

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

December 7, 2022

Chairman Jon Payne called the 12.7.2022 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:58 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Brian Wentzel, Cory Dillinger, Tyler Dombroski, Catherine Rice and Mchael Master

Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation, to approve the November 16, 2022 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Cory Dillinger, BOW Renewables for Cottontail Solar 6 LLC – Cory noted that all the highway occupancy permits have been secured except for one utility crossing permit which they expect to come through very soon. He came to request that an allowance be granted to sign the plans and developer's agreement when the utility crossing permit is received. A letter of credit and the decommissioning bond will be provided before the zoning and building permits are issued. Once the plans are signed and recorded, the local fire company will be contacted about training. Brian Wentzel questioned the height of the utility lines above the road to allow for farming equipment. He noted that the tallest agricultural equipment is just under twenty-nine feet. Brian continued by asking about details of the screening on the landscape plan and if the panels are the same for leeching, glare, etc. as the original panels proposed for the project. Cory answered that the panels will adhere to PA standards. Motioned by Isaac Ramer Jr. to sign the plans when the last permit is issued. Motion died for lack of a second.

After discussion it was decided that Cory Dillinger and or Skip Schneider will return to the Supervisor's meeting on December 21, 2022 or January 18, 2023 to address the following issues:

- 1) Height of utility lines above public roads**
- 2) Landscaping screening details**

Tyler Dombroski, SEDA COG – Tyler explained to the Board that because of no individual residents requested COVID 19 assistance, the monies from both programs were combined and offered to the only business that qualified for the CDBD Microenterprises Project. The agreement amends the grant total and extends the deadline. The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce will be signing the agreement next. Jim Bathgate reviewed the agreement. After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation, the revised CBDG Microenterprise Project Subrecipient Agreement was signed.**

Public Comment, Brian Hipple & Catherine Rice of DH&L Ambulance – Brian informed the Board that there were twenty-three advanced life support, twenty-seven basic life support and sixty emergency calls in November. Supply chain issues are affecting the new ambulance and getting in AED replacement parts. He has requested three new AED's through a grant with one being earmarked for Penn Township. Catherine shared that the Advanced Life Support Unit is already responding to calls and recently had a heart attack patient that they revived with shock treatment and intravenous intervention.

Public Comment, Jason Kauffman, DH&L Fire Company via Phone – Jason shared that during the month of November there were twenty-nine incidents and no significant fire loss. Recently a Winterfest fundraiser was held and currently a Santa letter collection is ongoing. A bi-annual fire relief audit is scheduled. On December nineteenth and twentieth Santa will be riding around Penn Township and Selinsgrove Borough. Their will be a gun raffle in May and the ladder truck is still slated for a December 2023 delivery.

New Business:

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2023-01 Resolution to Adopt 2023 Budget – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to sign Resolution 2023-01 to adopt the 2023 Budget.

SEDA COG Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement – CBDG Microenterprises Project – Approved during Persons to be heard.

30-Day Extension for Bright Farms Land Development Plans – Isaac shared that some progress has been made on controlling the number of EDUs being used and waste quality control. On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to grant a thirty-day extension to the Bright Farms Land Development Plan.

Kevin Raker Project Extension – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow an extension to Kevin Raker Construction to complete the cement deck on the Perkinson Road Bridge Project until June 1, 2023.

Conditional Use Findings, Mary Long/ECHO Cottages – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to sign the Conditional Use Findings for the Mary Long/ECHO Cottage Project.

Appoint Darwin Swope as Regular Member of the Zoning Hearing Board – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to appoint Darwin Swope as a regular member of the Zoning Hearing Board with a term ending December 31, 2026.

Appoint Lisa Young and David Bohanick as Alternate Members of the Zoning Hearing Board – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to appoint Lisa Young and David Bohanick as Alternate Members of the Zoning Hearing Board with terms ending December 31, 2025.

Appoint Becky Herrold and Laura Fellencer as Alternate Members of the Planning Commission – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to appoint Becky Herrold and Laura Fellencer as Alternate Members of the Planning Commission with terms ending December 31, 2024.

Township Engineer to Review ECHO Cottage Stormwater Plan – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table the request to have the Township Engineer review the ECHO Cottage/Mary Long Stormwater Plans until the plan is submitted with the appropriate fee and an escrow amount to cover the expenses of the review.

Appoint Jeff Turner to ESRRRA – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker to appoint Jeff Turner to the ESRRRA with a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

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Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No report

FYI:

- Thank you letter from ESRRRA
- PTMA Nov. 3 Minutes & Dec. 1st Agenda

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 1.16.23
- Bob Cole, Conditional Use, filed 11.14.22, due 1.13.23, hearing 1.3.23 at 6:30 pm

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

Adjournment – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager