

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Chairman, Herb Meadway. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

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

The balance sheets, check detail and deposit detail for January 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	616.26
106.000	General Fund – Savings	1,126,713.49
108.000	General Fund – Govt Money Market	179,741.67
107.001	General Fund – Savings	137,526.49
107.002	General Fund – Savings	139,753.87
109.001	Government Money Market	117,999.83
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	40,331.25
	State Aid Account – Checking	385.13
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	286,353.42
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	18,042.21
	<b>Total as of January 31, 2015:</b>	<b>\$2,256,769.78</b>

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

Mr. Alton Zentner requested to speak to the Board regarding emergency management. The Roadmaster advised Mr. Zentner that an office facility (a desk and file cabinet) has been provided for the Emergency Management Coordinator in the shop office area at the Township Building. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Alton Zentner (Emergency Management Coordinator), Nathan Keller (Lyons Fire Company), and Michael Pott (Roadmaster) would coordinate a date and time to meet to discuss radio communications and to review and discuss possible updates to the Township's Emergency Management Operations Plan.

**REPORT OF SOLICITOR**

Eastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan – At the January 28, 2015 Joint Comp Plan meeting, the Planning Commissions for Rockland Township, District Township and the Borough of Topton approved forwarding the final draft of the Eastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan to their governing bodies in order to proceed with the public hearing and adoption process. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor to schedule and advertise a Joint Hearing with District Township and the Borough of Topton for a mutually-agreeable date and time and location (if necessary approvals by the other entities are received before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

252 Fredericksville Road - The Township has been informed that the applicant for the permits associated with the temporary home at 252 Fredericksville Road (as discussed at last month's meeting) is now requesting a waiver of the necessary permit fees. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board amended their motion from the January 13, 2015 meeting to state "the Board approves the placement of a temporary structure/home at 252 Fredericksville Road (due to house fire) for a maximum period of 179 days" retroactive to January 13, 2015, and the applicant shall pay any fees for mandatory inspections required by code (electrical, etc.). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **REPORT OF ROADMASTER**

On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved the road crew's attendance at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Upper Montgomery-Bucks Community Affairs Association at Hilltown Township Public Works Building on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (snow date is Wednesday, March 11, 2015). There is no cost to attend. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kutztown Auto Parts informed the Township of an upcoming NAPA Spring Filter Sale to be held on February 26, 2015. During this event, filters will be available for purchase at a 40% discount. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved the purchase of necessary filters for Township equipment at the NAPA Spring Filter Sale on February 26, 2015 to take advantage of a 40% discount (totaling \$966.86). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried. (The \$966.86 amount for filters is included in the 2/10/15 bill list.)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

72 Mine Road Drainage -- This item was tabled from last month's meeting. The Roadmaster confirmed that Mr. Sabol is in agreement with the swale location along the right side of his property (near property line with 68 Mine Road) continuing to the wooded area toward the rear of his property. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board authorized the Township Engineer to provide a description of the property (specifically the location of the proposed swale and area to be affected by the construction/installation of the swale by the Township) to the Township Solicitor, for the purpose of preparing the easement and other necessary documents, since the proposed swale would be located outside the Township's right-of-way. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beaver Creek Road Bridge Maintenance Project -- PA DEP approval for GP-11 permit to remove and maintain 50 feet of a gravel bar in the Bieber Creek was received on January 20, 2015. The correspondence from PA DEP states that the Township must receive federal authorization to proceed with the project and that the GP registration package has been provided to the U.S. Army Corps for review and processing of any necessary federal authorization. (Project ideally to be completed during the inactive season of October 1 through March 31 timeframe.) The Township received a quote from Lendacki Enterprises, LLC totaling \$4,965.00 for the work associated with the Beaver Creek Road Bridge Maintenance Project (sand bar removal). This proposal was provided to the Board. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized Lendacki Enterprises, LLC to perform the sand bar removal at a cost of \$4,965.00, pending federal authorization and as long as permit has not expired. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 for the Zoning Hearing Board application for a special exception for the proposed development of a wireless telecommunications facility on the property of Richard & Susan Angstadt along Keller Road. At the public hearing held on January 21, 2015, Attorney Lemanowicz (representing the applicant, CIG Towers, LLC) informed the Zoning Hearing Board that the applicant would like to withdraw the application. (Once details/issues for the proposed wireless telecommunications facility have been worked out, it is likely that CIG Towers, LLC will resubmit an application for consideration by the Rockland Township Zoning Hearing Board at a later date.)

PSATS 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Conference & Trade Show Attendance (April 19-22, 2015) – On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized the Township Secretary to proceed with registration for Supervisor Bennetch to attend the PSATS Conference in Hershey, PA, and the Board also confirmed that Supervisor Bennetch would be the voting delegate for Rockland Township. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **BILLS**

A listing of the Unpaid Bills as of February 10, 2015 was provided for the Board of Supervisors approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$70,317.68 from the General Fund. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the list of unpaid bills totaling \$70,317.68 was approved for payment from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Per instructions from the Board, the Secretary/Treasurer renewed the certificate of deposit which matured 1/25/15 with First Priority Bank at a 24-month term rate of 1.09%. The Secretary/Treasurer also looked into investing monies in the Township's General Fund account with PLGIT which is currently earned 0.01% interest. PLGIT has the best 12-month CD rate of 0.75% (actually the 12-month rate was better than 18-month rate), and in order to proceed with investing the monies in a certificate of deposit with PLGIT, PLGIT is requesting a signed agreement. This agreement and information has been provided to the Board for consideration/approval in order to proceed. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved the PLGIT Certificate of Deposit Program Agreement for signature and authorized the Township Secretary to proceed with investing the Township monies in the PLGIT General Fund account. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Chester Perfetto Agency provided the Township with an insurance renewal quote of \$17,439.00 for Commercial Auto, Commercial Package, and Umbrella Policy insurance effective 2/22/15. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved the insurance renewal effective 2/22/15 with the Chester Perfetto Agency for Commercial Auto, Commercial Package and Umbrella Policy insurance coverage at a cost of \$17,439.00. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved the Township Secretary/Treasurer's attendance at the Municipal Secretaries Association meetings to be held at Albright College during the 2015 calendar year. Meetings are held once every two months, and the cost to attend is \$10.00/meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received a letter dated January 31, 2015 from the Brandywine Community Library requesting a short letter from the Township advising that "Brandywine Community Library is our library of record" for Rockland Township. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized the Township Secretary to prepare a short letter confirming that the Brandywine Community Library is our library of record, per the library's request. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 @ 7:30PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM on a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall  
Secretary/Treasurer