

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

January 17, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 1.17.2024 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Isaac Ramer Jr., Ross Smoker, Mark Strawser, Township Manager Julie Hartley and Solicitor Jim Bathgate

Public Present: Bill Kline, William Moyer, Colin Rice, Paul Long, Catherine Wilsbach, Margaret Hill, Jon Payne, Tyler Dombroski and Chris Hennessy

Executive Session – Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. announced that an executive session was held today from 5:45 pm to 6:00 pm to discuss legal issues with no decisions made at that time.

Minutes – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to approve the January 2, 2024 supervisor's reorganizational and regular meeting minutes with the following change: add that Julie Hartley was appointed as Manager, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Jason Kaufman, DH&L Fire Co. – Not in attendance.

Colin Rice, DH&L Fire Co. – Colin reported that for 2023 there was a total of 409 incidents handled by DH&L Fire Company. He presented a binder showing the new ladder trucks progress for the Board to review. He noted that the truck is expected to be delivered in a month and a half. He ended by sharing that this year is the Fire Companies one-hundred-and-fifty-year anniversary.

Margaret Hill, Bright Farms – Jim Bathgate questioned if when PTMA was contacted if they had any outstanding violations and Julie Hartley answered that they did not. He continued by asking if the NPDES Permit was obtained by Bright Farms and Margaret Hill replied that it was. Jim then asked if the revised Land Development Plan includes the restroom trailer hook-up and Chris Hennessy said it is on the plans but is awaiting inspection by PTMA. Since the final inspection by PTMA is the only outstanding issue the Board offered the following motion: **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr, seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to sign Bright Farms Land Development plans contingent on the results of Penn Township Municipal Authority's inspection of the connection of the restroom trailer.**

New Business:

East Snyder Park Pathway Budget Certification – Tyler Dombroski from SEDA COG explained that over \$36,000 was unused on the housing rehabilitation and can now be transferred to the park path paving project and just needs to be approved by the Board. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to sign the FY2019 CBDG Budget Certification document to direct unused funds to the East Snyder Park Pathway Project.**

PSATS New Supervisor Training – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to have Mark Strawser attend the PSATS Boot Camp Training at a cost of \$199.**

Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer – Jim noted that an alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer should be appointed in case of a conflict with Page SEO. The Board said that if anyone knew of someone that could serve as an alternate to let the Board know.

Letter from Planning Commission about County Comprehensive Plan – Jim shared that the Township recently updated their Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Commission recommended that the Board follow up with the County Commissioners by letter to find out the status of a County-Wide Comprehensive

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Plan. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to send a letter to the County to request and update on the County-Wide Comprehensive Plan.**

Manual Tarp for T-Tag – Mark explained that currently with no tarp the anti-skid and salt loads get wet on the T-tag and suggested a manual tarp system to alleviate the issue. Isaac said that he would like to see a quote with a motorized tarp system before making a final decision.

2024 County Aid Application – Julie noted that the County Aid would be in the amount of \$4,080 and would be used for salt and anti-skid. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to apply for the 2024 County Aid to partially pay for winter maintenance materials.**

Western Star Turbo Repair – Mark explained that the truck has no power going up hills so it was taken to Keller's and the code indicated that it is a bad turbo. He tried fuel treatments but that did not work. Two quotes were secured from two vendors and will take approximately two days to repair. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to take the Western Star to Keller's Truck Repair instead of Eck's Garage if the quote is comparable.**

Old Business:

Amusement Tax – Discussion was held regarding the amusement tax owed by Selinsgrove Speedway. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table the decision until the next Board of Supervisor's meeting.**

Public Comment: Jon Payne asked the Board what their opinion was of any additional solar farms in the Township and do they want more. Isaac said that he believes the Planning Commission should be reviewing plans and then give recommendations to the Board on these projects. Jim added that the Supervisors can have Planning Commission make it more restrictive as far as what zones they are allowed and other items.

FYI:

- PTMA Dec. 7th Minutes & Jan. 4th Agenda
- Berk's Homes EDU Request
- DH&L Fire Co. Dec. Minutes

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 1.26.24
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 4.1.24
- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 2.20.24

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- **On Motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation, to pay bills.**

Adjournment - **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation the January 17, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager