

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

November 2, 2022

Chairman Jon Payne called the 11.2.2022 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:58 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Jon Payne turned the meeting over to Jim Bathgate at 5:59 pm for a Conditional Use Hearing for Jonathan and Aimee Gessner.

Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting back to order at 6:21 pm. He noted that Isaac Ramer, Chad Brandt, Julie Hartley and he conducted a road inspection on November 1, 2022 from 3:00 pm until 6:30 pm with no decisions being made at that time.

Present included: Supervisors: Jon Payne, Ross Smoker and Isaac Ramer Jr., Township Manager Julie Hartley and Jim Bathgate – Solicitor

Public Present: Bill Kline, Brian Hipple, Steve Bowers, Jonathan Gessner, Catherine Rice, Chris Fetter, Kati Leese, Jeff Leese, Joe Gonya and Rodney Ries

Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation, to approve the October 19, 2022 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Joe Gonya, Meck Tech, Wayne Brouse/Penn Avon Add-On Subdivision – Joe Gonya of Meck Tech presented the Wayne Brouse/Penn Avon Add-On Subdivision where lot one which is one acre will be subdivided from 13-06-094 and lot two which consists of 1.258 acres will be added and consolidated to Penn Avon Campground. The home that had one acre subdivided from it was tested and approved for a reserve sewage system area if any failure should occur with the existing system. The County Planning Commission's information is included on the plans and the owner's notarized signatures are on the plans. The Penn Township Planning Commission has recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the plans.

On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation approval was given for the Wayne Brouse/Penn Avon Add-On Subdivision.

Rodney Ries & Steve Bowers, Penn Valley Airport – Rodney Ries shared with the Board how important the Penn Valley Airport has been in his life and the lives of other members of the Community. Steve Bowers, Manager of the airport, supplied the latest audited statements. He then informed the Board of all the grants and projects that are helping to improve the amenities. An open house was held this year which had an attendance of approximately 2,500 and featured food trucks and a flight simulator. He continued by noting that there are nine community partners that own the airport and Penn Township is one of them. All the partners have donated to the airport except Middleburg Borough and Penn Township for the last couple of years. The partner's contributions are used as grant match money but the funds only make up a small portion of the budget. Mr. Bowers also informed the Board that the Penn Valley Airport has now been designated as a regional airport instead of just a local airport. This achievement allows for additional federal grant funding. The Board responded that they have one more budget meeting and will consider at that time whether or not any funds will be contributed to the airport.

Public Comment, Brian Hipple & Catherine Rice of DH&L Ambulance – Brian Hipple introduced Lieutenant Rice who is an Intermediate EMT. Lieutenant Rice explained that with her certifications she is able to do ninety percent of what a paramedic can. She noted that other members of the DH&L Ambulance are currently working on upgrading their certifications as well. Because of these additional certifications, one ambulance will be designated to this higher use. Brian reported that there were twenty-two advanced life calls and twenty-six other calls with one-third of the calls being within Penn Township. DH&L Ambulance helped the Fire Company with Octoberfest. They are currently working on obtaining a 501C3 designation. They are also installing a solar energy system that after grants will cost

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the ambulance company \$77,000 and will save approximately \$500 a month on utility bills. Brian asked the Board of Supervisors to consider instituting a tax for ambulance service for 1.5 mills.

New Business:

2022-11 Resolution for Destruction of Records – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to sign Resolution 2022-11 to allow records scheduled for destruction to be shredded.

Engineer overview of Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to allow the Planning Commission to engage the Township Engineer to review the Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance if the Board is informed during each step of the process.

Advertise Old T-Tag Dump Truck on Muncibid – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to advertise and place the old T-Tag dump truck on Muncibid when the Road Crew is finished using it to haul blocks to the bridge project.

Advertise 2023 Budget – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to advertise the 2023 Budget after the last budget meeting on November 9th.

Penn DOT Project Spring 2025 – Reviewed by the Board.

Auditor Appointees, Emily Badger & Amanda Bielskie – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to appoint Emily Badger and Amanda Bielskie to the two vacant auditor positions.

Paul Long Jr. Verbal Resignation – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to accept the verbal resignation of Paul Long Jr.

Andy Howell & Tim Thomson Employee Evaluations - Tabled

Old Business: None

Executive Session: None

Reports:

Julie Hartley, Manager

∞ Written Report Provided

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster

∞ Written Report Provided

Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer

∞ Written Report Provided

Fred Ulrich, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No report

FYI:

- ESCRA Aug. & Sept. 2022 Minutes
- ESCRA 2021 Credit/Deficit Computation & 2023 Proposed Budget

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 12.17.22

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- VFW Subdivision, filed 1.5.21, due 12.7.22
- Wayne Brouse, add on Subdivision, filed 7.29.22, due 12.26.22
- Jonathan Gessner, Conditional Use, filed 10.7.22, due 12.6.22, hearing 11.2.22 at 6 pm
- Mary Long/Echo Cottage, Conditional Use, filed 10.6.22, due 12.5.22, hearing 11.16.22 at 6 pm

Approval of Accounts Payable (State & General Funds) – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to pay the bills.

Adjournment – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager