

# Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

## May 15, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 5.15.2024 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Chad Brandt, William Moyer, Jon Payne, Chris Fetter, Tim Thomson, Matt Young, Jerry Showers and Tamara Phillips

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ken Herman Jr. who served on the Township's Planning Commission.

**Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the May 1, 2024 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

### **Persons Present to be Heard:**

Matt Young, SRS Electric – Matt addressed the Board about the By Pass Lighting repairs that are needed. The lights were installed in 1972 by direct burial. Some of the lines have been replaced in the past. Currently all the lights are working on the Selinsgrove Speedway side. After some investigation by SRS Electric, it was discovered that the new guiderails installed last fall cut the one line that goes under the road and that will need replaced. The Board asked that Matt supply a quote to do the repair work on the severed line.

Jerry Showers, Tamara Phillips, American Legion/VFW – Shared during public comment.

### **New Business:**

Thank You Letter for Fritz Heinemann – The Board of Supervisors signed a letter thanking Fritz for his service.

Chase Enterprise Quote for Roadside Spraying – Isaac suggested that Penn Township enter into an Agility Agreement with Lewisburg Borough to spray the roadside weeds. Lewisburg Borough would carry the responsibility for any damages. Jim will draw up a draft agreement and Isaac will check with the Borough Manager for the next meeting.

Selinsgrove Halloween Parade, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Rain Date Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Selinsgrove Borough is once again requesting permission to use Bridge Street and N. Market Street to hold their Halloween Parade. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to grant permission to use Bridge Street and N. Market Street on the condition that they provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Penn Township as insured.**

90 Day Extension Letter for Herman Subdivision – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to give a 90-day extension to the Herman Subdivision.**

Principal Solar Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Jim explained to the Board that the Planning Commission took several months to develop amendments to the Principal Solar Energy System section of the Zoning Ordinance and now recommends that the Board start the process to adopt them. Jim reviewed some of the major changes that are recommended. Discussion was held and it was recommended that a public hearing be set for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to move forward with the adoption process and setting a public hearing for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

### **Old Business:**

Middlecreek Township Mowing/Compost Site Agreement – Jim drew up a draft Agility Agreement for the exchange of services with Middlecreek Township. Middlecreek Township will be permitted to take up to five T-Tag Dump Trucks full of branches to the compost in exchange for mowing Fair Oak Road to Sportsmans Drive. After review it was

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noted that the road mowing location needed some additional detail. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to send the Agility Agreement to Middlecreek Township after the modifications of the road mowing location are corrected.**

Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – Isaac encouraged the Board to review and consider what they would like placed in a future Nuisance Ordinance revision.

Intersection of University & Fairview Quotes – Mark shared that tomorrow he is meeting with Mid State Paving and Riteway Sealing to secure two more bids for the project at the intersection of University and Fairview.

### **Public Comment:**

Bill Moyer – Bill asked why the Township was not doing the work at the intersection of University and Fairview. The answer was that the Township does not own a paver.

Jon Payne – Jon asked about the priority of the Nuisance Ordinance. It was noted that the Supervisors will continue think about what changes are needed that will work for all residents.

Jerry Showers & Tamara Phillips, American Legion/VFW – Tamara asked the Board if they would be willing to contribute funds to allow the Honor Guard of the Selinsgrove American Legion and Selinsgrove VFW to purchase a new van. The van they presently have will not pass inspection. She also shared that the Gelnett Foundation said any funds they raise they will match dollar for dollar. Isaac said that the Supervisors will take this request under consideration and thanked them for their service and what they do.

Planning Commission Regular & Alternate Member Needed – Discussion was held about the need for one regular and one alternate member for the Planning Commission. Isaac Ramer Jr. and Tim Thomson would like considered. The positions will be posted on the Township's Facebook and Website until the twenty-fourth of June.

### **FYI:**

- PTMA April 4th Minutes & May 2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda
- 5.16.24 Payroll Report
- Check Register 5.2.24 to 5.15.24

### **Land/Subdivision:**

- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 8.15.24
- Carl & Ladawn Leitzel Conditional Use, filed 4.23.24, due 6.21.24, hearing 6.5.24

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

Adjournment - **On motion by Mark Strawser, second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the May 15, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager