

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

March 1, 2017

Chairman Brenda Moyer called the 3.1.2017 Supervisor Meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Pete DeWire, Brenda Moyer and Jon Payne, Secretary/Treasurer Jacqueline Anders, Roadmaster Isaac Ramer, and Solicitor James Bathgate.

Public Present: William Moyer, Jan Ritter, John Reed, Darwin Swope, Beth Kerstetter, Robin Montgomery and Lynn Bressler.

February 1, 2017 Supervisor Meeting - On motion by Pete DeWire, second by Jon Payne and acclamation of board 2.1.17 Supervisor Meeting minutes were approved.

Persons Present to be Heard:

TNR - Beth Kerstetter and Robin Montgomery - Pennsylvania is 2nd in the Nation for confirmed Rabies. Penn Township is being asked to set aside funds to help get feral cats spayed or neutered. The Supervisors will discuss and let them know since the budget has already been passed this year. Potentially there will be a clinic April/May at Companion Animal Hospital this year.

East Snyder Community Garden - Lynn Bressler - The Community Garden hopes to get a shed for the newly donated rototiller and would like to know if Penn Township could donate funds. The Community Garden donated 1,000 pounds of food to the local food banks and churches last year. Was noted their annual tree/plant sale coming up. The Supervisors will discuss the request for a donation.

District Magistrate John Reed - District Magistrate Reed is running for another term. He's looking for suggestions for juvenile probation - solution for kids to work off their fines.

Reports:

Roadmaster Isaac Ramer

- ∞ Report provided.
- ∞ The removal of trees around Old Colony is 1/2 done.
- ∞ Ramer will try to obtain the street sweeper in April.
- ∞ 10K generator to operate the Township Building has been purchased and tested on the building. The generator was set up for display and to show operation at the meeting.
- ∞ Ramer would like to change the salt shed lights to LED and change the dusk to dawn light. Ramer will obtain information on housing and pricing for the Supervisors.

Secretary/Treasurer Jacqueline Anders

- ∞ Report provided.
- ∞ The AG 385 report for Fireman's Relief was submitted, Liquid Fuels payment of \$168,451.86 and Road Turnback payment of \$21,480.00 will be paid 3.1.2017 and Penn Township has been allocated \$4,080.00 for the county's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund distribution.
- ∞ Report provided by Berkheimer of delinquent Local Taxes {EIT}.
- ∞ Township received the annual investments from Mifflinburg Bank & Trust. The Supervisors will request monthly reports for the investments be provided.

Zoning Officer Ray Cerezo

- ∞ No report provided.

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Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich

- ∞ No report provided.

Solicitor Jim Bathgate

- ∞ Shane Speigelmeyer nuisance letter was mailed and the Zoning Officer shall check 3.6.17 to see if there's been progress on the cleanup of the property and report back on the findings on 3.15.17. Supervisor Payne will visit the home with the Zoning Officer.
- ∞ A letter was sent to DH&L 2.6.17 requesting information. No response has been received. **On motion by Jon Payne, second by Pete DeWire and acclamation of the board Penn Township will not release funds to DH&L until DH&L gets their issues/finances straightened out and the requested information is received.**

New Business:

Resolutions 2017-09, 2017-10, 2017-11, 2017-12 and 2017-13 - Years of Service - **On motion by Jon Payne, second by Pete DeWire and acclamation of board to sign Years of Service Resolutions for 2017-09: Ira Lessman, 2017-10: Harry Kuster, 2017-11: Roy Sauers, 2017-12: Robin Bieber and 2017-13: Joyce Ulrich.**

Turn back Old 11 & 15 - Advertisement will be sent out for a Hearing on 5.3.17 at 6:15 to turn back the remaining portion of Old 11 & 15.

Harris Estates - Stop Sign - A request for a stop sign in Harris Estate to help deter speeding vehicles was sent to the Township. It was noted that a stop sign shall not be used to control speed. The Township will contact the State Police to have them check on the situation.

Seda-Cog - Commonwealth Financing Authority - Informational purposes grant funding opportunities, N/A currently in Penn Township.

Old Business:

Road Review Meeting on 2.6.17 - There was a road review meeting on 2.6.17 with the Supervisors, Roadmaster and PADot representative to review 2017 road projects.

FDR Information (Full Depth Reclamation)- FDR information and agreement was shared and the study of the "mix" required on the roads (Graysonview, Walters and Meadowview Phase I) should be back in about a week.

Paving & Chipping bid pack - PADot prepared and provided bid packs for paving and chipping for review. **On motion by Pete DeWire, second by Jon Payne and acclamation of the board to place ad for bid for Hower, Meadow View Phase I, Salem Glenn Blvd., Farmhouse Lane and Emily Lane with a mandatory pre-bid meeting, bid opening will be 4.19.17 at 6pm.**

Property Maintenance Code - The program offered by Central Keystone COG to enforce what the Township's Zoning Officer can't. It would be set up as an hourly rate and only at the request of Penn Township Supervisors. There was discussions regarding the program. This program is to be used for serious cases only regarding the Health and Safety of the Residents. It was suggested that other organizations be involved such as Children and Youth or Department of Aging when applicable.

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Jan Ritter requested some clarification as to what the program covered. Ritter also inquired if this program was like another nuisance ordinance. Ritter stated that the Township already has a nuisance ordinance and it seems that this program is similar.

Darwin Swope stated that he has brought this up before, it is factual that there was a report of filling the flood plain in the Township which is a pretty serious violation that was ignored. Swope feels it interjects politics into this that if someone has a neighbor that they don't like they will be reported to COG unless they are cronies of the Supervisors. The location of the property mentioned has not been divulged to the Supervisors. Swope also commented that there has been a lot of discussion about health, safety and uninhabitable structures and informed the Supervisors that there is a State Law that states that needs to be 10' between a septic system and a habitable structure. If someone puts an addition on a home, other than the applicant marking on the application that they are compliant with sewage laws, is someone from the Township following up to ensure that they are in compliance with the 10' State Law? Supervisors ensured that the Township SEO, Zoning Officer and Keystone COG would be checking on those types of scenarios.

Property Maintenance Code was Tabled.

Public Comments:

Darwin Swope: Swope would like a copy of an invoice submitted by Beth Kapsar and copy of minutes where Beth Kapsar was hired. Swope was instructed to file a Right to Know.

Isaac Ramer: Ramer inquired about getting paid for the Township Meetings. If the Supervisors request the Roadmaster to come to a meeting, he will get paid.

Executive session called at 8:56 pm.

The board reconvened at 9:12 pm with no decisions made.

East Snyder Park Employee Interview on 2.22.17 - On motion by Jon Payne, second by Pete DeWire and acclamation of the board to send an offer letter for East Snyder Park Employee to Monty Anders with the rate of \$12.50 to start.

Isaac Ramer was asked to get a demonstration and obtain prices on a Stihl and Echo power weed-cutter with attachments for use at East Snyder Park.

Approval of Accounts Payable - On motion by Pete DeWire, second by Jon Payne and acclamation of the board to pay the bills.

On motion by Pete DeWire, second by Jon Payne and acclamation of board the March 1, 2017 Supervisor Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Anders
Township Secretary