

**PENN TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
March 6, 2013**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 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; Darwin Swope; Pete DeWire, East Snyder Park; Sgt Jeff Hackenburg, PA State Police.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved. The minutes of the February 20, 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 February activities including 20 alarms with one in Penn Township. Mr. Betzer also gave a report on the purchase of the new rescue pumper truck, and provided a booklet of truck specs for public review.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

Sgt Jeff Hackenburg, Station Commander of the PA State Police Selinsgrove Barracks, was present and provided information from activities in 2012, 823 incidents in Penn Township, the second highest in Snyder County. Sgt Hackenburg also reviewed services provided by the State Police to residents as well as other local authorities.

Pete DeWire, East Snyder Park, presented the most recent plans for the new restroom project, including a budget and explained that all funds for the project are accounted for with many items donated from local businesses. After discussion, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved, to waive the zoning permit fee for the new restrooms. Mr. DeWire also provided an update on spring activities at the park.

REPORTS

Roadmaster Kurt Artz provided a written report on recent activities.

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report including 4 permits year-to-date.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported a representative from Central Insurers Group has reviewed Township insurance policies and will be in touch if they can provide more competitive insurance rates.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich reported all street lights are currently working properly.

Chairman Jon Payne will have information on a new board table and cameras at the next meeting. Unless otherwise necessary, there will be no workshop meeting in March.

Solicitor James Bathgate had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Quotes are being received for engineering fees as associated with the new garage roof. Bids will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Lenape Solar Project was reviewed. This project replaces some of the older lights in the building with Pennsylvania Power and Light providing approximately 65% of the costs. Final cost for Penn Township is \$1002.43. Projected savings shall be approximately \$1477.00 per year. After

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2013

OLD BUSINESS - (cont'd)

review, motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, to approve the Lenape Solar Project.

Discussion was held on anticipated stone bid tonnage amounts for 2013. An average used over the previous three years will be tons bid. As always, bid will state 'more or less'.

**An Executive Session was called at 7:54PM. Meeting was reconvened at 8:15PM with the following action taken: Discussion was held on personnel issues and water issues on Pinebrook Road with the legal implications pertaining to the water issues. Solicitor James Bathgate will investigate this issue and send letters to all parties upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Selinsgrove Borough will be contacted to broom streets in the developments. It was noted this is usually done after April 1st.

After discussion, cinders will no longer be hauled to Washington Township through agility since Washington Township no longer offers any services to Penn Township. Washington Township will be informed that they can pick up cinders at the State School during the summer months.

Discussion was also held on the agility agreement with Middlecreek Township and Penn Township regarding plowing and winter maintenance.

Brief discussion held on the Township mowing at the District Magistrate office and the recent anonymous complaint that this is not bid by the County. After speaking to Snyder County Commissioners, who reimburse Penn Township for this service, no changes will be made to this agreement.

The work to be done by the roadmaster was discussed briefly. Inlets need cleaned, asphalt repairs, asphalt in front of the winter materials storage shed.

Planning Commission recommendations regarding the sign regulations section of the zoning ordinance were reviewed. Upon motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Fred Ulrich and unanimously approved, these recommendations were accepted and will be sent on to Snyder County Planning Commission for comments. Public hearing for these changes will be held on May 1, 2013 at 6:30PM.

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 March 6, 2013 meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary