

TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

March 4, 2009

Chairman Lorenzo called the regular monthly meeting of the Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners to order on this date at 6:00 p.m in the Rostraver Township Municipal Building.

Members present were: Thomas G. Patterson Ralph Iacoboni
 Brian L. Sokol Nick Lorenzo
 Patrick G. Egros

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Lorenzo, audience participating.

Attorney Maatta, Engineer DeiCas and Secretary Beard were also present

Thomas G. Patterson moved there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of February 4, 2009: Special Meetings of January 19, 2009 and February 23, 2009: and Work Sessions of January 26, 2009, February 9, 2009, and February 23, 2009 they stand approved as read Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yeas and nays were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman of Public Safety, Nick Lorenzo, reported for the month of February, 2009. Criminal Arrests 38, YTD 62; Non-Traffic Citations 17, YTD 55; Traffic Citations 104, YTD 149; Parking Tags 12, YTD 16; Written Warnings 12, YTD 20; Total Number of Incidents 722, YTD 1,492; Total Number of Miles Driven 15,046, YTD 26,820. Chairman Lorenzo said the Booking Center expansion is going well and hopes to have it up and running in the next month or two. Chairman Lorenzo said all the money for this Booking Center came from different grants from Representative Harhai, Congressman Murtha and Senator Regola. Chairman Lorenzo said the Finley Road project is expected to be complete in September, 2009. Chairman Lorenzo said when the Railroad comes in they will shut down Finley Road for one (1) week.

Chairman of Parks and Recreation, Brian L. Sokol, reported for the month of February, 2009. Commissioner Sokol said the Spring and Summer sports are getting ready for the season. Commissioner Sokol said there are approximately 190 girls signed up for softball. Commissioner Sokol said April 1, 2009 is when the organizations will get started. Commissioner Sokol thanked Commissioner Egros and the Road Department for their assistance in tearing down the backstop at the Fellsburg ballfield. Commissioner Sokol said he will need the assistance from the Road Department when the weather breaks to do a quick run over the fields and then the grass cutting will be maintaining them.

Chairman of Roads, Streets and Equipment, Patrick G. Egros, reported for the month of February, 2009. Commissioner Egros said this month the money spent on salt used was \$44,930.95. Commissioner Egros said the cost for overtime was \$8,709.27. Commissioner Egros said the total for the year in salt cost is \$118,652.78. Commissioner Egros said Finley Road is running ahead of schedule. Commissioner Egros said Scholl Lane bridge will be replaced this year and thanked Representative Harhai for getting the Township the money for this project.

Chairman of Health and Welfare, Ralph Iacoboni, reported for the month of February, 2009. Commissioner Iacoboni gave a sewage project update. Commissioner Iacoboni gave tonnage totals for recyclables for the months of January (12.62 tons) and February (13.44 tons) from Big's Trucking.

Chairman of Budget and Finance, Thomas G. Patterson, reported for the month of February, 2009. Assets: \$222,225.17, Revenues & Other Financing Sources: \$197,663.59, Expenditures: \$438,451.65, Debt Principal & Interest Payable: \$485,850.46, Police Pension Fund Assets: \$3,223,996.07. Commissioner Patterson said Township taxes are slowly coming in. Commissioner Patterson said we have a very, very tight budget this year and the Township is very stable.

Township Engineer, Carl DeiCas, reported for the month of February, 2009. Three (3) permits were issued for the month of February. One (1) house addition/garage, one (1) garage roof, and one (1) demo. Total construction for the month of February, 2009 - \$74,000. Total construction for the year 2009 - \$2,233,203.00.

Attorney Maatta reported for the month of February, 2009. Attorney Maatta said he performed routine business. Attorney Maatta said he attended a telecom seminar and also sent the Township's current contract with the cable company and they will review it free of charge to see if the Township is getting all the revenue that we are entitled to.

CITIZENS WANTING TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Patrick G. Egros moved to hear from citizens at this time. Ralph Iacoboni seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

BILL NO. 588, ORDINANCE NO. 588, introduced by Ralph Iacoboni, Amends Ordinance No. 14 of 1975 Which Ratifies Rostraver Township Sewage Authority's Policy for the Classification of Religious Institutions and/or Non-Profit or Charitable Entities Relative to User Fees, was given a reading by Solicitor Maatta.

An Ordinance of the Township of Rostraver, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 14 of 1975 which Ratifies Rostraver Township Sewage Authority's policy for the Classification of Religious Institutions and/or Non-Profit or Charitable Entities relative to User Fees.

Section 1. In the event the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority receives proper documentation regarding user fees for religious and/or other non-profit or charitable entities and agrees to charge said institutions as a residential user, the Township hereby adopts the recommendation of RTSA that said religious non-profit or charitable institution shall be billed at the then prevailing residential rate.

Section 2. This amendment shall be effective upon adoption.

Brian L. Sokol moved to waive the final reading of Bill No 588, Ordinance No. 588. Thomas G. Patterson seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays - 0

Brian L. Sokol moved to waive the final reading of Bill No. 588, Ordinance No. 588. Thomas G. Patterson seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Ralph Iacoboni moved Title to Bill No. 588, Ordinance No. 588 be accepted as read. Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Patrick G. Egros moved Ordinance No. 588 be adopted as read. Ralph Iacoboni seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this 4th day of March, 2009 Board of Commissioners, Township of Rostraver. **BY:** Nick Lorenzo, President **ATTEST:** Pamela S. Beard, Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas G. Patterson moved to release Ligonier Construction of their road bond for Airport Drive in the amount of \$3,750.00. Ralph Iacoboni seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas G. Patterson moved all bills presented be approved/ratified for payment Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays - 0

Ralph Iacoboni moved to hire part-time patrolman Leo Gigliotti of South Park. The part-time hourly rate is currently \$11.50. Brian L. Sokol seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Patrick G. Egros moved to approve Commissioners attending the PLCM 110th Annual Covention to be held at Lancaster, PA beginning June 24th through June 26th, 2009. Thomas G. Patterson seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Thomas G. Patterson moved to ratify hiring Bert William Hutsepiller as a School Crossing Guard for the Rostraver Elementary School at \$8.00 per hour. Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Brian L. Sokol moved to hire 1st-A-Fence of Monessen to provide and install a backstop for the Fellsburg Recreation Park at a cost of \$4,750 00 to be paid from the DCED grant contract number C000037642. Three quotes have been obtained. Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Thomas G. Patterson moved to approve the Finley Road Application for Payment No. 19 in the amount of \$49,951.36 to be paid to Plum Contracting Inc. Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Ralph Iacoboni moved Commissioner Thomas G. Patterson and Finance Director David Amatangelo attending “Countrywide Consolidated Earned Income Tax Collection: Transition & Implementation” program to be held March 18, 2009 at the Penn Township Municipal Building, Westmoreland County. The cost of the program is \$35.00 each (\$70.00). Brian L. Sokol seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Thomas G. Patterson moved to waive the fee for Township demolition permits for the pump stations in the Rehoboth Valley Sewer Construction Project. Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

Thomas G. Patterson moved Chairman to sign the Department of Community and Economic Development Contract for the Scholl Lane Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$20,000.00. Patrick G. Egros seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Jacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros – yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays – 0

CORRESPONDENCE: Distributed at work sessions, reviewed and filed for reference.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Patrick G. Egros moved to hear from citizens in attendance. Brian L. Sokol seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea	Ralph Jacoboni – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea	Nick Lorenzo – yea
Patrick G. Egros - yea	

Total yeas – 5; nays - 0

Kathy Swan, 910 Rt. 906 – Ms. Swan said she moved in on December 22, 2008 and has had seven (7) visits from Zoning Officer Lohr. Ms. Swan said she inherited this mess on the property. Ms. Swan said she has a vehicle on the property being rebuilt and under Pennsylvania Law you can own a vehicle as long as it has a certificate of title and it does not have to have a license plate or insurance if it is not being operated. Ms. Swan said the Township does not have the authority to over ride Pennsylvania Law. Ms. Swan said Zoning Officer Lohr told her she cannot have this vehicle there without a license and insurance in the Township. Chairman Lorenzo said Zoning Officer Lohr and himself will come to the property tomorrow.

Lynn Armentrout – Ms. Armentrout owns the property that Ms. Swan lives at and said two (2) of the vehicles on this property are being repaired as soon as Ms. Swan gets the money. Ms. Armentrout said Pennsylvania Vehicle Code said you do not get registration until you put them on the road.

Bucky Armentrout – Mr. Armentrout said according to the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania if you are not using the vehicle it does not need license or registration. Mr. Armentrout said there is a difference between something you're not using and junk. Mr. Armentrout wanted to know if the Township can supersede the state law.

Donald Bottman showed the Commissioners pictures of a culvert at the corner of McHenry and Nicholls Hill Road. Mr. Bottman said there needs to be a warning sign put up tomorrow.

Commissioner Egros said the Pastor Kline at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church said the food bank lines have doubled at the food bank and if anyone could help with monetary donations, etc it would be greatly appreciated. Commissioner Egros also thanked Secretary Beard for working on the grant for Scholl Lane and also thanked the staff and said they are the pipeline to the future.

Chairman Lorenzo said the staff is not thanked enough and they do a good and they are the backbone of the Township

ADJOURNMENT:

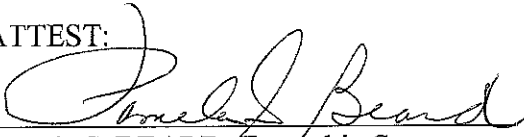
Patrick G Egros moved monthly meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p m. Thomas G Patterson seconded the motion. The following yeas and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea
 Brian L. Sokol – yea
 Patrick G Egros - yea

Ralph Iacoboni – yea
 Nick Lorenzo – yea

Total yeas – 5; nays - 0

ATTEST:


 Pamela S BEARD, Township Secretary


 Nick LORENZO, Chairman

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED