

# **PENN TOWNSHIP MINUTES April 4, 2012**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 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. Members of the Public: Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist; Jeff and Heidi Deday; Pete DeWire; Peggy Chamberlain-Roup; Glenda Ruch, SEDA-Cog; Bill Seigel, SEDA-Cog; Shane & Kim Erdley; Weaver Martin; William Pinkowski; Paul Sauder; John Martin; Kelsey Sollner; Andrew Pogar; Angela Sahaida; Joanna Bowser; Rebecca Salman.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved. The minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Pinkowski was present with concerns of burning in his neighborhood, stating odor, and well as allergy, issues. The Board explained that Penn Township does not have a burning ordinance for several reasons. Penn Township is largely an agricultural and rural community; any burning ordinance would be difficult to enforce. If a homeowners' association or deed restrictions prohibit burning, it becomes a civil matter between neighbors. Also noted, if items being burned should not be burned, Department of Environmental Protection should be notified. Discussion was also held on water runoff. It was noted no one is allowed to reroute the water on their property and divert it to another property.

## **PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD**

Paul Sauder and Weaver Martin were present to inform the Board of their plans to build a new school for the Amish community. The school would be on private property leased to the trustees of the school. Mr. Sauder and Mr. Weaver were instructed to prepare a full detailed presentation for the Planning Commission.

Jeff and Heidi Deday were again present to discuss water issues on their property on Mountain Drive. The Dedays were informed by Solicitor James Bathgate that while the recorded development plans show stormwater facilities that do not exist, there is no proof that they never existed or that property owners of surrounding lots changed or eliminated them. Therefore, any water runoff from another property is a neighbor dispute and the Township cannot be involved.

Shane and Kim Erdley spoke to the Board regarding their conditional use request for their property at 729 Old 11 & 15, including kayak rentals and weddings. Future plans include a winery. Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for May 2, 2012 at 6:30pm upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Glenda Ruch and Bill Seigel, SEDA-Cog, were present to discuss the Community Development Block Grant entitlement of \$82,369.00 for Penn Township. Snyder County is receiving this money that has to be spent in Penn Township on Penn Township's behalf. To discuss possible projects, Ms Ruch and Mr Seigel were invited to a workshop session to be held on April 18, 2012 at 6:00pm.

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## **PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD - (cont'd)**

Rich Hess, scheduled to attend this meeting, was not present, however it was noted that the Township is not in favor of a for-profit company using East Snyder Park for business purposes.

## **REPORTS**

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist provided a written report on recent activities. Supervisor Jon Payne questioned Mr. Sechrist regarding the agility program with PennDot. John Steininger will be contacted for information pertaining to the agility program including monetary balance, price per acre mile, and pricing on items that PennDot performs for the Township. Mr. Sechrist also stated repairs are not necessary to the roof at this time.

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report including 22 zoning permits year-to-date.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported that the 2012 Liquid Fuels and Road Turnback have been received. An e-mail was received from Craig Bingman, Snyder County Conservation District, stating that the area behind lots#1-9 of the Salem Glenn Development has been reviewed and recommendations have been given to the farmer to prevent the runoff and overgrowth issues.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich, had nothing to report.

Chairman Jon Payne had nothing to report.

## **BID RESULTS**

The 2012 Stone bids were reviewed with the following conclusion: Motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved, the following bids are accepted:

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| National Limestone Quarry | #8 stone       | \$14.00 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | #57 stone      | \$12.25 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | 2A stone       | \$10.60 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | 2RC stone      | \$ 9.45 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | #1 stone       | \$12.25 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | Gabion         | \$13.25 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | RipRap         | \$13.95 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | R5 Rock        | \$14.95 DEL  |
| National Limestone Quarry | 6S Anti-skid   | \$12.50 DEL  |
| Eastern Industries        | 9.5mm Ameisite | \$69.05 FOB  |
| Eastern Industries        | 19mm Ameisite  | \$57.40 FOB  |
| Eastern Industries        | 25mm Ameisite  | \$56.55 FOB  |
| Eastern Industries        | UPM Materials  | \$115.25 FOB |

The following bids were received for the two (2) old office printers:

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| HP Desktop 2445 Printer | \$2.50 | Jon Payne |
| HP Desktop 6940 Printer | \$2.50 | Jon Payne |

Both printers were awarded to Jon Payne for a total cost of \$5.00 upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer with Jon Payne abstaining.

Authorization for the proposed salt storage building bid upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. It was noted that sales tax does not apply and will not be charged.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2012-02 Concerning high grass and weeds was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Ordinance 2012-03 Establishing bad check fees was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Ordinance 2012-04 East Snyder Park closed from dusk until dawn unless written permission is received from the Supervisors was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2012-04 Establishing a user fee for East Snyder Park of \$100 and a pavilion fee of \$50 was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

The Health Insurance issue was tabled.

The electric bills at East Snyder Park were discussed. The usage will be tracked on PP&L's website.

William Bucher was appointed as a Penn Township Auditor upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved.

The Personnel Policy was tabled.

Solicitor James Bathgate updated the Board on the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Penn Township and Snyder County regarding the new recycling site. Mr. Bathgate is still in discussion with Department of Environmental Protection for clarification on specifics. The agreement should be ready for signatures at the 4/18/12 workshop. The workshop shall be re-advertised to include any business that comes before the Township.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resignation received from employee Robin Sholly. Resignation accepted upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded with regret by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved.

Request received from East Snyder Park Board of Directors to appoint Brad Longacre and April Metzger to said Board. Brad Longacre and April Metzger appointed to the ESP Board of Directors upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

The domain name for the Penn Township website will be renewed for three (3) years at a cost of \$27.95 upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Discussion held on road abandonment. A section of Old 11 & 15 and a section of Bake Oven Hill Road will be abandoned upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved. Hearing for road abandonment shall be on June 6, 2012 at 6:00PM.

### **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 Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved. No further business to discuss, the April 4, 2012 meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin Bieber,  
Township Secretary