

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Regular Meeting

January 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Seiders called meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Chairman Amos Seiders, Vice-chairman Sheaffer, Supervisor Martin, Solicitor Matt McKnight, Secretary/Treasurer Pat Sangialosi

PUBIC COMMENT:

Greg Christblieb – Big Spring Community Center – Chairman Seiders congratulated Gary Martin on the election and welcomed him to the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion to approve minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting – VICE-CHAIRMAN Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2007 – chairman Seiders made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as of Dec. 32, 3007. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS (Township fees must be paid before plans can be recorded)

Pat pointed out that the Pinebrook subdivision that was previously approved needs to be re-approved now that Cooke Township has resolved the bond issue. Chairman Seiders made a motion to re-approve the plan. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Meeting with Galbraith – vie-Chairman Sheaffer reported that John Shambaugh, Cindy White and Gary Martin met with Galbraith Design to receive preliminary plans for the district justice office and community center to replace the Centerville School. Vice-chairman Sheaffer also reported that in order to be eligible for Penn Vest grant money for demolition and building of a new building there has to be a professional survey done to the tune of approximately \$6000.00. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to work through HRG to get this survey completed so we can move forward to try to obtain grant money. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.
2. Firm to survey Centerville

NEW BUSINESS

1. Galbraith Design Agreement – the secretary reported that Galbraith sent a copy of an agreement that needs to be signed by the board for design of the new building to replace the Centerville School. The cost would be approximately \$1800.00. Supervisor Martin made a motion to sign the agreement. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
2. Additional expense from HRG for ACT537 – The secretary reported that HRG incurred some additional expenses to complete the ACT 537. These expenses are reimbursed by DEP. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to pay the additional expenses. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Recommendation of Planning Commission regarding Yellow Breeches Watershed Ordinance – It was pointed out that the Yellow Breeches Watershed Ordinance only applies to lands along the Yellow Breeches creek and the Township Planning Commission would like this to apply to the entire township not just along the creek. The supervisors have not read this ordinance in awhile so Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table this until the meeting in February so they have a chance to read the ordinance. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. PSATS Convention May 11-14 – The secretary needed to know who would be attending the convention in May to get the price break for the end of January. Gary, Amos and Ken would be attending.
5. Estimate for engineering work for Lebo & Leeds Bridges from Eric Diffenbaugh – The secretary reported that two proposals have been submitted for engineering work for the two bridges and John Shambaugh's office is recommending Eric Diffenbaugh's proposal. Chairman Seiders made a motion to accept the proposal of Eric Diffenbaugh. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Matt McKnight reported that David Fettrow has been served notice that he is in violation of the Junk Ordinance and he will go before the District Justice on Jan. 23rd at 9 AM.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – Pat Sangialosi reported the WCCOG's meeting is Monday
 Newsletter – Pat reported that the newsletter needs approved, but is not ready yet. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve publishing the newsletter pending review by the supervisors. Chairman Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
 Park and Recreation Board – Ron Tritt – No one available to give report. Meeting will be Jan. 10.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING – Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the bills listing. Chairman Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Supervisor Martin stated he visited the school and the township needs to do something to insure no one can get in the building and get hurt. Chairman Seiders stated he would talk to the road crew in the morning and decide what can be done.

Vice-chairman Sheaffer welcomed Gary to the Board and stated he brings good abilities to the Township and board.

Chairman Seiders reported the township now has a working well. The new well went 220 feet and the water is clear.

Chairman Seiders then made a recommendation to hire Ernie Beecher full time. He stated PSATS recommends one man for every 10 miles of road. Ernie has worked part time for the township for many years and over those years he has saved the township a lot of money with this abilities as a carpenter and electrician. The secretary wanted to know what his salary would be. Chairman Seiders also pointed out that Ernie will not be taking health care. George Rohrs suggested that he have a six-month probation period at 1.00 lower than Ron and then after six months same pay as Ron. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to hire Ernie full time at the same rate of pay as Ron. Chairman Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer pointed out that he believes the township had a fantastic '07 and he thanked Clyde Barrick for his six years of service.

ADJOURNMENT - vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting February 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi
Secretary/Treasurer