

**PENN TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
December 4, 2013**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting to order at 7:15PM following the Conditional Use Hearing of Hempfield Behavioral Health. Supervisors present: Jon Payne, Fred Ulrich, William Moyer. Others present: Secretary/Treasurer Robin Bieber; Solicitor James Bathgate; Roadmaster Isaac Ramer Jr; Planning Commission Secretary Brenda Moyer. Members of the Public: Kathy Ulrich; Brenda Moyer; Darwin Swope; Steven Campbell; Kay Moffatt; Gary Griner, DH&L Fire Company; Rodney Reis, Penn Valley Airport Representative.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting were approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved. The minutes from the November 20, 2013 workshop were approved with the following correction: The statement 'Supervisors approved Brenda Moyer, recently elected to Township Supervisor to remain as an employee on the office staff at a current rate of 13.68 per hour, once taking office in January, on motion by Fred Ulrich and second by Jon Payne.' Shall be replaced by 'Supervisors discussed Brenda Moyer, recently elected to Township Supervisor, to remain as an employee on the office staff.' Motion to accept the November 20, 2013 workshop minutes with this correction by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne with Bill Moyer abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2013-06 thanking Bill Moyer for his years of service as a Township Supervisor was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved. This resolution was signed by Supervisors Fred Ulrich and Jon Payne, Solicitor James Bathgate and Secretary Robin Bieber. Thanks Bill!

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Griner, DH&L Fire Company, provided the November report including a total of 24 alarms with 10 in Penn Township and 3 in Selinsgrove Borough. Mr. Griner also responded to reported complaints regarding the old equipment at the Middlecreek Antique Association grounds, which DH&L used for training purposes. Mr. Griner stated that there are more training events scheduled, and when this training has been completed, the equipment will be removed. It was also noted the motors have been removed from all equipment used for training purposes.

Rodney Reis, Penn Valley Airport representative, thanked the Supervisors for their support of the airport and asked for continuing support in the future. Mr. Reis also gave a brief update on activities at the airport.

Steve Campbell was present to express his concerns of water runoff on his property on Hidden Valley Road, stating this issue became a problem when the road was graded a few years ago. Discussion was held on various possible solutions. After discussion, Roadmaster Isaac Ramer Jr and Assistant Roadmaster/Supervisor Fred Ulrich will review the site.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

No Persons Present to be Heard at this time.

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REPORTS

Roadmaster Isaac Ramer Jr provided a written report on recent activities.

Brenda Moyer, Zoning Officer, provided a written report including 85 permits year-to-date.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported that the East Snyder Park Board has contracted with a cleaning person to clean the new restrooms at ESP at a cost of \$45 per week. One week of each month will be paid for by the ESP Board, Pete and MaryAnn DeWire, and Dave Bowersox, respectively, leaving one week per month which the ESP Board has asked the Supervisors to pay. After discussion, upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, Penn Township will pay for one week per month for cleaning the ESP restrooms.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich had nothing to report.

Chairman Jon Payne had nothing to report.

Solicitor James Bathgate reported that he has sent the snowplowing agreement to Jackson Township solicitor and has not yet received a response.

OLD BUSINESS

The Workers Compensation insurance proposals were reviewed: EMC Insurance at a cost of \$13,205; and Purdy Insurance at a cost of \$19,542.52. After review, motion was made to accept the EMC Workers Compensation Insurance proposal at a cost of \$13,205/year by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

The Health insurance proposals were reviewed: Capital Blue Cross at a cost of \$2506 per month; Aetna Insurance (through PSATS) at a cost of \$3548.52 per month. After review, motion was made to purchase health insurance through Capital Blue Cross at a cost of \$2506.00 per month by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved.

It was noted that the fire hydrant on Gaugler Lane is not in working order. Penn Township Municipal office will be contacted to determine if residents on that road are still paying hydrant tax.

Discussion was held on the need for a zoning officer. Supervisor-elect Brenda Moyer is the interim zoning officer and will not be able to continue in that capacity when she takes office in January. Two residents have shown interest in the zoning position.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-01 - adopting the 2014 Budget - was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2014-02 - Hydrant Tax levy - was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2014-03 - 2014 Tax levies - was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

After discussion, James Geiswite was appointed to the Planning Commission to fulfill the term of Michael Savidge, which expires December 31, 2013. It was noted there will be another vacancy in January as Bill Moyer's term will expire and Mr. Moyer has stated that he is not interested in a reappointment.

***An Executive Session was called at 8:10PM to discuss legal issues and personnel issues. Meeting reconvened with no action taken.

Discussion was held on Christ United Methodist Church and the fact that they are in violation of their approved land development plans. Motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved, that in order to correct this problem, the CUMC must provide: 1) proof of stormwater management impact from the additional square footage of the building, 2) as-built plans of the new, larger building to amend the recorded land development plan at the Snyder County Courthouse, 3) upon receipt of these items, Robert Bickhart will review the submission.

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NEW BUSINESS - Cont'd

After additional discussion of zoning officer, Dave Bowersox was appointed as zoning officer upon motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL

Upon motion of Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved, the accounts payable and payroll was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. No further business to discuss, the December 4, 2013 meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary