

**PUBLIC HEARING: SINGLE TRASH HAULER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Paterek

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paterek, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Swiacki and Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Swiacki moved Smith seconded to open public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Paterek asked the public for input regarding single trash hauler for Armada Township.

**DISCUSSION:** Comments from the floor:

**Susan Howard of Howard's Disposal** - They have a majority of Armada Township. They are too small to contract. They love the community and spend money here. They work with the customer when they fall on hardship and know customers personally. We have a transfer site. Government needs to stay out of private business. They need to stay away from telling people who they can use and when they can use them. It really won't cut down on truck traffic. If these big companies come and bid on a contract way lower than what they are charging people now why haven't they been giving the people a deal all along.

**Keith Vergeldedios** – Is a small construction business owner. We should have a choice and does not think we need to eliminate the hard workers from this community. Support your community. Keep what we have. The choice should always be there.

**Tim Cheek** – We should look into what Richmond has and do away with the transfer site, which accommodates maybe 25 percent of the community. We could lower our overall trash cost by 30 percent. He talked to Mr. Howard about maybe as a community helping him build his business hire a few local people, maybe get the bank to help to loan him some more money to buy another truck and not exclude them. Make this a community effort and work together to do that. Waste transfer site money is not well spent and that we could spend it better in the community to help everybody and lower everyone's trash cost.

**Ken Smith** – Agrees with Susan Howard. Leave well enough alone. Let small business survive and spend money here. We are a small town and cannot afford people to lose business. No reason to squeeze someone out. Stick with free enterprise.

**Trustee Ruthenberg** – The reason we looked into this was to eliminate garbage sitting out three or four days a week. Eliminate number of trucks on road. Would save people around \$100 a year for a resident. Seniors trying to get the trash into their own vehicles to take to the transfer site is difficult for them. Prices: Howard's \$220 per year, Shelby Township is mandatory and includes recycling is \$180 per year, Richmond Townships is mandatory and is \$190 a year and Ray Township is a single hauler not mandatory and is \$109.16 per year. There is no yard waste or recycling with that. IF we did this, it would have to go on a ballot and let the township decide. We would still have the transfer site.

**Keith Vergeldedios** – Questioned if people complained about trashcans being out.

**Everett Pagan** - Questioned if some communities have bag limits?

**Monica Job** – Has total work been done to research on this because there are confusing messages coming from Trustee Ruthenberg. First, you say we would be able to keep the transfer site it would have to go on a ballot for people to vote. If it goes on a ballot and people vote to do this then we do not have a choice whether or not we pay for it.

**Trustee Ruthenberg** - Stated it would be an advisory. This is not mandatory for everyone. We are not ready to shut the transfer site.

**Susan Howard** – Ray Township was in place way before fuel prices went sky high. If this were to be bid on now, they would not get it for that price. Howard's has never imposed a bag limit.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** Ruthenberg moved, Lobeck seconded to close the public hearing 7:21 p.m.

**Motion CARRIED**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:21 p.m. by Supervisor Paterek.

**MINUTES:** Ruthenberg moved Swiacki seconded to approve regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2012 as amended. **Motion CARRIED**

**SET/AMEND AGENDA:** Swiacki moved Lobeck seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Under correspondence/information, add: B. Township hall and C. Fire and township grant writer. Under unfinished business: Remove A. Maintenance worker. Under New Business: Add: F. Limestone program, G. Basement windows, H. Tax account and I. Fire Dept. Grant for siren. **Motion CARRIED**

**CURRENT BILLS:** Ruthenberg moved Swiacki seconded, to approve the previously paid bills of \$21,420.74 – township checks #21905 thru #21943, fire checks #11607 thru #11650, the payroll checks of \$71,752.16 – check #10010, thru #10174 and the current list of bills of \$12,497.02, township checks #21944 thru #21953 and fire checks #11651 thru 11665 for a total of \$ 105,669.92 as presented.  
**Ayes:** Smith, Swiacki, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Paterek **Motion CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:** Heard from the floor: Kathy Stork

**CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:**

**Armada Board & Bike (AB&B)** – recycling collection. Kathy Stork stated that AB&B would be placing recycling bins on a small scale on a regular basis at the transfer site. They are looking to start in August to collect ink cartridges, regular batteries, electrical chargers, cell phones etc...

**Township hall** - Swiacki stated that the building committee met on April 9 to discuss options for hall. Budgetary options will be presented at the May 9 meeting from Pat Stock and Jim Yu.

**Fire and township grant writer** - Swiacki stated that Kevin Kanehl will be the grant writer for the township and fire for a possible joint venture for a new hall/ambulance building at 33 Mile and Romeo Plank.

**REPORTS:**

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| ◦ Fire Department            | Steve Jerzewski |
| ◦ Code Enforcer              | John Paterek    |
| ◦ Planning Commission        | Mary Swiacki    |
| ◦ (2011 annual report)       |                 |
| ◦ Building Department        | Christine White |
| ◦ Macomb Agricultural P.D.R. | No report       |
| ◦ Parks & Recreation         | No report       |
| ◦ Water Main Update          | John Paterek    |

Swiacki moved Lobeck seconded to accept and file reports as presented.

**Motion CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SINGLE TRASH HAULER:** Ruthenberg moved Swiacki seconded to suspend any action at this time.

**Motion CARRIED**

**FIRE DEPT:** Don Barron – resignation of position as Lieutenant III: Paterek moved Lobeck seconded to receive resignation as Lieutenant III from Don Barron with regrets.

**Motion CARRIED**

**FIRE DEPT:** Adam LeCluyse – full time personnel: Swiacki moved Lobeck Seconded to hire Adam LeCluyse as full time firefighter/paramedic at a starting wage of \$10.00 per hour effective May 1, 2012; with health insurance. A wage increase of \$1.50 after eight (8) months (January 1, 2013), and effective January 1, 2014 a wage increase of .75 cents to \$12.25 an hour.

**Ayes:** Swiacki, Lobeck, Smith, Ruthenberg, Paterek

**Motion CARRIED**

**VETERAN MEMORIAL FLAGS:** Paterek moved Lobeck seconded to purchase 432 veteran memorial flags. Swiacki stated flags are .98 cents from Stars and Stripes.

**Ayes:** Swiacki, Lobeck, Smith, Ruthenberg, Paterek

**Motion CARRIED**

**LIMESTONE PROGRAM:** Paterek stated that the county has allocated two miles plus a third alternate mile if interested of limestone to the township at a 90/10 cost sharing; expense for the township is \$6,450 per mile for six inches of limestone.

Paterek moved Lobeck seconded to set special meeting for Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss which roads should receive limestone.

**Motion CARRIED**

**BASEMENT WINDOWS:** Paterek moved Lobeck seconded to reimburse Tim Palazzola \$531.01 for basement windows.

**Ayes:** Smith, Paterek, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Swiacki

**Motion CARRIED**

**TAX ACCOUNT:** Smith moved Lobeck seconded to have tax account shortage of \$1,210 transferred from general fund account to tax account.

**Ayes:** Smith, Lobeck, Swiacki, Paterek, Ruthenberg

**Motion CARRIED**

**FIRE DEPT:** Grant for siren: Chief Jerzewski stated that the township has received a grant for an additional siren and would like to have it placed at Capac Road and Irwin with the board's permission. Paterek moved Lobeck seconded to have siren installed at Capac Road and Irwin.

**Motion CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Heard from the floor: Monica Job and Kathy Stork.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Swiacki moved Lobeck seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Motion CARRIED**

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Mary K. Swiacki  
Armada Township Clerk

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John Paterek  
Supervisor

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