

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

October 1, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 10.1.2024 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Chad Brandt, Jon Payne, Colin Rice, Zach Showers, Cory Naugle, Matt Keller, Craig and Matt Hackenberg

Minutes – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and with Board acclamation and Ross Smoker abstaining, to approve the September 18, 2024 Supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Zachary Showers, 5th Grade Outdoor Education – Zach thanked the Board for their past support of the four-day camp near Biglerville, PA. The total cost for last year was \$45,000 which was approximately \$250 per student. Outdoor Education Classes are held and a one-day field trip into Gettysburg is included. The camp is held the week before Memorial Day from Tuesday through Friday. He requested that the Board consider supporting the trip again for next year. The Board thanked Zach for his participation in organizing this program.

Matt Keller, Selinsgrove Fair Board President – Matt addressed the Board about the amusement tax that is levied by the Township and if the Board would consider lowering or rescinding the amount that is paid by spectators. He explained that the lease on the track has been defaulted and a new promotor is being sought. He hopes by having a lower or eliminated amusement tax it could help the Fair Board and new management. The Board will consider the request and make a decision at a later time.

New Business:

Set Waiver Hearing from Land Development for Brian Snyder – Jim explained that the Snyders are looking to build a barn on a large agriculture tract and remove existing buildings and an old driveway to have less impervious surface after construction than before. The Zoning Officer will post the property and alert adjoining property owners to the Waiver from Land Development hearing. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to set the Brian Snyder Waiver from Land Development hearing for November 6, 2024 at 6 pm.** Jim continued by noting that the Township Engineer should review the waiver request. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to request that Township Engineer Chad Shaffer examine the plans and site and provide comment before the waiver hearing.**

Chad Shaffer to evaluate stormwater on Hidden Valley Road – A recent storm has produced excessive run off at the Hidden Valley and Valley View Lane and the Roadmaster and Assistant Roadmaster have requested that the Board have the Township Engineer review the area. The PennDOT representative has reviewed the site and recommended an option but there are concerns with the design. Tim Hornberger of the Snyder County Conservation District was also contacted about the issue and recommends the Township Engineer review the situation before action is taken. After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to have Township Engineer Chad Shaffer visit the site to give recommendation to the Board regarding stormwater on Hidden Valley Road and Valley View Lane.**

Letter to Hidden Valley resident regarding debris – A resident on Valley View Lane has contacted the Township regarding debris from a storm that is behind her property that she maintains but is owned by the Boat and Fish Commission. After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to have Solicitor Jim Bathgate prepare a letter to address the concerns of debris behind the property of the homeowner that lives along Valley View Lane.**

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Appoint David Bohanick as Regular Member of the Zoning Hearing Board – It was recommended by the Zoning Hearing Board that David Bohanick be appointed as a regular member to replace Rae Audine Snyder's term ending in 2028. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to appoint David Bohanick as a regular member of the Zoning Hearing Board.**

Old Business:

None

Reports

- Julie Hartley, Township Manager, Written Report Provided
- Mark Strawser, Roadmaster, Written Report Provided
- Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer, Written Report Provided
- Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator, No Report
- Jim Bathgate, Township Solicitor, No Report

Public Comment:

Colin Rice – Colin gave the September DH&L fire report noting that there were thirty-five incidents, zero fire loss, 90.4-man hours and eight calls within the Township.

Jon Payne – Jon asked about the Brian Snyder Land Development Waiver hearing and Jim explained that they are building a barn but eliminating old buildings and an old road to make less impervious surface. Jon asked about the appointment of David Bohanick and Isaac responded that he trusts the Zoning Hearing Board's judgement. He also asked why the amusement tax would it need to be eliminated or lowered considering the patrons pay it and not the Speedway.

FYI:

- ESCRA August 21st Minutes
- 10.3.24 Direct Deposit Report
- 9.18.24 to 10.1.24 Check Register

Land/Subdivision:

- Carl & Ladawn Leitzel, Subdivision, filed 7.23.24, due 1.19.25
- Brian Snyder, Waiver from Land Development, filed 9.19.24, due 11.18.24

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 October 1, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager