

**PENN TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
December 5, 2012**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 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; Kathy Ulrich; Dawayne Betzer and Gary Griner, DH&L Fire Company; Pete Barge Jr; Alfred Herman Jr; Tom Ferry, ESCRA Representative; Jan and Clair Ritter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawayne Betzer, DH&L Fire Company, gave a report on November activities including 19 calls with 7 in Penn Township; no monetary losses. Mr. Betzer reported that Selinsgrove Borough will match Penn Township's donation in 2013.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

Tom Ferry, PTMA member and Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority (ESCRA) representative, was present and gave an update on the ongoing conflict between ESCRA and Selinsgrove Borough. According to ESCRA, one business within Selinsgrove Borough has not applied for or received an industrial waste permit, but continues to operate and allegedly causes organic overload at the treatment plant, which caused Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to restrict or limit new connections. Mr. Ferry explained that previously, ESCRA charged member municipalities according to the percentage of waste going into the system. Currently, member charges are based on the specific content going into the system. After discussion, Supervisors agreed with Mr. Ferry that the current method is a more fair system of charging member municipalities. Mr. Ferry will continue to keep the Board updated on any progress with this issue.

Jan Ritter was present with questions regarding perk testing and why Penn Township residents must use Snyder County Sewage Enforcement Committee for perk tests when the costs are much higher than private SEOs. Ms Ritter further explained that a neighboring municipality has contracted with a private company whose fees are less than half of Snyder County's SEO and the turn around time is 90 days versus one year with Snyder County. Ms Ritter was informed that both offices should be able to give her a break-down of costs and exactly what the fees include. It was noted that Penn Township appoints the SEO at Re-Organization meeting in January. After discussion, W Daniel Page, SEO will be contacted for rate information.

REPORTS

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist provided a written report on recent activities. It was noted that East Snyder Park will be checked at least every two weeks throughout the winter months. Two of the restrooms will be locked, leaving the handicapped restroom open. Signs will be posted. Discussion was held on a new roof. After discussion, a new roof system over the 3 bay garage section of the building will be advertised upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. A safety meeting/luncheon will be held on December 11, 2012 at 1:00PM with all employees.

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report including 75 permits year-to-date.

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REPORTS (cont'd)

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported \$642 has been received from DEP Act 101 Recycling Act. Kauffman TV will be coming this week to review the Township office for a new phone system.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich had nothing to report.

Chairman Jon Payne reported the Supervisors will be having work sessions on the third Wednesday of every month in 2013 as needed. Notices will be posted for any cancellations. Sessions will be advertised. Safety and description of Roadmaster position will be discussed.

A meeting for all employees will be held December 11, 2012 at 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Request received from Christ United Methodist Church (CHMC) for a reduction in the letter of credit. Engineer Robert Bickhart's inspection report for the CUMC was reviewed. After discussion, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, to deny the request for letter of credit reduction based on Mr. Bickhart's findings. Ken Estep, CUMC representative will be invited to attend the next Township meeting to address concerns. Mr. Bickhart will also be invited.

NEW BUSINESS

As requested, the Doug Klingler Land Development was granted a 90 day extension upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2013-01 - 2013 Budget was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2013-02 - Tax Levies was adopted upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2013-03 - Hydrant Tax was adopted upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

A Conditional Use Hearing will be held on January 16, 2013 at 6:00PM for Susan Sprengel and The Boat Doc who is looking to sell vehicles at her business located on Route 522.

After discussion, advertisement will be placed for a part time road crew member, CDL Class B will be beneficial.

Six lights will be ordered for the truck at a cost of \$121.99 per light upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

**Executive Session was called at 8:25PM to discuss personnel issues. Meeting reconvened at 8:52PM with the following action taken: Solicitor will draft an appropriate letter to address the personnel issues.

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 December 5, 2012 meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary