

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 10, 2015 at 7:30PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following board members were present: Chairman Herb Meadway and Walter Hafer. Also present were Attorney Alfred Crump (Township Solicitor) and interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by Chairman, Herb Meadway. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

The meeting minutes of the October 13, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting minutes of the October 30, 2015 Board of Supervisors budget meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The balance sheets, check detail and deposit detail for October 2015 were prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer for the Board's review with the following balances reported to the Board of Supervisors.

101.000	General Fund – Checking	631.63
106.000	General Fund – Savings	1,301,765.57
108.000	General Fund – Govt Money Market	179,876.16
107.001	General Fund – Savings	1,869.14
107.002	General Fund – Savings	275,003.98
109.001	Government Money Market	118,088.11
109.007	Certificate of Deposit	100,000.00
109.002	Certificate of Deposit	109,106.16
110.000	Petty Cash	200.00
	State Aid Account – Savings	28,244.37
	State Aid Account – Checking	388.24
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	286,406.18
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	18,038.06
	<b>Total as of October 31, 2015:</b>	<b>\$2,419,617.60</b>

On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer, the balance sheets, check and deposit details for October 2015 were approved as presented. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Hohenshilt, 138 Fredericksville Road, requested to speak to the Board regarding a recent site visit by the Township's Code Official in response to a burning complaint. After a brief discussion with Mr. & Mrs. Hohenshilt and a review of LTL Consultants' investigation report from 10/21/15, on a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board decided not to pursue this matter further and did not authorize any enforcement actions by the Code Official at this time. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF SOLICITOR**

The Township Solicitor advised the Board that he has not received a response from Service Electric with regard to his written request for a copy of Rockland Township's franchise agreement.

## **REPORT OF ROADMASTER**

On a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved Michael Pott and Thomas Weisner's attendance at the Center for Excellence in Local Government's Winter Weather and MS4 Preparation Workshop to be held at the Berks County Agricultural Center on December 8, 2015 from 1:30PM-4:00PM (no cost to the Township for attendance). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

FREM Subdivision Revised Final Plan – Cider Mill Road – The Township received the County review letter dated October 8, 2015 from the Berks County Planning Commission. The Township also received a variance application from Todd and Tamria Kuder on October 6, 2015. The Kuders are seeking a variance from the requirements of Section 8.02 of the Rockland Township Zoning Ordinance for Tract/Lot #7 of the FREM Subdivision (located behind lots 3-6 of the FREM Subdivision). The applicant proposes to use an easement through an adjacent property (Lot 4 of the FREM Subdivision) to allow access from Cider Mill Road to Lot #7 of the FREM Subdivision. The Rockland Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The Planning Commission has provided a letter with recommended comments to the Zoning Hearing Board regarding this application. The Board may submit written comment to the Zoning Hearing Board, as well. The Board offered no comments for the Zoning Hearing Board regarding this variance application.

## **BILLS**

A listing of the Unpaid Bills as of November 10, 2015 was provided for the Board of Supervisors approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval is **\$24,964.76** from the General Fund. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer, the list of unpaid bills totaling \$24,964.76 was approved for payment from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The proposed budget for 2016 was prepared for Board approval for advertising for consideration for adoption at the December 8, 2015 meeting. As discussed at the October 30, 2015 Budget Meeting, the proposed 2016 budget totaling \$1,337,510.00 includes no tax increases. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer, the Board approved the proposed 2016 budget for advertising for consideration for adoption at the December 8, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received a Spotted Lanternfly Update from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture dated November 5, 2015. The spotted lanternfly has been detected in portions of four counties. The quarantine area now covers:

- Berks County: Colebrookdale, District, Earl, Hereford, Longswamp, Oley, Pike, Rockland and Washington Townships and the Boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville, Boyertown and Topton.
- Montgomery County: Douglass and Upper Hanover Townships and the Boroughs of East Greenville, Pennsburg and Red Hill

- Bucks County: Milford Township and Trumbauersville Borough
- Chester County: South Coventry Township

A copy of the Press Release has been made available to meeting attendees. All Pennsylvanians are encouraged to watch for the Spotted Lanternfly, and the Press Release includes suggestions on what Pennsylvanians can do to assist in the efforts to reduce the spread of this invasive pest and to eradicate the Spotted Lanternfly. Piper Sherburne, District Township, provided an update for the Board and meeting attendees.

The Township Secretary/Treasurer would like to attend the upcoming Finance Officers Association Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 8:30AM at Albright College (held by the Center for Excellence in Local Government). The topic for the meeting will be the implications of the newest regulations in national healthcare for municipalities. On a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved the Secretary/Treasurer's attendance at the Finance Officers Association Meeting to be held on November 18, 2015 at Albright College (at no cost to the Township). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A listing of correspondence dated November 10, 2015 was presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

Reports regarding zoning/building, sewage and stormwater issues and activity for October 2015 were provided to the Board of Supervisors for review.

The Board provided direction on the following items/complaints:

- Conrad Road – Shed Complaint – The Board noted the Township did not receive verification of the existing pins by 11/10/15 as requested. After a brief discussion of the recent communications between the Township and the complainant, on a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board agreed to table this matter until next month. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Keller Road – Grass Complaint – Most recent update from Melvin Metts at Single Source Property Solutions advises that approval was obtained for mowing the property, and 79 Keller Road should be mowed by Friday, November 13, 2015. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer, the Board agreed to table this matter until next month. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 14 Day Road – The Township has not received a demolition permit application for the structure/dwelling damaged by fire (requested to be received by 11/10/15). It was also noted that the property still contains a large amount of debris, etc. On a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board requested the Code Official contact the property owner to request a demolition permit be obtained for the fire-damaged structure and to request proper cleanup of the debris in the rear of the property prior to the next Board meeting (12/8/15). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Lobachsville Road – Burning Complaint/Investigation Report – The Board noted that the Investigation Report includes specific items which violate the Township Burning Ordinance. On a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board agreed for LTL Consultants, Ltd. (Code Enforcement Official) to take further enforcement actions for violations of the Township Burning Ordinance for 16 Lobachsville Road. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 @ 7:30PM – Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 @ 7:30PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM on a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall  
Secretary/Treasurer