

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 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. Chairman Meadway requested a moment of silence in memory of Township Supervisor Russell Coffin who recently passed away on March 6, 2015, and Chairman Meadway noted Supervisor Coffin's many years of service to the Township and community.

The meeting minutes of the February 10, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

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|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 101.000 | General Fund – Checking               | 617.69                |
| 106.000 | General Fund – Savings                | 1,067,532.19          |
| 108.000 | General Fund – Govt Money Market      | 179,755.46            |
| 107.001 | General Fund – Savings                | 1,868.82              |
| 107.002 | General Fund – Savings                | 275,000.00            |
| 109.001 | Government Money Market               | 118,008.88            |
| 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           | 40,334.68             |
|         | State Aid Account – Checking          | 385.16                |
| 107.003 | Capital Reserve Account – Savings     | 286,356.86            |
| 107.005 | Payroll Account – Checking            | 18,621.92             |
|         | <b>Total as of February 28, 2015:</b> | <b>\$2,197,787.82</b> |

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

**REPORT OF SOLICITOR**

PSATS Ordinance Authorizing Participation in the Pennsylvania Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust – On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor to advertise Ordinance #2015-03 (PSATS Ordinance authorizing participation in the PA Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust) for consideration for adoption at the April 14, 2015 meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Eastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan – The proposed date for the Joint Public Hearing (with District Township and Tipton Borough) for the Eastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan is April 16, 2015. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Township Solicitor was authorized to proceed with the scheduling and necessary advertising of the joint public hearing for April 16, 2015, pending input from District Township and Tipton Borough, and the Board confirmed a time preference of 6:00PM for the public hearing. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

72 Mine Road Drainage – The Township Solicitor prepared the easement for 72 Mine Road, as discussed at last month's meeting. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved the easement document as presented for forwarding to Mr. & Mrs. Sabol for signature and execution. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Township Supervisor Vacancy- Russell Coffin – The Township Solicitor advised that the Board has 30 days from March 6, 2015 to appoint someone to fill the vacant Township Supervisor position. The Board discussed possible candidates for the Township Supervisor position. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board appointed Walter Hafer to fill the remainder of Russell Coffin's term (through the end of 2015). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **REPORT OF ROADMASTER**

On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved the Roadmaster's attendance at a two-day Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies Training Session to be held on May 26, 2015 and May 27, 2015). (To be eligible for Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road grants, Townships must have a representative attend Environmental Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) training and acquire the certification. The ESM certification is good for 5 years, and projects must have an impact on improving water quality.) There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received the PennDOT Mowing Contract for renewal (for mowing seasons of 2015, 2016 & 2017). On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, Resolution #2015-04 was approved, and the Board approval renewal of the mowing contract with PennDOT for the mowing seasons of 2015, 2016 and 2017. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Beaver Creek Road Bridge Maintenance Project – Although the Township received the GP-11 permit from PA DEP for the sand bar removal portion of this project, the Township is still awaiting federal authorization to proceed. (Project ideally to be completed during the inactive season of October 1 through March 31 timeframe.) The Township also received a proposal from Lendacki Enterprises, LLC totaling \$4,310.00 for the work associated with the other portion of the project, including repair of undermined and leaking bridge embankment along upstream east wing wall of the Beaver Creek Road Bridge. This proposal was provided to the Board for consideration. The Roadmaster advised that the road crew is able to perform the repair of the undermined and leaking bridge embankment along the upstream east wing wall with minimal cost to the Township. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board authorized the Township road crew to perform the repair of the undermined and leaking bridge embankment along upstream east wing wall phase of the Beaver Creek Road Bridge Maintenance Project and authorized the Roadmaster to begin to work with the Township Engineer to secure the necessary permits required for this phase of the work. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **BILLS**

A listing of the Unpaid Bills as of March 10, 2015 was provided for the Board of Supervisors approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$59,037.92 from the General Fund. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the list of unpaid bills totaling \$59,037.92 was approved for payment from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

CY2014 Reimbursement for Enforcing the PA Sewage Facilities Act – LTL Consultants, Ltd. provided the Township with a completed application for reimbursement for enforcing the Sewage Facilities Act for 2014. The amount of reimbursement being requested for 2014 is \$5,536.21. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved the completed application for enforcing the Sewage Facilities Act for 2014 in the amount of \$5,536.21 for signature and forwarding to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Stormwater Information Handout for Public – LTL Consultants, Ltd. is requesting the Board's authorization to prepare an informational stormwater handout for residents which will address many of the frequently-asked questions related to stormwater requirements during the initial application process. The Township Engineer estimates a cost of no greater than \$300.00 to compile the information for the handout and feels such a handout would reduce the number of stormwater-related phone calls to answer general questions. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized LTL Consultants, Ltd. to prepare an informational stormwater handout at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Piper Sherburne, District Township Planning Commission member, reminded meeting attendees of the Spotted Lanternfly Workshop/Public Meeting to be held at the District Township Building on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon. The PA Department of Agriculture and Penn State Extension are working with the affected quarantined townships to provide training for local residents interested in finding and removing egg masses and are also seeking volunteers to assist with tree banding.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 @ 7:30PM – Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 7:30PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeffrey Cronrath informed the Board that Gressley Road is in poor condition and in need of repair (broken up). Another Township resident who lives on Ridge Drive informed the Board that Ridge Drive is in extremely poor condition (buckled up) and hopes something will be done to repair the road soon. The Roadmaster advised that Ridge Drive is to be included with the 2015 Road Project for repair this year.

There was no additional public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall  
Secretary/Treasurer