

Penn Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2014

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. Vice -Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting to order at 7:22pm. Supervisors present: Brenda Moyer; Jon Payne. Others present: Lynne Renn, Secretary/Treasurer; Isaac Ramer, Road Supervisor; Jim Bathgate, Solicitor; Jim Geiswite, Asst. Zoning Officer. Members of the Public: Michael Finio; H.L. Chiarkas; Chris Bailey; Jennifer Lee; Darwin Swope; Gary Griner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from September 3, 2014 by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Public Comment

Persons Present to be Heard

A report was presented by Gary Griner, representative from the DH&L fire company for the month of September, 2014 including Alarm Type, Staff Activity and Estimated Loss.

At this time all New Business relating to Susquehanna University was addressed so as not to delay those in attendance regarding such.

A Public Hearing was held prior to this Penn Township Regular Meeting. Motion to approve the Susquehanna University Conditional Use application by Jon Payne, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor. Jim Bathgate to document all findings and upon receipt of findings Jon Payne and Brenda Moyer will sign, with the official date being the last date signed by these supervisors.

Motion to accept the Susquehanna University Sewage Facilities Planning Module by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Motion to approve the Land Development Plan for Water Research Facility for Susquehanna University by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Reports

Isaac Ramer, Road Supervisor presented his monthly written report.

Discussion held regarding the two Township owned chain saws as both have recently broke. Isaac has received quotes from Hummel's at a cost of \$380.00. Motion to purchase a chainsaw (Model #MS291) from Hummel's at a cost of \$380.00 by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor. Because both chainsaws are unreliable and need constant maintenance, the motion was amended to purchase two chainsaws, same model # and same cost, instead of just one by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

The Massey zero-turn mower is also not working. CH Waltz Sons, Inc. has quoted Isaac a price of \$13,122.76. Motion to purchase the mower from CH Waltz Sons at quoted price by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

To improve accessibility and ease of maintenance it has been suggested that concrete sidewalks replace the small stones around the restroom at East Snyder Park. An quote of \$1,150 has been submitted by Andrew Bausch Construction which is valid until 12-31-14. Tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

Isaac has received two quotes on the new truck. Tabled for further discussion at the 2015 budget workshop to be held October 15, 2014 at the Supervisor Workshop meeting.

Andy Bausch, Andrew Bausch Construction presented a few concerns he had upon reviewing the pole shed specs presented by John Wert, engineer. One concern raised was the use of pressure treated wood for the posts. Due to the severity of the concerns Isaac is to contact John Wert to discuss. Tabled for future discussion.

Dave Bowersox, Zoning Officer was not present. Written report provided.

Lynne Renn, Township Secretary/Treasurer presented a written report.

Fred Ulrich, Emergency Management Coordinator and Chairman had nothing to report.

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor reported that multiple parties have been discussing the road damage done to Fair Oak Road (Steve Witmer, General Contractor for the new home; John Bush, rep. for Cleveland Bros.; Joe Harvey, rep. for Key Trucking). No one seems to want to be responsible for all damage or for fixing. Motion made for Isaac to file police report for this road damage to Fair Oak Road and the stolen surveillance camera from the compost site by Jon Payne, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

New Business

Many concerns and questions were raised at the public discussion held prior this meeting regarding the Outdoor Wood Fired Burner Ordinance 14-05. Motion made to table and to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Brenda Moyer asked the Board to consider labeling the stormwater/sewer drains. This could possible be done as an Eagle Scout project. This would be a benefit not only to our roadcrew but also to our residents. By labeling the drains it will also benefit our Community Rating which decreases the flood insurance rates for our residents. Lynne Renn to contact the Boy Scouts to see if anyone is interested in presenting a plan for this project.

The shed that was built, but that is no longer used, by the Boy Scouts was donated by the Boy Scouts to the Township. The Township is not interested in it however Board is aware of someone that is. Motion made to contact the Scouts to let them know the Township declines the donation of the shed, please remove or Township will contact the interested party to remove by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

The residents with the pools have ignored requests by the Asst. Zoning Officer Jim Geiswite to obtain zoning permits. Ok to serve each with an official enforcement notice stating Section 11.05. Send by return receipt so there is proof of receipt.

Also Jim Geiswite had requested a form be created that both he and Dave Bowersox could use when providing any type of zoning information to residents. The form would show what information was provided and the resident would then sign the document to acknowledge receipt.

Due to a retroactive charge of health insurance premiums for dependent coverage for Lynne Renn (for her son Michael) there is an amount due to the Township of \$625.35. Motion made to allow Lynne Renn to pay back the retroactive charges as a Payroll Deduction at the rate of \$25.00 per pay until paid in full by Jon Payne, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

A letter was received from a resident asking consideration to be appointed to the vacant East Snyder Park Board position. As Jon Payne is a member of that Board, he will make sure the letter of consideration is presented at their next meeting.

Lycoming County Resource Management Services (LCRMS) is holding a Grand Opening for the Single Stream Recycling Center that Brenda Moyer, Penn Township Recycling Coordinator would like to attend. This is a free event. Motion made for Brenda Moyer to attend the event by Jon Payne, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

There was an issue with the shipping/billing of an item from Valley Ag & Turf. A part that was phone ordered by Isaac Ramer was not ordered by Valley Ag. When Isaac called to question its arrival they realized it had not been order. They then ordered and had it sent overnight which was not requested by Isaac. Valley Ag then proceeded to charge the Township for half of the overnight charges. In the meantime Isaac was able to obtain the item from another source. Isaac to return the part to Valley Ag with the notation of "Rejected". Township may still be responsible for restocking and freight charges. Lynne Renn to not paid current invoice from Valley Ag until credit is issued and then pay remaining balance if applicable.

A brick purchase is being made on the Township's behalf for the Veteran's Memorial that is being constructed at East Snyder Park. Wording on brick to read "Thank you to all veterans for serving our country with honor, dedication, pride and sacrifice. Penn Township"

There have been seven applications received for the Snow Plow Driver/Winter Maintenance position. Interviews to be scheduled for Wednesday, October 15 between 5-6pm prior to the scheduled workshop meeting. Tabled until that time.

There are four employee performance evaluations for review. These were tabled until the scheduled workshop meeting to be held October 15.

**Executive session was called at 8:45pm to discuss ordinance issues. Meeting was reconvened at 8:55pm with no official action taken.

Old Business

The Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc (SARI) submitted additional information for review regarding the Township's 2015 donation to the pool. Discussion held with no action taken.

The 2014 donation to the Penn Valley Airport was discussed. This was tabled until the scheduled workshop meeting to be held October 15.

Correspondence

None.

Checks were presented for signing and reports distributed for review. A motion was made to approve the payroll and accounts payable checks as presented by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Motion made to accept the Stormwater Agreement for Greg Mull and to have Vice-Chairman Jon Payne sign by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor. With no further business to discuss the October 1, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Renn
Township Secretary