

PENN TOWNSHIP MINUTES February 6, 2013

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00PM Supervisors present: William Moyer, Fred Ulrich, Jon Payne. Others present: Secretary/Treasurer Robin Bieber; Solicitor James Bathgate; Kathy Ulrich; Dawayne Betzer and Gary Griner, DH&L Fire Company; Chris Shaffer, Larson Design Group; Greg Pysher; Todd Aunkst; Darwin Swope; Kurt Artz; Matthew Weller and two other Susquehanna University students.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting approved as presented upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved. The minutes of the January 16, 2013 workshop were approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawayne Betzer, DH&L Fire Company, gave a report on 2012 total activities including 301 alarms with 100 in Penn Township. The January 2013 report included 29 alarms with seven in Penn Township. Mr. Betzer and Mr. Griner also updated the Board on the purchase of a new rescue truck. One of the bank's requirements is an updated service agreement with Penn Township. Upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich and unanimously approved, an updated Service Agreement was signed by Chairman Jon Payne. It was noted that the Service Agreement will be updated every year. Also, DH&L has recently been informed that all drivers must follow CDL mandates as required by law when they are driving fire company vehicles for any purpose other than an emergency. This will require drivers to obtain CDL medical physicals as well. The DOT numbers must be on the trucks.

Greg Pysher and Todd Aunkst were present to follow up on their concerns from the last meeting regarding water runoff from their neighbor's property, which is a result of, according to Mr. Pysher, the water being redirected when a garage was built. Mr. Pysher and Mr. Aunkst were informed that after researching this issue, it was found that the garage was built in 1997 and the Stormwater Ordinance went into effect in 2005. Chairman Jon Payne will contact the Lindows.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

Chris Shaffer, Larson Design Group, was present to propose a project regarding stormwater. Larson Design Group has been contacted by Tom Gates, developer of the Salem Glenn Sub-Division, to determine the source of water runoff which affects the swale on the southern side of the development as well as several properties in the development. According to their findings, water comes from an area at the southeastern section of the Old Colony Road and Salem Road intersection, which Mr. Shaffer noted, was not included with the stormwater calculations when the original development was designed (original plan not by Larson Design Group). Mr. Shaffer's proposal includes an inlet on Old Colony Road with a pipe that would direct the water across Old Colony Road and through a wooded area. It was noted that a retention pond and wetlands are already in this location. Mr. Shaffer also stated that Mr. Gates is willing to work with the Township to solve this problem. After a lengthy discussion, all findings from Larson Design Group will be shared with Engineer Robert Bickhart for his review upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. Mr. Bickhart will also be instructed to review the hydrology studies, stormwater calculations, and any other pertinent information.

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REPORTS

Interim Roadmaster Roy Sauers provided a written report on recent activities. It was noted that Roy has done a great job filling in as Roadmaster. Thanks Roy!

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report including 2 permits year-to-date.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported the new phones have been installed. A recent Workers Comp audit shows payroll costs in 2012 were lower and should result in lower Workers Compensation insurance premiums.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich reported problems with the street light at the South Market St and Route 35 intersection.

Chairman Jon Payne reported there will be a work session on February 20, 2013 at 6:00PM.

Solicitor James Bathgate reported that the Susan Sprengel Conditional Use has been approved and completed. It was noted that Chairman Jon Payne will speak with PTMA Chairman Tom Ferry regarding the ESCRA correspondence concerning the ongoing issue between Selinsgrove Borough and ESCRA.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the varying quotes received for a new garage roof. In order for contractors to bid on the same requirements, an engineer will be contacted to draft exact specifications for the project. After discussion, motion was made by Fred Ulrich to hire Larson Design Group to write a bid package for the new garage roof. Motion died for lack of a second. After further discussion, motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved, to send the current project quotes to local engineers for an estimated cost of writing a bid package for this project.

The position of Roadmaster was discussed. Kurt Artz was appointed as Roadmaster upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. Welcome Kurt!

NEW BUSINESS

The Richard and Ronny Riegel plans were reviewed. Property on Old 522, residual lot 4 is all in Penn Township, proposed lot 4A is in Middlecreek Township. After review, these plans were conditionally approved upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved upon the following: 1) Plans must be signed by the land owner and notarized; 2) Verification that Middlecreek Township Planning Commission approves their development plans, not the Middlecreek Township Supervisors. It was noted these plans have been signed by MTPC.

The 2013 County Liquid Fuels project shall be to pave various roadways. It was noted that the Township will receive \$4,080 in 2013 when the project is completed.

A lengthy discussion was held on the Sewage Code Enforcement. Solicitor James Bathgate stated that Penn Township adopted an Ordinance in 1981 to contract with Snyder County Sewage Code Enforcement (SCSCE). Although a motion was made at the January 7, 2013 meeting to appoint Dan Page as the Penn Township Sewage Officer, the 1981 Ordinance cannot be superseded by a motion. Solicitor Bathgate also explained that to adopt an Ordinance to opt out of using SCSCE, the Township would forfeit its share of SCSCE assets. After further discussion of high fees, very long permit process times, and various issues with SCSCE, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, to rescind the motion of January 7, 2013 to appoint Dan Page as the Penn Township Sewage Officer. Motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, to withdraw from SCSCE and authorize Solicitor James Bathgate to draft an Ordinance to withdraw from SCSCE. Dan Page will be invited to the February 20, 2013 work session.

**An Executive Session was called at 8:27PM to discuss legal issues. Meeting reconvened at 8:45PM with no action taken by the Board.

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NEW BUSINESS - (cont'd)

Discussion was held on a new boardroom table. Prices will be gathered upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved. It was noted that a new table should be large enough to hold all Planning Commission members being able to face the audience.

CORRESPONDENCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL

Upon motion of Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and approved, the accounts payable and payroll were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. No further business to discuss, the February 6, 2013 meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary