

**PENN TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
August 16, 2011**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. Chairman William Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Supervisors present: William Moyer, Fred Ulrich, Brian Wentzel. Others present: Secretary/Treasurer Robin Bieber. Solicitor James Bathgate. Members of the Public: Jessica Stover; Ray Cerezo; Kathy Ulrich; Brandon Sechrist; Pete DeWire; Scott Kerstetter; Darwin Swope; Jon Payne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 2, 2011 meeting were approved as presented upon motion by Brian Wentzel, seconded by Bill Moyer, and approved with Fred Ulrich abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was heard at this time.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

Pete DeWire was present with a sketch of the 36'x84' proposed recycling site to be built from recycling grant monies as being dispersed by Snyder County, who was awarded the grant. Site includes 9' spaces between each set of 2 bins, each bin being 8'x28', and additional 9' section on each end. Fencing will be 6'x6' posts with alternate boards; 2" steel sleeves for snow removal. After review, motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Mr. DeWire was also present to discuss fencing for the Little League fields. Apollo Fencing is honoring their April quote of \$5485.00 for new fencing. Also, Apollo Fencing will erect additional fencing, using the existing fence, adding new hardware as needed at a cost of \$400-\$500. Mr. DeWire was directed to contact the other fencing companies which submitted bids in April for new bids. After review, motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Brian Wentzel and unanimously approved, to use the old fencing where possible and purchase new fencing at a total cost not to exceed \$6000.00. It was noted this fencing will be used on the outfield for Field#4, and 160' on Fields#1 and 2. Scott Kerstetter, Little League, presented a \$1500.00 check to help cover the costs. Mr. DeWire also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce has donated a sign for ESP with an approximate value \$5,000.

Ray Cerezo questioned whether his recent suggestions to Ordinance changes have been discussed. No discussions as this time. Mr. Cerezo also discussed water issues on his property located on Beaver Road, and asked the Board to consider diverting to the other side of his neighbor's driveway onto property Mr. Cerezo owns. After discussion, Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist and Bill Moyer will review the site and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Cerezo also discussed the possibility of drafting a brochure for residents in the Township regarding site development and requirements relating to such. Mr. Cerezo has spoken to Snyder County Conservation District and Department of Environmental Protection who would both like to provide input.

Darwin Swope gave a brief background on the sewer line that runs in front of his home and the adjacent property owned by his family on Old Colony Road. The line was initially installed solely to service Snyder County Prison and was a private line until 1996 when it was accepted by the Penn Township Municipal Authority. At that time, because the homes within the connection requirement distance would have had to install grinder pumps, the requirement was waived by the Supervisors. According to Mr. Swope, current DEP Guidelines allow for a

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gravity connection to both homes they own. Currently, the Swopes are interested in connecting to the public sewer line through a gravity connection, but according to Mr. Swope, they are being denied by PTMA. Mr. Swope is asking for support from the Supervisors. After a very lengthy discussion, the solicitor will be directed to research the Supervisors' authority in this situation.

**Meeting was recessed at 8:28 and reconvened at 8:31pm.

REPORTS

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist provided a written report on recent activities. After discussion, motion was made by Brian Wentzel, seconded by Fred Ulrich and unanimously approved, to purchase a new communications radio in the mini excavator. Prices will be researched for a new spreader spinner for Truck#4.

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report. 41 zoning permits y-t-d.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported she is still researching the repairs costs to the TV140.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich reported TRA Electric is doing annual maintenance on the traffic lights.

Chairman William Moyer report - discussion was held regarding the possibility of leasing 2 acres from Selinsgrove Center adjacent to Penn Township's composite site to enlarge the site. Darwin Swope will contact the Selinsgrove Center to ascertain their interest. Also, Mr. Swope will contact PennDot to inquire as to the traffic study at the intersection of Salem Road and Route 522. It was noted that the application for a traffic signal included the study along with the statement that the Township would pay for a traffic light if PennDot deemed one would be allowed. Therefore, the application was not filled out and returned to PennDot.

OLD BUSINESS

The Salem Glenn water issues were discussed. Solicitor Muolo will be directed to draft a letter to residents and Greg Burgess who has right-of-way behind lots 1-9.

Supervisor Brian Wentzel waiting for return call regarding the new proposed salt building.

Regarding the new pump, tank and grease trap for the concession stand at East Snyder Park, the tank has not arrived yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for the painting of the Township Building were opened and reviewed. Bill Anskis Company - \$10,890; Jay Buck II - \$4870; Magnelli's Construction - \$3450; Orvis Long Painting - \$2200; Double K Construction - \$2100. The Orvis Long Painting bid also offered painting additional areas including five man doors and frames and the overhead door steel corner guards for an additional \$600. After review, since Double K Construction did not include painting of the wooden areas as specified in the bid, bid was awarded to Orvis Long Painting including the additional work for \$600.00 upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Brian Wentzel, and unanimously approved.

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist will be authorized to research prices for certified herbicide applicators.

Health Insurance was discussed. Since Brian Wentzel has dropped off the policy and full-time Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist has declined health insurance benefit, Secretary Robin Bieber is the only employee to be covered and insurance companies will not carry group insurance on one employee. Single-person coverage will be researched.

Prices received for signs to post along Route 522 to help people locate East Snyder Park were reviewed. According to PennDot, two signs, installation and administrative fee, cost is \$1400.00. Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist will be authorized to get prices on the signs from other companies and inquire with PennDot as to whether the Township would be permitted to

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NEW BUSINESS - (cont'd)

purchase the signs elsewhere. Motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Brian Wentzel and unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Brian Wentzel and approved, an additional credit card will be applied for to be used by Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist.

CORRESPONDENCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL

Upon motion of Fred Ulrich, seconded by Brian Wentzel, and unanimously approved, the accounts payable and payroll were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Wentzel, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved. No further business to discuss, the August 16, 2011 meeting adjourned at 9:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary