

# Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

## July 12, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 7.12.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Excused:** None

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Shannon Rudy, Brian Wentzel, Brian Hipple, Cpl. Marvich of the State Police, Marcia Moore of The Daily Item and Chris Fetter

**Public Hearing for Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Amendment** – After the pledge of allegiance the meeting was turned over to Jim Bathgate for a public hearing on the medical marijuana zoning ordinance amendment at 6 pm. Jim noted that the ordinance amendment was provided to the Snyder County Planning Commission and they had no comments. The amendments were duly advertised in The Daily Item. The ordinance amendments will allow for Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor Facilities by conditional use in the Highway Commercial and Industrial Zoning districts and the Dispensary Facilities by conditional use in the Highway Commercial Zoning District. Jim asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments from the public. Jim asked if the Board of Supervisors had any comments and they indicated that they did not. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to adopt the Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Amendment.**

**Minutes** – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., with Jon Payne abstaining to approve the June 21, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

### **New Business:**

**Cottontail Solar 6** – Concerns were brought to the Board of Supervisors on the excavating of the solar energy system project along Clifford Road. The Board asked that Township Engineer Chad Shaffer review the erosion and stormwater plans of the project to see if the proper procedures were being implemented. Chad responded with a letter saying that he, “feels the plans are in accordance with all applicable Penn Township requirements. The plans are also in compliance with DEP Chapter 102 requirements according to the Snyder County Conservation District”. Chad also noted in his letter that the areas will be restored close to their original state post construction and after site stabilization. Brian Wentzel expressed concern that the temporary erosion control plans were not given to the township during the review process. He also noted that when the project began access roads were not being utilized and this had to be reported twice to the project manager. Jim answered the concern about the temporary erosion issue by saying that in the future the township could request these plans as part of the review even though Snyder County Conservation and DEP normally provide oversight for this portion of projects.

**5K Run on S. Front St.** – Robert Byers of Binittownitfitness requested use of S. Front Street to host a 5K Race on November 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 am until noon.

**On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow the 5K race on S. Front Street providing that they supply a certificate of insurance naming the township and provide safety measures for the runners.**

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

**Brian Hipple, DH&L Ambulance** – Brian gave the reports for May and June. In May there were a total of eighty-nine calls in Penn Township with six missed and the total company calls were two hundred and ten. In June there were a total of ninety-four calls in Penn Township with twelve missed because of two units being down and total calls were two hundred and eight. He continued by reporting that the carnival did not go very well for fundraising this year. EMS week went well with a good showing from the community. Litters and new mounts have been installed from a grant. The company will not be covering the Selinsgrove Speedway races this year. Funds were awarded from the Lowes

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hometown project grant which will be used to make repairs and updates to the station. Other grant funds will be used to purchase training equipment.

### **New Business (continued):**

Roadside Vegetation Spraying Training – The information for roadside vegetation spraying classes and costs were discussed in order that two road crew could get certified to spray around guiderails and signs. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and opposed by Ross Smoker that one road crew member take the course to get certified in roadside vegetation spraying.**

Permission to Sign Comfort Station Contracts – The pre-construction meeting was held on Monday; July 12<sup>th</sup> and the contracts were received and need signed by the Township after bonds are received by the contractor.

**On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to authorize Julie Hartley to sign the contracts for the Comfort Station project after all the bonds are received.**

### **Persons Present to be Heard (Continued):**

Cpl. Marvich, PA State Police – Cpl. Marvich introduced himself to the Board and proceeded to share some statistics of crime and traffic incidents within the township. He noted that there were ten criminal investigations with two arrests and no drug investigations during the year so far. Traffic accidents were four in January, four in February and five in March with no fatalities. Most traffic complaints are occurring in Monroe Township right now because of all the CSVT project such as Attig Road.

Shannon Rudy, CDBG Public Hearing - **Chairman Jon Payne closed the meeting at 6:36 pm and turned it over to Shannon Rudy to conduct a public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant. After the hearing concluded the meeting was called back to order at 7:08 pm.**

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comment:** Brian Wentzel informed the Board that on a few occasions the Selinsgrove Speedway has raced past midnight and during the week has left lights on till 12:30 am. One Friday night the lights were still on at 12:40 am. Brian noted that he did communicate his concerns to the racetrack. Jon Payne said that if it continues to let the Board know.

**Executive Session:** An executive session was called from 7:25 pm to 7:32 pm to discuss township issues with no decisions being made at that time.

### **Reports:**

Julie Hartley, Manager

- ∞ Written Report Provided and she gave an update on the Perkinson Bridge project noting that the last item remaining is the installation of the guiderails on the bridge approaches.

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster

- ∞ Written Report Provided

Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer

- ∞ Written Report Provided

Fred Ulrich, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No report

### **FYI:**

- ESCRA May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
- ESCRA 2022 Annual Report
- ESCRA 2022 Credit/Deficit Report for PTMA

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- PTMA June 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes & July 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda

## **Land/Subdivision:**

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 10.13.23
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 10.4.23

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 July 12, 2023 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager