

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

February 3, 2021

Chairman Jon Payne called the 2.3.2021 Supervisor Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Jon Payne, William Moyer, Ross Smoker and Township Manager Julie Hartley, James Bathgate- Solicitor

Public Present: Shannon Rudy, Fritz Heinemann, Bruce Reber, Kenneth Estep, Brian Kerstetter and Jason Kauffman

Minutes - On motion by Ross Smoker, second by William Moyer and board acclamation, to approve the January 20, 2021 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Shannon Rudy from SEDA COG explained that a revised budget approval and extension request for an additional year is needed on the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation contract. There were three houses within the township that qualified and so far, one has been completed.

On motion by William Moyer, seconded by Ross Smoker and board acclamation, to approve the budget revision and extension request for the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation contract.

Shannon Rudy explained that the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce has taken on the micro-enterprise grant administration with an allotment of \$19,741.

On motion by William Moyer, seconded by Ross Smoker and board acclamation, to approve the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce to administer the Covid-19 business grants.

Shannon Rudy stated that the Covid-19 funds to help people with rent and utilities will be administered by the Union Snyder Community Action Agency.

On motion by William Moyer, seconded by Rodd Smoker and board acclamation, to have the Union Snyder Community Action Agency administer the Covid-19 rent and utilities assistance grants.

Shannon Rudy noted that a grant of \$16,000 for Personal Protection Equipment will be going to DH&L.

On motion by William Moyer, seconded by Ross Smoker and board acclamation to distribute the \$16,000 PPE grant to DH&L.

Shannon Rudy met with Fritz Heinemann today regarding a DCNR Grant for the handicapped restroom project near Everyone's Playground. She will be helping the Township apply for the grant.

Fritz Heinemann stated that he has been associated with Andy and Cindy Russell for over thirty years and they have conveyed their appreciation for the project of the handicapped restroom facilities that will serve Everyone's Playground. SEDA COG will be assisting with the writing of the DCNR grant for this project and Fritz hopes to have a more detailed update at the Supervisor's meeting in March. Fritz presented the Board with a Steeler's poster of Andy Russell with a photo of him, his patch and his autograph. Jon Payne thanked Fritz and the Andy Russell Foundation for all they have done in the township. Fritz finished by passing out autographed and framed pictures of Andy Russell to the Board members.

Jason Kauffman from DH&L Fire Company noted that there were twenty incidents for January with five being in Penn Township. There were no fire losses. Online raffles are have started again on Facebook.

Brian Kerstetter, candidate for Common Pleas Judge, addressed the Board. He noted that he was raised in Lewisburg and went to law school in Ohio. Upon his return he started his own practice and became a public defender. All together he has been in private practice for twenty-one years. The Common Pleas Judge is a ten-year term with a retention vote every ten years. He took questions from the Board and audience.

Kenneth Estep from Mid-Penn Engineering representing Brake Technique Final Land Development plan, stated that the conditions listed by the Planning Commission have been satisfied and he is asking for approval from the

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Supervisors. Jim Bathgate noted that he worked with Ken to get the notes on the plans and is satisfied with the results. Ken Estep stated that he did not think bonding was necessary because of it being a small project on private land with little risk to any public infrastructure. Jim Bathgate agreed that he did not think bonding this small project was necessary. On the subject of the application fee for resubmitting the plans, it could be waived because no additional costs were incurred for the resubmittal.

On motion by William Moyer, second by Jon Payne and board acclamation, to waive the plan review fee.

On motion by Jon Payne, second by William Moyer and board acclamation, to approve the final land development plan for Brake Technique's addition.

New Business:

Bright Farms Engineer Review- **On motion by William Moyer, second by Ross Smoker and board acclamation, to have Robert Bickhart, Township Engineer, review the plans for the Bright Farm sewer filtration system.**

2021-09 Resolution Destruction of Plans - **On motion by Jon Payne, second by Ross Smoker and board acclamation, to sign Resolution 2021-09 Destruction of Plans.**

Recycling Center Draft Ordinance- Jim Bathgate noted that the draft Recycling Center Ordinance would allow only Penn Township residents, businesses, employees and appointees to use the facility. If other restrictions need to be added they can be done at a later date with resolutions in the minutes. Jim will draft an advertisement with the Board's approval.

On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Jon Payne with William Moyer voting no, to have Jim Bathgate prepare the advertisement to adopt the ordinance.

Signal at Mill Road/Rte. 204 – The agreement with PennDOT requires designated contractors or employees. TRA Electric will be contacted to see if they qualify to maintain the signal. The agreement was tabled until the next Supervisor's meeting.

ESCRA Infiltration/Inflow Letter – The letter from ESCRA regarding infiltration and inflow issues was reviewed with no comments.

Extension Letter for RBBB Holdings- **On motion by Jon Payne, second by Ross Smoker and board acclamation to extend the deadline for the RBBB Holdings Final Land Development Plan to March 17, 2021.**

Old Business:

FL80 Dump Truck- **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Jon Payne and board acclamation to have Jim Bathgate compose an ad to place it for a minimum bid of \$7,000 on Municibid.**

ESCRA Board Appointment – Tabled.

Quote from R.G. Spring Works – **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Jon Payne and board acclamation to have springs replaced on the M2 Freightliner, truck number four, at a cost of \$2,325.34.**

Reports:

Township Manager, Julie Hartley

∞ Report provided.

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster

∞ Report provided.

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Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer

∞ Report provided.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich

∞ No report provided.

Solicitor, Jim Bathgate

∞ No report.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- On Motion by Ross Smoker, second by William Moyer and board acclamation to pay bills.

On motion by William Moyer, second by Ross Smoker and board acclamation the February 3, 2021 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

FYI:

- PUC Letter concerning Zito Media
- ESCRA – December, 2020 Minutes

Land/Subdivision:

- Klinepeter/Kuhns – Subdivision filed 10.21.20, due 4.16.21
- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 3.15.21
- RBBB Holdings/Ron Brubaker – Final LD, filed 8.25.20, due 3.17.21
- VFW, filed 1.5.21, due 4.5.21

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager