

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

April 16, 2025

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 4.16.2025 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Excused: Mark Strawser

Public Present: William Moyer, Bill Kline, Chad Brandt, Paul Long, Jon Payne, Colin Rice, Christian Rosini and Chris Fetter

Minutes – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the April 2, 2025 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Colin Rice, DH&L Fire – Colin shared that there were thirty-eight incidents with no fire losses and ten were within the township. The Easter Open House is slated for Saturday and the gun raffle is on May 17th. Colin asked if the Township could roll the yard in front where the vendors set up before the May 17th event. The Board instructed Colin to contact the Roadmaster to arrange it.

Christian Rosini, UGI – Christian explained to the Board that a two-inch steel gas pipe from 1958 needs to be replaced by UGI on Hower Street. The other streets involved would be Fairview, University and 18th Street. All the pipe will be upgraded to plastic and all service connections would be new. He requested that the road cut fees for the project be waived and instead that they do a full restoration from the crown of the road to the shoulder. The project would be twelve hundred feet on Hower and three hundred and fifty feet on Fairview. The Board requested that a letter stating the agreed to work be submitted for the Solicitor to review and that in that letter Big Rock Paving be specified as not being allowed to do the subcontracting.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to waive the road cut fees for Hower and Fairview in lieu of complete restoration from the crown to the shoulder on both roads and a letter of terms favorably reviewed by the Township Solicitor.

New Business:

Appoint Ellie Herman as Alternate Member of ESRR – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to appoint Ellie Herman as an Alternate Member of the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association.**

Conditional Use Findings for ESCRA Ground Mounted Solar – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., to sign the Conditional Use Findings for the ESCRA Ground Mounted Solar Project with Ross Smoker voting yes and Isaac Ramer Jr. abstaining.**

Parking Issues at East Snyder Park – It was discussed that during games and other events there may not be enough parking and people are parking in restricted areas such as the stormwater swale causing damage. Several possible solutions were discussed including rocks, wild flower beds and fencing. Discussion was also held about expanding a parking lot for overflow parking at the football shed. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to install a split rail fence around the stormwater swale not to exceed \$5,000 in materials and move the “no parking beyond this point” signs to allow more parking at the football shed area.**

Sewage Planning Module for Ressler Subdivision – Jim explained that the Planning Commission reviewed the Ressler Sewage Module and recommended that the Board sign it. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to sign the Ressler Sewage Planning Module.**

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Old Business:

Comcast Contract – Jim noted that Comcast Communication has contacted several local municipalities regarding offering services and that the Township can impose franchise fees on those services for using the right-of-way. The fee would be passed on to the customers using the service and most fees are five percent of the gross revenues. When these agreements are put in place all the companies servicing the area must be treated alike. Jim contacted Service Electric to see if there was a franchise agreement currently in place with Penn Township and they answered that there was none because they were not needed before 1953. Jim said there is two things for the Board to consider. One is do they want Comcast to bring services into the township and two do they want to charge franchise fees and if so at what percentage. Jim said that Comcast will not be able to come into the Township until a franchise agreement is signed.

Penn DOT Connects Project Initiation Form - Tabled

Public Comment:

Jon Payne – Jon asked if Comcast would have to dig up roads to get their lines in.

FYI:

- Penn Valley Airport April 10th Agenda & Dec. 11, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes
- PTMA Apr. 3rd Agenda & Mar. 6th Meeting Minutes
- ACH Payroll Report 4.17.25
- DH&L March Meeting Minutes
- Check Register 4.2.25 to 4.26.25

Land/Subdivision:

- Village at Penns Creek Land Dev. & Subdivision, filed 11.15.24, due 5.13.25
- Selinsgrove Ford Conditional Use, filed 3.21.25, due 5.20.25, hearing 5.7.25 at 5:30 pm
- Selinsgrove Ford Land Dev., filed 3.21.25, due 6.19.25

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- **On Motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation, to pay bills.**

Adjournment - **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the April 16, 2025 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager