

PENN TOWNSHIP MINUTES August 1, 2012

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 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: Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist; Solicitor James Bathgate. Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Robin Bieber. Members of the Public: Kathy Ulrich; Lexa Troutman; Larry Troutman; Michael Savidge; Tom Ferry; Stan Korbar; Jane Korbar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved. It was reported that the Supervisors met with Zoning Officer Tom Snyder on July 30th for an informational session. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was heard at this time.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

Cornelius Heeren was present to discuss options pertaining to the ongoing issues with the telephone system in the Township building. It was noted that the wiring is very old and the current phones and fax do not work as they should. After discussion, Mr. Heeren will draft a formal bid and submit to the Township office and Solicitor James Bathgate will research the legalities of Mr. Heeren, a Planning Commission member, performing the work.

A lengthy discussion was held with Tom Ferry, Penn Township Municipal Authority Chairman, regarding Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority and the current Department of Environmental Protection mandates that have stopped additional connections to ESCRA. Further discussion included the overload of organic nutrients, which prompted DEP's mandate, and litigation between Selinsgrove Borough and ESCRA. After discussion, motion was made by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich and unanimously approved, to send a letter to ESCRA regarding the Township's concerns of the DEP mandates. Motion passed.

James Grose was present with the Clara Korbar Land Development/Amended Sub-Division plans for an 18 acre lot on Sand Hill Road. Previous sub-division included one lot at which time a non-building waiver was placed on the residual, which is now ready for development. After review of the plan, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and approved with Bill Moyer abstaining due to a familial connection, the Clara Korbar Land Development/Amended Sub-Division was approved. Also, upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Jon Payne and approved with Bill Moyer abstaining, the Sewage Facilities Planning Module was approved and signed.

REPORTS

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist provided a written report on recent activities. Discussion was held on the difficulties of obtaining ameisite from Eastern Industries, who was awarded the bid. The plant manager often states that it is not available. After discussion, Solicitor James Bathgate will review the bid and draft a letter to Eastern Industries. It shall be noted that if ameisite must be ordered from another contractor, the total may not exceed \$18,000, which is the limit per telephone quotes as allowed by law.

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REPORTS (cont'd)

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, was absent.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich reported the by-pass lights are working on automatic.

Chairman Jon Payne reported that the next work session will be held August 15, 2012 at 6:00PM.

OLD BUSINESS

The petition to enter the vacation of roadways for abandoned roads was submitted by Solicitor James Bathgate. Chairman Jon Payne signed the verifications.

Solicitor James Bathgate reported that B&B Pole Buildings have submitted signed agreements, performance bond, payment bond and declaration of insurance. Chairman Jon Payne signed the agreements.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lexa Troutman Conditional Use Hearing was held prior to the regular meeting. The Conditional Use was granted to conduct a used car lot business on Route 522 east of Pepper Tree with the stipulation that applicant follows all local, state, and federal guidelines.

The following bid for the used Husqvarna mower was received: Fred Ulrich submitted a bid of \$75.00. The Husqvarna mower bid was awarded to Fred Ulrich upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Jon Payne with Fred Ulrich abstaining.

The drafted letter to Mid-Penn Engineering requesting the status of the Susquehanna Industrial Development plans will be sent upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Correspondence received from Planning Commission recommending a policy be established not to grant conditional approval that requires too many conditions or has no time limit. After discussion, recommendation will be considered when the next plan is reviewed.

Discussion was held regarding the Pheasant Ridge Development and the in-ground recharge systems that are required on each lot. It was noted that at least two lots do not have such systems. Michael Savidge stated the deeds for the lots reference the land development plan which specifies the requirement.

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 August 1, 2012 meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary