

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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February 14, 2008

Chairman Amos Seiders called meeting to order and led everyone present in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Chairman Amos Seiders, Vice-Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Supervisor Gary Martin, Solicitor Marcus McKnight III and Secretary/Treasurer Pat Sangialosi

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Fosburg, Irish Gap Road, sent research papers to the supervisors concerning the district justice office that needs to be built. He stated that he doesn't feel the township is charging enough money for the monthly lease to pay for the building of this office. He is concerned that the money is going to be charged to the residents. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer pointed out that the township is still working on this and we are looking for grant money to help with this cost. He stated nothing has been finalized and when it is hopefully it will be a win win situation for everyone. Gary Martin also pointed out that Galbraith Design has incorporated all these figures in his estimate and he went on the high side. Steve wanted to know what is proposed for the remainder of the grounds at the school. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer stated that the Park and Rec Committee has a layout of the grounds and Steve needs to attend the Park and Rec meetings to know what is going on. The solicitor pointed out to Mr. Fosburg that in the next 60 days, the township should know if this is doable. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer stated that when we have everything finalized, we will lay it all out and everyone will know where we stand.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Supervisor Martin made a motion to approve the minute from the Jan. 7, 2008 reorganization meeting and Resolutions 2008-001, 2008-002 and 2008-003 and the minutes from the Jan. 7, 2008 regular meeting. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as of Jan. 31, 2008. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS**

Gordon Burgett Plan – Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the Burgett plan. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Zoning Ordinance amendments – Marcus stated that now is the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes. Supervisor Martin stated that under the definition for Exotic Wildlife the last line should read “or any other animal that would not be considered as a domesticated pet

- of livestock.” George Rohrs pointed out that the wording should be nondomesticated pet of livestock. The wording will be changed
2. Supervisor Martin also stated that Sections 104 and 1131 both refer to the same thing except differ in definition. Marcus stated we should readvertise for next month’s meeting. Chairman Seiders made a motion to table this until March meeting, advertise and have Marcus draw up a signature page. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
  3. ACT537 – Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve sending our ACT537 to DEP for approval and sign Resolution 2008-004. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved
  4. Railroad crossing on Farm Road – Pat stated the supervisors need to pass a Resolution stating they will pay the \$6500.00 for design cost for construction of a gate and lights to be placed at this railroad crossing. Supervisor Martin made a motion to sign Resolution 2008-005 to pay for the design costs. Chairman Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
  5. Approve Buck Shuller as grant/loan coordinator – Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve Buck as the grant/loan coordinator and pointed out that Buck has already secured grant money for the Township. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Bike Race – Pat reported that we need to sign an agreement for the American Eagle Outfitters Tour of Pennsylvania. Part of the bike race will be conducted in Penn Township. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made the motion to sign the agreement. Chairman Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
2. Jill Barrick resigned Park and Rec Board – Chairman Seiders made a motion to accept Jill Barrick’s resignation from the Park and Rec Board. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Patrick Walker new applicant for Park and Rec – Supervisor Martin reported that this man grew up in the Centerville area and now lives on Mt. Rock Road. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made the motion to approve the application of Patrick Walker for the Park and Rec Board. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. Dave Wallick resignation as auditor – Chairman Seiders made a motion to accept his resignation. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.
5. Appoint new auditor – Pat Martin was asked if she would consider being the third auditor and she accepted. – Chairman Seiders made a motion to appoint Pat Martin as the new auditor. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved. Supervisor Martin abstained from the vote.

#### SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor McKnight reported there was a district justice hearing with Mr. Fettrow and he was instructed to pay a fine and remove the cars. The secretary pointed out that today was his 20 day deadline for doing both and neither has been done. Vice-Chairman

Sheaffer made a motion to have the solicitor enter a judgment. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Marcus then asked for an Executive session to discuss a legal matter.

#### OTHER RPORTS

WCCOG - Pat reported there were two meetings held and the highlights of each were:

Jan. 14

- Audit committee appointed
- COG support of SB1 amend open records act and SB1087 Public notice modernization
- Redevelopment Authority 2009 community Development Block grant applications now being accepted
- Newville Skate Park project
- Newburg culvert
- Update on Recycling and support of HB934 for tipping fees
- Knox Box Ordinances discussed by Big Spring School District
- Resignation of Upper Frankford and South Newton, however South Newton has decided to stay in the COG
- Explanation of the UCC procedures
- Road material bid forms distributed

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- List municipal equipment to be shared with other municipalities
- Regional Police Force
- Regional Crime Watch
- Audit completed and recommendations made and accepted
- Talked about SB2063 Countywide Tax Collection Agency (COG will be watching what Big Spring School District does)
- Chesapeake Bay Strategy
- Opossum Lake project – hopefully fix by 2010
- Diesel truck idling bill
- Cumberland County Planning commission seminar “Passing on the Family Farm” March 4 10 am at the Penn Township Fire House \$5.00 fee, lunch provided

Pat then asked for permission to destroy files from the year 2000. These are the files that do not have to be kept permanently. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made the motion. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Park and Recreation board – The secretary reported on what occurred at the February meeting:

- Establishing By-Laws
- Revision of the job application
- Set up date to discuss playground location at the fire house
- Obtained pricing on sand and stone for volleyball court

- Patrick Walker new applicant
- Water and electric to the pavilion put on hold
- Mr. Ickes OK'd cleaning out the fence row along his property providing a survey is conducted and he also want a chain link fence erected
- Park and Rec was informed that as of right now the district justice office is the only thing being built, but the building has been designed to add to when funding is available.
- Buck also pointed out that we stand a better chance of getting grant money if the township office is located in that building

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

Supervisor Martin made a motion to approve the bills listing. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Martin pointed out that the pump was pulled from the well at the school and the hole will be in jeopardy when we demolish the building. He reported it will cost approximately \$1400.00 to encase the top of the well. Supervisor Martin made the motion to spend the money to protect the well. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice-chairman Sheaffer reported he attended a seminar on Invasive Species at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. If the township can identify noxious weeds, the state will come in and spray for free. Also discussed were the West Nile virus, bee colonies, and lime disease, emerald ash bore, that destroys ash trees and there is a ban on transporting fire wood in or out of the County.

Margaret Kelly wanted to know when we would be getting a car wash in the township. Her complaint was of the manure lying on the roads from one particular farmer.

The supervisors then discussed the removal of the time capsule at the Centerville School. They picked March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm for the removal of the capsule. This date will be placed on the website and Andrea from the Sentinel will put an article in the paper. Marcus suggested the Cumberland County Historical Society be notified.

Chairman Seiders made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Executive Session. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

After the Executive Session, the meeting was reconvened. Marcus stated for those present that the Executive Session was held to discuss a legal matter involving Mr. Farwell. He wants to build one building. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to have Marcus write a letter to Mr. Farwell informing him that he needs to do a land development plan. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. Marcus reported the Zoning Hearing Board has set March 12 as the date for Mr. Farwell's zoning hearing on the three storage building.

Chairman Seiders thanked the road crew for a job well done during the ice storm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Next meeting March 13, 2008

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Sangialosi  
Secretary