

# Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

## June 5, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 6.5.2024 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:45 pm and turned the meeting to Jim Bathgate for a Conditional Use Hearing for Carl and Ladawn Leitzel.

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 6.5.2024 Supervisor Meeting back to order at 6:00 pm.

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

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Shellie McCurdy, Paul Long, Colin Rice, Chris Fetter, Brad Zeigler, Jan Ritter, Shannon Rudy, Carl Leitzel, William Moyer, Nick Jacobson and Jon Payne

**Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the May 15, 2024 Supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. closed the public meeting at 6:02 pm to turn the meeting over to Shannon Rudy for a CDBG Public Hearing.

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

**Shannon Rudy, CDBG Public Hearing** – Shannon opened the CDBG Public Hearing and Workshop to discuss proposed projects for 2024. The project selection is set for August 7, 2024 for the Township. Shannon read the eligible project activities. She noted that the projects must benefit low to moderate income residents. The only suggested 2024 project so far is the owner-occupied rehabilitation program. She asked if there was any public comment and none was offered and no questions were asked. She continued by explaining to the Board that the 2023 Sunset Drive sidewalk project was denied by DCED because they said it did not give township wide benefit. She asked the Board if they wished to transfer the 2023 funds to the housing rehabilitation program. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to move the sidewalk project funds to the housing rehabilitation program.**

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the regular meeting back to order at 6:16 pm.

### **New Business:**

**Award bid for path paving at East Snyder Park** – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to award the East Snyder Park Path Paving project to Mid-State Paving with the six-foot-wide path option in the amount of \$131,452.70 pending receipt of performance and payment bonds and proof of insurance submitted to SEDA COG.**

**Isaac Ramer Jr. recommendation to the Planning Commission** – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation with Isaac Ramer Jr., abstaining to appoint Isaac Ramer Jr. as a regular member of the Planning Commission.**

**PennDOT Traffic Signal Upgrade Agreement** – Jim explained that the agreement with PennDOT is so that they can upgrade and replace the traffic signal at the intersection of Rte. 522 and Market Street. The agreement also establishes that all traffic signals must be maintained by the Township or their appointed qualified engineers and/or contractors. The Board will need to adopt resolution number 2024-16 to designate the Township Manager as a legal signer of this agreement. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve Resolution 2024-16 which designates the Township Manager as the signatory for the PennDOT Traffic Signal Agreement.**

**Cottontail Solar 6, Lowering of Construction Bond** – Jim shared that Chad Shaffer, Township Engineer, has supplied a letter stating that with the work that has been finished at Cottontail Solar 6 would allow a lowering of the

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construction bond by \$3,231,669. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to allow the construction bond of Cottontail Solar 6 to be decreased by \$3,231,669.**

Cottontail Solar 6, Township Engineer Inspection Letter – Jim reviewed Chad Shaffer's inspection letter showing what items have been addressed and what needs done as of May 29, 2024. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to present the inspection report letter to Cottontail Solar 6 and the Penn Township Planning Commission.**

Cottontail Solar 6, Snyder County Conservation Chapter 102 Report – The Board reviewed the Chapter 102 Inspection Report from Tim Hornberger of the Snyder County Conservation District. The report showed no violations and another inspection is planned for the end of summer. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to forward the report to the Penn Township Planning Commission.**

Jan Riegel suggests street lighting for Upper Harris – The Board was informed of the request and they would like to see a group of neighbors attend the Board meeting to discuss.

Tree Trimming Contractor – Mark Strawser asked if it would be possible to hire a contractor to remove trees hanging on wires but according to Colin Rice and Isaac Ramer Jr. this would not be permitted.

Resolution to apply for DCED Grant – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to sign Resolution 2024-15 to apply for a DCED grant for S. Front Street.**

Truck #4 and Air Compressor on Municibid – The new Freightliner dump truck is expected to be delivered next week and the truck that is being replaced plus a compressor will need to be placed on Municibid. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to place Truck #4 and the compressor on Municibid with a bid opening of August 7, 2024.**

### **Old Business:**

Roadside Vegetation Spraying – Isaac provided an update that Lewisburg Borough will allow their licensed sprayer to come down to spray the roads. Julie is working on getting the Township's business license renewed.

Quotes for Fairview/University Intersection – Three bids were received for the repaving of the intersection of Fairview Drive and University Avenue. Fairchild Brothers was \$7,127, RiteWay Sealing & Paving was \$8,000 and Mid-State Paving was the lowest at \$4,140. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to award the bid to Mid-State Paving to repair and pave the intersection of Fairview Drive and University Avenue in the amount of \$4,140.**

Compost/Mowing Agreement with Middlecreek Township – The Compost/Mowing Agreement with Middlecreek Township has been signed by Middlecreek and returned for Penn Township's signature. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to sign the Compost/Mowing Agreement with Middlecreek Township.**

Honor Guard Van – Tabled until the June 19<sup>th</sup> Supervisor's meeting.

### **Reports**

- Julie Hartley, Township Manager, Written Report Provided
- Mark Strawser, Roadmaster, Written Report Provided
- Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer, Written Report Provided
- Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator, No Report

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- Jim Bathgate, Township Solicitor, No Report

### **Public Comment:**

Shellie McCurdy – She shared with the Board the number of students using the after school drop-in program and noted that there are approximately forty students daily. In May, ten new students were registered. Summer camp is being held for students in grades second through fifth. Monthly corn hole competitions are being held as a fundraiser for the program.

Colin Rice – He informed the Board that there were thirty-nine incidents with ten being in Penn Township. There were no fires this month. They had a very successful gun raffle this year. The old ladder truck has been sold and a downpayment secured. On Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, DH&L Fire Company will be touring the Cottontail Solar 6 fields and Supervisors are welcome to attend. Jim asked if Cottontail Solar 6 has submitted an emergency plan and Colin answered that he is working with them on this.

Bill Moyer – Bill shared with the Board that they should watch for any damage that might be done by the PPL upgrade that runs through the Township.

### **FYI:**

- ESCRA April 17th Minutes
- Email from Crystal Jones
- Snyder Co. "Intention to Appeal" Letter
- 5.30.24 ACH Payroll Report
- Thank you note, Tammy Herman
- Community Foundation Grant, Softball Restroom, \$1,000

### **Land/Subdivision:**

- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 8.15.24

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 Isaac Ramer Jr., second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the June 5, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager