

PENN TOWNSHIP MINUTES February 1, 2012

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 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: Secretary/Treasurer Robin Bieber; Solicitor James Bathgate. Members of the Public: Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist; Jac, and Jan Riegel; Gene Kreamer; Charles Steining, Jackson Township Supervisor; Andrew Pogar, Kelsey Sollner, Joanna Bowser, Angela Sahaida, Susquehanna University students.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting were approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was heard at this time.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

Charles Steininger, Jackson Township Supervisor, was present to discuss snowplowing on Jackson Road. In previous years, Jackson Township has plowed the Penn Township portion of Jackson Road since that portion is between Jackson Township and Middlecreek Township and has no direct access through Penn Township. Results of discussion, contingent on Middlecreek Township's approval, are as follows: Penn Township will plow all of Herman Road to Route 204; Jackson Township will plow all of Jackson Road and all of Rudy Road.

Jan Riegel was present with safety concerns in the Belmar Development. Mrs. Riegel stated that there have been street lights in the past which lit up a portion of the development, but the lights have been turned off. PP&L informed Mrs. Riegel that the electricity for the lights were included with the property that the lights were on. It was noted that one of the residents chose to have his light turned off, the other resident has passed away. Chairman Jon Payne explained that the Township does not provide street lights to any development. One suggestion was to form a neighborhood group to pay for the lights.

REPORTS

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist provided a written report on recent activities. After discussion, the Supervisors and Mr. Sechrist will review all Township roads beginning February 9, 2012.

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report including 3 permits year-to-date.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, reported the cabinets have arrived. Cabinets were approximately \$400 less expensive than initially ordered. Ken Stettler has agreed to be an auditor for the 2012 year. Audit is underway.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich, reported that the by-pass lights are now working. Parts will be ordered for the traffic signal repairs.

Chairman Jon Payne had nothing to report.

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OLD BUSINESS

The following quotes were received for a new trailer: Fayette 16' PJ Trailer - \$2820.00; NorthPoint Auto 14' Belmont - \$2600.00; NorthPoint Auto 16' TWF- \$2150; NorthPoint Auto 14' TWF - \$2050; R.E. Davidson 16' Mistrailer - \$2195.00; R.E. Davidson 14' Mistrailer - \$2075.00. After review of sizes, quality and durability, motion made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, a 16' Mistrailer 7000gvw will be purchased from R.E. Davidson at a cost not to exceed \$2195.00.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the letters drafted by Solicitor Muolo pertaining to Darwin Swope and the sewage issue. After discussion, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved, to ask Solicitor Muolo whether letters should be reviewed by Mr. Swope before mailing, and follow through as directed by Solicitor Muolo.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2012 County Liquid Fuels project was tabled.

After discussion, it was noted if another work session per month is necessary, they will be scheduled as needed.

A new computer for the office will be bid upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved. Bids will be open at a special meeting to be held February 15, 2012 at 6:00pm prior to the scheduled work session.

Resignation received from employee Tom Wallish effective February 3, 2012. Resignation was accepted with regret upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

After discussion on ameisite bids and the problems that arise when the winning bidder cannot supply the product when needed, Solicitor Bathgate will provide wording to include in the bid to protect the Township.

The Co-Stars salt contract was discussed. Upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Jon Payne and unanimously approved, 300 tons will be spoken for. It was noted the Township will have to order at least 60% and no more than 140% of the 300 tons in the August 2012-July 2013 season.

The Steven and Shelley Bogush extension of time request on the Grand Oaks Estates sub-division plan was granted upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich, and unanimously approved.

Solicitor Bathgate reported on the intergovernmental recycling agreement between Penn Township and Snyder County, and the issues to be worked out before the agreement is finalized. Solicitor Bathgate also explained that an Ordinance will need to be adopted to enter into this intergovernmental agreement. Ordinance will be drafted and the Township will enter into this agreement upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

Bulk mailing for newsletters will be researched.

Solicitor James Bathgate will review all Ordinances and recommend updates as necessary upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved.

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.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and unanimously approved. No further business to discuss, the February 1, 2012 meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary