

Penn Township  
Supervisors Workshop  
Minutes  
December 18, 2013

Workshop was called to order at 6pm by Jon Payne, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisors Jon Payne, Bill Moyer and Fred Ulrich; Solicitor James Bathgate; Township Secretary Robin Bieber; Planning Commission Secretary Brenda Moyer; Roadmaster Isaac Ramer, Jr; Chris Walter; and Todd Cox

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Walter described the issues with electrical problems in a home he has rented. After discussion, Mr. Walter was advised to contact an attorney. It was noted that Penn Township does not contract with Central Keystone COG to perform rental property inspections or electrical inspections. Building Code inspections for Penn Township occur only during new construction.

HEMPFIELD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - The written Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for the Hempfield Behavioral Health Conditional Use Hearing was reviewed, accepted and signed upon motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

PARKING ON STREETS DURING/AFTER SNOWFALL - A lengthy discussion was held on the problems incurred during a snowfall when cars are parked on the streets. After review, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved, to authorize Solicitor James Bathgate to draft a new Ordinance combining the current three ordinances that regulate parking during snow events. The new Ordinance shall include time frames, all streets and roads, and will address any accumulation of snow and/or ice. Discussion was also held on basketball hoops/nets in the roadway. Solicitor Bathgate noted this is a summary offense, considered a nuisance. Warnings should be given.

BRADLEY RICHMOND - Mr. Richmond has requested a refund of the zoning permit fee paid for an addition to his home. Mr. Richmond has stated this addition was for his mother-in-law who passed away before they could break ground on the project. Upon motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, Mr. Richmond's refund request was granted due to the special circumstances.

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER - James Geiswite was appointed as an Assistant Zoning Officer upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich and unanimously approved.

BOARDROOM TABLE - Prices were reviewed: issue tabled.

JACKHAMMER - Prices for a new jackhammer were reviewed: \$950.00 - Bradco; \$970.00 - West Branch Rental; Stephenson Equipment - \$985.00(\$1069.69 w/bits). After discussion, motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, to purchase a new jackhammer from Bradco Supply at a cost not to exceed \$950.00.

\*\*Solicitor James Bathgate reported that a brief Executive Session to discuss legal issues was held before the meeting started. Solicitor James Bathgate asked if anyone would like to speak

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at this time. No response. An Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and the employment of Todd Cox was called at 6:40PM. The meeting was reconvened at 7:47PM with the following conclusion: Motion to terminate the employment of Todd Cox with Penn Township due to performance issues. Motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Jon Payne. Chairman Jon Payne then asked for comment from the public. No comment received. Motion was approved with Fred Ulrich abstaining from the vote due to a long standing friendship with Mr. Cox. Mr. Cox questioned the Board if he will be able to collect unemployment benefits and also questioned the status of his workers comp claim filed on December 18, 2013. Mr. Cox was informed that the Township will provide information to these entities if and when requested.

Discussion was held on three candidates for consideration for employment. Upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, Andrew Howell, Daniel Michaels, and Jeff Radel were hired for part-time on an as-needed basis. It shall be noted that Mr. Radel has a CDL license: if Mr. Howell and/or Mr. Michaels wishes to apply for a CDL license, they must first take the written test and then the Township will allow them to learn and take the driving test on Township equipment and will pay for costs incurred in taking the test.

TOWNSHIP LOCKS - After discussion, all Township locks and padlocks will be changed upon motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, the December 18, 2013 workshop was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Bieber  
Township Secretary/Treasurer