

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 9, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 9, 2015 at 7:30PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following board members were present: Chairman Herb Meadway, Vice Chairman Duane Bennetch and Walter Hafer. 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 May 12, 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 May 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	590.79
106.000	General Fund – Savings	1,218,805.15
108.000	General Fund – Govt Money Market	179,800.78
107.001	General Fund – Savings	1,868.90
107.002	General Fund – Savings	275,003.98
109.001	Government Money Market	118,038.62
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	200,948.31
	State Aid Account – Checking	385.25
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	286,368.98
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	18,036.23
	Total as of May 31, 2015:	\$2,509,153.15

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

REPORT OF SOLICITOR

Resolution #2015-08 – On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, Resolution #2015-08, Price Adjustment of Bituminous Materials for Small Quantities was approved for inclusion with the 2015 Road Project bid packet(s). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Christopher Kline, Security Service Co., Inc. requested to speak to the Board. Mr. Kline represents the company that provides security for our Township Building facility, and Security Service Co. is recommending an upgrade to our current system. At the current time, our communication signal to Security Service Co. is transmitted via a land-based telephone line, and Security Service Co. is encouraging its clients to upgrade to a communication signal via wireless technology. This upgrade would involve a \$250.00 investment for a piece of equipment to eliminate the use of a phone line for

communication purposes and an additional \$15.00/month increase for monitoring. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Walter Hafer, the Board approved a security system upgrade to wireless communication with Security Service Co. at a cost of \$250.00 for the piece of equipment needed and an additional \$15.00/month for monitoring. Mr. Todd Gummo commented that the costs associated with the wireless upgrade seem significant. There was no additional public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Joan Falcone, 296 Forgedale Road, requested to speak to the Board. Mrs. Falcone advised that she lives near a sharp turn along Forgedale Road just after Stimmel Road while traveling toward the Dryville intersection. She requested that the Township consider installation of a blinking light or some type of signage to warn drivers of this curve and to hopefully slow vehicles for safety purposes. Mrs. Falcone advised that she spoke to PennDOT, and she was referred to the Township (and it was her understanding that the Township would be responsible for paying for any recommended signage and its maintenance). The Roadmaster and Board noted that Forgedale Road is a State road. A brief discussion followed. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board instructed the Roadmaster to contact PennDOT to inquire about the possibility of installation of a speed bump near this sharp turn.

2015 ROAD PROJECT – Bid Opening at 7:45PM

The 2015 Road Project Bid Opening was advertised for 7:45PM. The 2015 Road Project includes paving of Ridge Drive (from Highland Drive to cul-de-sac) and Vista Court (from Ridge Drive to cul-de-sac). The Township Solicitor opened the bids and read the results aloud.

PAVING

EJB Paving & Materials Co.

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1) 1,520 Tons Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, 3" 19mm, PG-64-22, 0.0 to 0.3 million SRL "M"	\$62.39	\$ 94,832.80
2) 319 Tons Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, 3" 19mm, PG-64-22, 0.0 to 0.3 million SRL "M"	\$62.39	<u>\$ 19,902.41</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID:		\$114,735.21

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co (DBA Eastern Industries)

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1) 1,520 Tons Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, 3" 19mm, PG-64-22, 0.0 to 0.3 million SRL "M"	\$73.60	\$111,872.00
2) 319 Tons Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, 3" 19mm, PG-64-22, 0.0 to 0.3 million SRL "M"	\$82.80	<u>\$ 26,413.20</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID:		\$138,285.20

Landis C. Deck & Sons Site Contractors (DBA H&K Group)

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1) 1,520 Tons Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, 3" 19mm, PG-64-22, 0.0 to 0.3 million SRL "M"	\$67.35	\$102,372.00
2) 319 Tons Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, 3" 19mm, PG-64-22, 0.0 to 0.3 million SRL "M"	\$73.85	<u>\$ 23,558.15</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID:		\$125,930.15

The 2015 Road Project also includes seal coat of Hill Road (from Orchard Road to Oley Furnace Road), Oley Furnace Road (from Township Line to Township Line) and Ruppert School Road (from Schweitz Road to Township Line). The Township Solicitor opened the bids and read the results aloud.

SEAL COAT

Martin Paving – Lititz, PA

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1) 19,920 SY Construct Double Bituminous Seal Coat	\$2.68	\$53,385.60
TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID:		\$53,385.60

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC – Center Valley, PA

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1) 19,920 SY Construct Double Bituminous Seal Coat	\$2.60	<u>\$51,792.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID:		\$51,792.00

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the bids. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the paving portion of the 2015 Road Project was awarded to the lowest bidder, EJB Paving & Materials Co. with a total bid of \$114,735.21. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Walter Hafer, the seal coat portion of the 2015 Road Project was awarded to lowest bidder, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC with a total bid of \$51,792.00. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. John Fineran, 54 Conrad Road, requested to speak to the Board regarding a recent complaint regarding the driveway and a shed on their property. The Finerans were present to find out whether there are any outstanding issues which they need to address with the Township. After a brief discussion, the Finerans were informed by the Board and the Township Solicitor that there are no outstanding issues and no additional action by the Finerans was required at this time.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

The Board reviewed the monthly Roadmaster Report submitted by the Roadmaster.

ARLE Grant Application (Resolution #2015-09) – Funding is available through the State’s Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancement Grants Program, and PennDOT is inviting Townships to apply by June 30, 2015. The Roadmaster would like to apply for grant money to repair/upgrade guiderails (approximately 1,000 lineal ft. total and located primarily near existing bridges in the Township) at an estimated cost of \$85,000.00. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Walter Hafer, the Board authorized the completion and submittal of the ARLE grant application and approved Resolution #2015-09 confirming the Board’s approval to expend up to \$85,000.00 from the General Fund during the 2016 calendar year to repair approximately 1,000 lineal ft. of guiderail in the Township, only upon notification of successful award of the ARLE Grant to Rockland Township for guiderail repair work during CY2016. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PennDOT Mandated Flagger Training for Thomas Weisner - On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Herb Meadway, the Board approved PennDOT Mandated Flagger Training for Thomas Weisner on June 17, 2015 at a cost of \$50.00. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

118 Beaver Creek Road Proposal (Mr. Fredericks) – An update/report from Linda Cluck, LTL Consultants, Ltd. regarding Mr. Fredericks’ proposal (as discussed at the 5/12/15 Board meeting) was provided to the Board of Supervisors. A copy of this report was also emailed directly to Mr. Fredericks by Linda Cluck. This matter is being addressed by the Township Engineer. The update advised the Township to expect to receive a waiver request from Mr. Fredericks in the future (to allow the Township Engineer to take into account the conversion of the existing agricultural field or meadow to lawn in order to reduce stormwater runoff significantly enough to meet the regulations in the current Stormwater Ordinance).

Piper Sherburne from District Township showed meeting attendees a sample Spotted Lanternfly (in its early stages) and provided a brief Spotted Lanternfly Update for the Board and meeting attendees.

BILLS

A listing of the Unpaid Bills as of June 9, 2015 was provided for the Board of Supervisors approval. The unpaid bills list includes the following 2015 Donations (per the 2015 budget): \$13,000.00 to Lyons Fire Company, \$7,000.00 to Ruscombmanor Fire Company, \$3,500.00 to Topton Community Ambulance Service, \$3,500.00 to Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance, \$4,500.00 to Brandywine Community Library, \$200.00 to Berks Visiting Nurse Association, and \$50.00 to the Kutztown Area Historical Society. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$68,222.09 from the General Fund. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the list of unpaid bills totaling \$68,222.09 was approved for payment from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Township received notification from our workers compensation insurance company that our policy will not be renewed. The Township's current workers compensation policy expires 7/1/15, and our current insurance company (EMC) has advised the Township that EMC is no longer renewing stand-alone (mono line) workers compensation policies. The Secretary/Treasurer investigated several other possible options for workers compensation coverage. The best option available for coverage at this time appears to be via H.A. Thomson Co. (our current workers compensation insurance agent) with AmeriHealth. The premium would be \$10,352.00 for coverage effective 7/1/15-7/1/16. The Township's current premium for 7/1/14-7/1/15 is \$10,389.00. On a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved workers compensation insurance coverage with AmeriHealth (via H.A. Thomson Co.) effective 7/1/15-7/1/16 at an annual premium of \$10,352.00 and authorized payment of the \$10,352.00 to AmeriHealth by the July 1, 2015 policy effective date. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Thomas Weisner – 6-Month Probationary Period Ends 6/10/15 – On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Walter Hafer, the Board approved a \$0.50/hr increase (to \$18.50/hr) for Thomas Weisner effective 6/8/15. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A listing of correspondence dated June 9, 2015 was presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Norann Warmkessel, Hereford Township Secretary and parent of Alyssa Sitarik, property owner of 70 Cider Mill Road (Lot #20, FELD-3 Subdivision), requested to speak to the Board regarding a few issues. A stormwater infiltration pond (along their driveway) has not been draining properly, possibly due to contamination. In addition, a safety concern was raised regarding the driveway (considerable drop off near the driveway pipe and not built according to the subdivision plan). The Board and Township Solicitor advised Mrs. Warmkessel that they would need to look at the plan and likely consult with the Township Engineer, in order to adequately address these concerns. After a brief discussion, the Board instructed the Township Secretary to contact Mr. Fred Fenstermacher and request his attendance at the upcoming Township Planning Commission meeting on June 30, 2015, in order to discuss these issues (infiltration pond and driveway) and to discuss possible corrective actions. The Township Secretary was also instructed to inform Norann Warmkessel if/when Mr. Fenstermacher can attend a future meeting to discuss these issues.

Eric Fox, Ruscombmanor Fire Company, thanked the Board/Township for their annual donation. There was no additional public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM on a motion by Walter Hafer, seconded by Duane Bennetch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary/Treasurer