

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Regular Meeting

December 11, 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 passed out information on the Cow tax proposed by the EPA and DEP. Marcus suggested that Steve contact Will Gabig and Todd Platts to get more information on this subject.

George Rohrs wanted to know if the Township will be considering a contract with a single waste hauler. He brought up the article in the paper about South Newton going in with Southampton. Supervisor Martin stated that the majority of the township residents would have to agree before the supervisors would again look into this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Nov. 13, 2008 meeting. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as of Nov. 30, 2008. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUBDIVISION PLANS

Verizon Wireless Land Development Plan – Atty. James Strong reported the wording has been changed in the agreement to reflect the township will be notified in a timely manner that the tower is no longer being used. He is also working on obtaining a removal bond. Atty. Strong reported Verizon would consider the township's request for a site on the tower at a discounted rate.

Atty. Strong suggested the supervisor approve the plan pending obtaining a copy of the bond.

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the plan pending the bond issue, language on discount and wording on notice of removal. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Atty. Strong also asked the supervisors to grant the waiver of section 700.6 regarding the placement of the existing well and septic on the plan since the tower will be built in the cornfield and has nothing to do with the existing systems. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to grant the waiver. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

David Harrison Extension – Pat explained that the 90 day review date will end the same day as the next Planning commission meeting. Eric Diffenbaugh sent a letter granting the township a 90-day extension. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the 90-day extension. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2008-012 adopting 2009 Budget and setting tax rates for 2009 – Supervisor Martin made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
2. Proposals for Outside Audit – Pat reported two proposals were received; Smith, Elliot and Kearns for \$7900.00 and Greenawalt for \$8250.00. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the proposal of Smith, Elliott and Kearns. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Part-time help – Supervisor Martin made a motion to approve the applications of Michael Bowes and Gary Myers for part-time employment. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. Meeting day for January – Pat pointed out the reorganization meeting will be Jan. 5 and the regular meeting would be Jan. 8. the supervisors elected to have the regular meeting following the reorganization meeting.
5. Cooke/Penn Boundary Line – Pat reported that she will be meeting with a surveyor on the 30th of December to discuss this issue so he can give us an approximate cost of the project. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table this until next meeting. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PROJECT UPDATES

Bridges – Pat reported that Cindy is working on the permit for the Leeds Road bridge and should be submitted to DEP sometime in December.

ACT 537 – The plan has been submitted to County Planning for their comments and the township comment period will be in January.

DJ office Lease Agreement – Marcus stated he has one minor and one major change to the agreement. The major change has to do with the terms and termination wording. Marcus will make the changes and send a new copy to be signed by the supervisors.

Key Logistics Park – Pat pointed out that he doesn't have checks for the sewer account so she is going to get a bank check to pay ½ cost of the EDU's. She stated the check would be for \$47,490.00. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to pay the bill. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. The bill will be paid before the end of December.

Hike and Bike and volleyball court – It was reported that nothing can be finished because it is too wet.

New flood plain ordinance – Marcus stated that we need to have a working session to discuss this issue and also long term plans for a municipal authority. The

supervisors elected to have the working session after the regular meeting on Jan. 5. This will be advertised.

Township permit ordinance – Pat had distributed copies of a proposed construction ordinance. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table until the supervisors have a chance to read. Fred reported that a paragraph needs to be added to the ordinance which states that if a resident starts a project within 60 days of obtaining a permit and the permit was issued in error and the zoning officer needs to stop the project because it violates the zoning ordinance, the cost is on the homeowner, but if the township issues the permit and the work was started after 60 days of issuance and the work has to be stopped, the cost is on the township. Fred stated that this is a state ruling and is in the MPC. Marcus will check on this. Gary seconded the motion to table. Motion approved.

Website – The new website is being worked on and they hope to have completed by the end of the year. The home page is being changed and it will have some new pictures.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mt. Rock road – PennDOT is proceeding with the traffic study.

Upper Yellow Breeches Storm water Management wording – Marcus hasn't completed this yet.

Lauth/Penn Agreement – Marcus is still waiting for Lauth to sign the agreement. He also reported that Penn needs to decide if they are going to establish their own Municipal Authority and take over the sewer and water line coming into Penn or let Newville maintain.

Souder – Pat passed out new pictures from the Souder property. Marcus will file with the district justice office.

Fisher – He will be sent another letter giving him 10 days to obtain a permit or contact Fred and if he doesn't, Marcus will file with the district justice.

Fettrow – Marcus has filed an execution on judgment. The sheriff makes a list of all personal property that can be sold.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – Pat reported new officers have been elected: Dave Parthemore is now President and Dave Twinning is now Vice-President.

Park and Rec – Lloyd Jones reported he is working on the cameras and he has found that the hard drive needs to be replaced. He will check on a price and the township will pay the cost.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Martin reported the DJ office is 95% complete and the County has been in to run the telephone and computer wires. They should be able to move in Jan. 1.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting – Jan. 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi
Secretary/Treasurer