

# **Penn Township Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting**

### **September 2, 2015**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Supervisors present: Jon Payne; Fred Ulrich; Brenda Moyer. Others present: Lynne Renn, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Bathgate, Solicitor. Members of the Public: Kathy Ulrich; Bill Fausey; Pete DeWire; Sandy Webb; Pat Higgins, MBC Development; Chad Aucker, Snyder County 911; Gary Griner, DH&L.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as written from the August 5, 2015 regular meeting by Fred Ulrich, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

Motion to approve minutes, with re-wording to Local Service Tax inclusion, from the August 19, 2015 workshop meeting by Brenda Moyer, Fred Ulrich second, all in favor.

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Persons Present to be Heard**

Gary Griner, representative from the DH&L fire company, presented report for the month of July 2015.

Also discussed with Mr. Griner and Chad Aucker, Snyder County 911 representative was the service agreement between Dauntless Hook and Ladder Company (DH&L) and Penn Township. DH&L has been the primary service provider for Penn Township and it is agreed that they should continue primary service. A letter is to be done by Secretary Renn to Snyder County 911 indicating that DH&L continue primary service for Penn Township. If DH&L is not available, the next available company will provide service.

Bill Fausey was present to address the Board of his concerns regarding child safety at the schoolhouse in Kantz. While no one has been hurt yet there are children walking and riding bicycles to/from school in that area and vehicles do not slow down as they should. Mr. Fausey questioned if it was possible to declare it a school zone or have a crosswalk area provided. Discussion held and options reviewed. At this time Secretary Renn will do letters to PennDOT to question if anything can be done (i.e. school zone, crosswalk) and also a letter to the school itself to see if they could provide a crossing guard.

Sandy Webb was present to receive a status update on the drainage issues on Ridgeview Road. Supervisor Fred Ulrich informed everyone that he and Road Supervisor Isaac Ramer were out to assess the situation. The road crew did replace a grate in the area with a new one that is supposed to be self-cleaning and provide for better drainage. Other than that Supervisor Ulrich indicated that nothing else was found that can be done.

#### **New Business**

At this time the Land Development Waiver Public Hearing for MBC Development regarding the Dollar General was held. MBC had requested three waivers for which a recommendation from the Planning Commission was received and an approval from engineer Bob Bickhart was also received. Discussion held. Motion made to grant the waiver for all three conditions by Fred Ulrich, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor. Public hearing for MBC Development regarding the Selinsgrove Dollar General was concluded.

The Land Development final plans for the Selinsgrove Dollar General were also discussed. In attendance was Pete DeWire, Penn Township Municipal Authority, to voice the PTMA's approval of the plans. The

conditions set forth for Planning Commission approval are, or will be, completed. Required yet are the Highway Occupancy Permit and an updated Best Management Practices, section 3. Motion made to grant conditional approval of final plan, upon receipt of the HOP and updated Best Management Practices, with extension approval given until December 3, 2015 if needed, by Fred Ulrich, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

### **Reports**

Isaac Ramer, Road Supervisor, not present, had a written report prepared for distribution to supervisors.

Dave Bowersox, Zoning Officer/Jim Geiswite, Asst. Zoning Officer were not present. Written report provided by Asst. Zoning Officer Jim Geiswite for distribution to supervisors.

Lynne Renn, Township Secretary/Treasurer presented a written report. Approval requested to renew the QuickBooks subscription for 2016. Motion made to approve renewal of QuickBooks subscription for 2016 by Fred Ulrich, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

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

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor reported that he is working on the final draft for the ordinance to increase the Local Service Tax from \$10.00 annually to \$52.00. Once completed he will also create the advertisement for the newspaper to advertise public notice of ordinance approval at the October 8, 2015 regular supervisor meeting.

**\*\*A short recess was held from 8:10pm until 8:17pm\*\***

### **New Business**

Jeffery Goff Land Sub-division Plan was discussed. At the Zoning Variance hearing held August 5, 2015 the Zoning Hearing Board denied the variance due to the applicant not being able to meet zoning requirements. Motion made to deny the Goff Land Sub-division Plan based on the following 1) applicant failed to present final plans within the required timeframe and 2) variance request was denied by the Zoning Hearing Board, by Fred Ulrich, Jon Payne second, all in favor. Secretary Renn to send letter of denial to applicant, Jeffery Goff, Mr. Goff's attorney and Jim Gross no later than September 3, 2015.

Planning Commission has requested that they be allowed to hold four workshops, to be held on the second Monday of September, October, November and December and to advertise said meetings. Motion made to approve additional Planning Commission meetings for 2015 and advertisement of meetings by Fred Ulrich, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

Supervisor Fred Ulrich presented concerns voiced by Road Supervisor Isaac Ramer regarding safety issues (visibility) at the intersection of Gregg Drive and Woodland Drive. Is there the possibility of an all-way stop being done at this T intersection? In order for stop signs to be installed there must be an ordinance done. Motion made for Atty. Bathgate to draft an ordinance for the October 8, 2015 meeting for discussion and review with possible approval of ordinance at the November 4, 2015 meeting by Fred Ulrich, Jon Payne second, all in favor.

Road Supervisor Isaac Ramer had requested the possible hiring of additional road crew employees to assist with the plowing during the upcoming winter season. Supervisor Moyer to review the current applications on file and inform Supervisors Ulrich and Payne of any possibilities and/or the need to advertise for General Help.

### **Old Business**

A letter to PennDot regarding the concerns of resident Ed Clark about the intersection of Salem Road and State School Road drafted by Secretary Renn was presented for review. With one minor change, motion made to send letter to PennDot, cc: Ed Clark, by Fred Ulrich, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor.

The draft nuisance ordinance is to be presented and discussed that the September 28, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. Further discussion tabled until receiving Planning Commissions recommendation.

### **Correspondence**

The 2015 Annual Convention of the Snyder County Township Officials is to be held on October 7, 2015. Chairman Jon Payne, Supervisor Brenda Moyer and Secretary/Treasurer Lynne Renn to attend. Secretary Renn to RSVP.

Correspondence from CK-COG received regarding the upcoming membership meeting to be held and to introduce the new Director that had been hired.

The Community Aid grant that Supervisor Moyer had applied for, which was for mulch for East Snyder Park and for use for Snyder County Night Out, was accepted and grant monies were received.

The draft documents for the 2015 CDBG grant were presented for review. Pending approval by Atty. Bathgate motion made to proceed with project by Fred Ulrich, Brenda Moyer second, all in favor..

### **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll**

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

### **Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne second, all in favor. With no further business to discuss the September 2, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 9:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Renn  
Township Secretary