a hole in roof of the Township building, garage area.

A brief discussion on curve warning signage ensued. Differing opinions were expressed on what signs are optional and which are mandatory. Chairman Sabo offered that the concern is to avoid over signage, or sign clutter, to the point where there are too many signs with minimal impact.

Vice-Chairman Stahl commented that he witnessed minimal impact in speed since the Road Department recently installed new Chevron signs at the corner to the east of his property along New Valley Road.

Gene Rebert of the Recreation Board was present. He reported that the Rec Board held their final meeting of the year on November 9, 2020. They discussed the upcoming 2021 Fishing Derby to be held at the Marysville Sportsmen’s Association in May of 2021. There is no meeting in the month of December.

No Emergency Management Report was presented.

The October Treasurer’s Report was submitted for public review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer. A copy of the October Fund Balance report was also made available and placed on the front table for review. With no discussion, the reports were accepted as read pending the independent auditor’s approval.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Schulze to adopt **Resolution 20-29**, which designates Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC as the primary Advance Life Support Provider for all residents and occupants in the areas of Rye Township effective for December 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. The record notes this does not affect service and is only a change in ownership since Penn State Health recently acquired West Shore Advance Life Support.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Proof of publication is on file for the **2021 proposed budget**, which was advertised available for public inspection for twenty (20) days. Chairman Sabo noted that the 2021 budget is balanced without a tax increase. Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Stahl to adopt **Resolution 20-30**, which sets the tax levy for 2021 without a change in the millage as follows:

General Township.....	<b>.59</b> mills
Fire companies.....	<b>.16</b> mills
Ambulance.....	<b>.02</b> mills
Library.....	<b>.01</b> mills
Road Equipment.....	<b>.12</b> mills
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.90</b> mills

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Stahl made a motion to adopt **Resolution 20-31** adopting the **2021 Budget**. Chairman Sabo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Schulze opposed. The combined total budget for the General and Solid Waste Funds is \$830,300.00. The Highway Aid or Liquid Fuels Fund has a deficit budget with expenses projected at \$126,000. The deficit will be covered with reserves currently located in Certificates of Deposit.

Upon due discussion and consideration, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Stahl to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement between Carroll and Rye Townships for winter maintenance for the 2020-2021 season with the charge for Rye Township to provide winter maintenance as needed on Pine Hill Road and on Dutch Cemetery Road remaining at \$75.00 per round trip. Motion carried unanimously. The Secretary indicated she would send a letter to notify the Carroll Township Board of Supervisors of the renewal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- The Township office will be closed on November 26, 27, & November 30, 2020 for the Thanksgiving Holiday/Deer Season; no change in trash collection.
- December 14 is the date of the December Supervisors' Meeting at 7:00 p.m., rescheduled due to the Christmas Holiday
- December 25 & January 1 – Township closed for Christmas and New Year's. No change in the trash collection schedule.
- January 4, 2021 – Organization Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID pandemic, it was the consensus of the Board to cancel the annual Appreciation dinner.

**APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** The Secretary/Treasurer provided a November check register and submitted the following checks for approval, signature and payment. General Fund checks #s 16808-16838 in the amount of \$11,884.67. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7806-7811 in the amount of \$4,174.74. No checks void.

Payroll checks #s 7812-7816 in the amount of \$3,905.51. No checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Vice-Chairman Stahl made a motion and Chairman Sabo seconded to approve and sign the checks presented and pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Sabo asked if there was any citizen participation.

Dana Cotton of Valley Road commented about signage and guide rail within the Township and holding of remote meetings during the pandemic.

Supervisor Schulze commented about scheduling a rain date next year for Trick or Treat.

Supervisor Schulze provided an update on the truck restriction. PennDOT was notified that Rye is not proceeding with the truck restriction on Pine Hill and Mountain Roads.

Supervisor Schulze asked the Board about pursuing the truck restriction on Lambs Gap Road. Upon due consideration and discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Stahl to not pursue a truck restriction on Lambs Gap Road and to leave the existing signage as is. Motion carried. Supervisor Schulze opposed.

Supervisor Schulze commented and discussed a judicial sale held at Perry County Tax Claim Bureau and the Township's interest in providing a minimal bid to attempt to purchase a vacant property located at 186 Lambs Gap Road.

Chairman Sabo offered that the Township consulted with the Solicitor before considering this purchase. He reported that the Township was not the successful bidder at the judicial sale.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** With no further business or discussion before the Board, Chairman Sabo thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer