

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

December 18, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 12.18.2024 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Present: William Moyer, Bill Kline, Colin Rice, Jason Kaufman, Jeremy Soper, Paul Long, Matt Hackenberg, Jon Payne, Bud Schenck, Cory Naugle, Chris Fetter, Jenna Mowery, Paula Schick, Keith Beaver II, Craig Soper, Dave Beaver, Jan Ritter, Clair Ritter, Brian Hipple, Ryan Boyer and Kelly Jimison Boyer

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. announced that an executive session was held from 5:32 pm to 6 pm this evening to discuss legal and personnel matters with no decisions made at that time.

Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the December 4, 2024 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Buddy Schenck, Lil' Beav's Auto Outlet LLC Land Development – Buddy explained to the Board that a Zoning Variance was granted for set-backs for a new building that will replace an old building that burnt down several years ago. The Planning Commission stated in their recommendation letter that the waiver for preliminary to final plan and the land development plan should be granted by the Supervisors. Buddy continued by noting that the impervious coverage, the fence maintenance and the PennDOT highway occupancy notes were placed on the plans as per the Township Engineer's directives. The Snyder County Planning Commission's comments were also addressed and their review number has been added to the plans. A final review letter from Chad Shaffer shows that all outstanding items were addressed. Buddy noted that the plans are signed by the owners and notarized. Jim Bathgate directed the Supervisors that they need to address the waiver request and then the acceptance of the land development.

On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the waiver request of the plan being filed as a final plan instead of a preliminary plan.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the Lil Beav's Auto Outlet's land development plan.

Colin Rice, DH&L Fire Co. Report – Colin reported that there were twenty-six incidents in November using eighty-five-man hours and six calls within the Township with no fire losses.

Brian Hipple, DH&L Ambulance Report – Brian stated that there were fifty-six transports and eleven non-transport and two missed calls within the Township. Ambulance eighty-two will be having the core replaced and should be back in service by the end of the year.

Colin Rice, Selinsgrove Speedway – Colin stated pre-sales have begun for the Speedway and are going well but the new promoters would like to see changes to the amusement tax. Jeremy Soper from DH&L Fire Co. asked if the Township could raise the milage on the Fire Relief taxes to make up the difference from lost amusement tax revenue. Clair Ritter asked why the Township needs the amusement tax revenue. Jeremy Soper said that the higher ticket prices could affect attendance. It was asked what maintenance the township would have from the races and Isaac mentioned the shoulder work on Sand Hill Road when the race car trailers run off the road.

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called an executive session from 6:15 pm to 6:24 pm to discuss legal issues with no decision made at that time.

New Business:

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Amusement Tax – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to have a one-year moratorium of no amusement tax on the Selinsgrove Speedway for 2025 to be reevaluated during the winter of 2025 to determine the amusement tax for 2026.

CDL Training – Isaac noted that one employee is interested in securing his CDL A license. The Township was considering paying the training when it was six hundred dollars but there has been a significant increase since then. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to have the employee pay for any CDL training they require but they can use the Township trucks for the driving portion of the training.**

CD Reinvestment – Tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

Truck #7 Spreader – Spreaders were discussed from three quotes that were received on size and pricing. After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to purchase the appropriate size spreader not to exceed \$5,500.00.**

Public Comment:

William Moyer – Questioned whether there is a plan for the future of the Selinsgrove Speedway. Isaac answered that Colin and the new promoters will give reports to see how things progress.

Jeremy Soper – Asked if one of the Supervisors could tour the Selinsgrove Speedway to check the conditions.

Jan Ritter – Jan asked if food trucks would be permitted at the Selinsgrove Speedway and Isaac answered that the Township does not require Transient Merchant permits anymore.

FYI:

- PTMA Dec. 5th Agenda & Nov. 7th Minutes
- 12.12.24 ACH Payroll Report
- Check Register 12.4.24 to 12.18.24

Land/Subdivision:

- Village at Penns Creek Land Dev. & Subdivision, filed 11.15.24, due 2.13.25
- Lil Beavs Auto Outlet Land Dev., filed 11.25.24, due 2.21.25

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 Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the December 18, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager