

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Regular Meeting
January 5, 2009

Chairman Martin called regular meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Rohrs wanted to know if the zoning permit fee was on the fee schedule. Pat stated it was on the schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2008 meeting. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as of December 3, 2008. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Records Policy – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the Open Records Policy. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. Chairman Martin then asked that the signature page be changed since he is now the chairman. Marcus will make the changes and resend the policy.

Cooke/Penn Boundary Line – Pat asked that this be tabled until we can get some pricing. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to table. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Floodplain Ordinance – Marcus stated we need a workshop for this. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Township Construction Permit – Chairman Martin reported that some of the definitions are not consistent with the zoning ordinance and they should be and somewhere in the permit it should state must be in compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance. Chairman Martin also stated that the word building should be changed because this ordinance has to do with other things. George Rohrs suggested changing the word building to fences and structures. He asked under Section 5 who sets the fines. Marcus stated the DJ has the final say. Last point under Section 2 Letter B #4, the MPC states you have 30 days for an appeal. This should read any permit issued based on false or misleading information shall be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the permit with changes. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved. Ken also suggested that the second site septic location should be on the drawing.

NEW BUSINESS

PSATS Convention – Pat stated she needed to know who was going to attend the PSATS convention so she could make the reservations before the end of January.

Attendees will be Amos, Ken, and Gary. Chairman Martin also stated he would like to attend the grant writing seminar on Sunday. Pat will make the necessary reservations.

GIS mapping system – Vice-chairman Sheaffer reported that the county has a new GIS mapping program that allows you to see each property in your municipality. Pat stated that in order to get the discs for this, we have to sign an agreement. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to sign the agreement. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Township building addition – Supervisor Seiders made a motion to get quotes on a three-bay addition to the township building. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ron Tritt resignation – Supervisor Seiders made a motion to accept the resignation of Ron Tritt as Asst. Zoning Officer. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Fettrow – Marcus reported he will be sending the sheriff out to list Fettrow's personal assets.

Souder – Marcus reported he filed a complaint with the district justice and the hearing is set for Feb. 9 at 9 am. The fine we are looking for is \$1000.00.

Fisher – Mr. Fisher has yet to come in for a zoning permit. Gary stated he would go talk to Mr. Fisher and explain the township's position.

Mt. Rock speed study and warning signs – Pat reported Penn DOT has done their traffic study and feel that there is not sufficient reason to lower the speed limit below the already 40 MPH. They will put up buggy signs and the township is authorized to put up Watch Children signs.

Lowell Hassinger access agreement to cemetery – Marcus needs to sit down with Ken to go over the boundary lines and how big this access to cemetery and parking area should be

Sewer Authority – Marcus stated the supervisors need to meet with Newville Sewer and Water and discuss concerns with the Lauth project. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer reported that he talked with John Shambaugh and at this point it would not be in our best interest to set up an authority. He said that when and if Centerville comes on line, then we may have to reconsider.

PROJECT UPDATES

DJ Office – Chairman Martin reported the DJ office is complete and she should be moving in and open for business on Jan. 6. There is going to be an open house and it will be advertised in the paper, the website and the newsletter. Chairman Martin also reported the privacy fence is up, except one piece. That piece would cost \$3364.00. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to put up the additional piece of fencing. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved. It was then decided to pay for that piece out of the general fund.

Chairman Martin also stated that the side lights need hooded and he is trying to get the electrician to put the hoods and he won't Chairman Martin wanted permission to purchase the hoods and have the road crew put them up. Permission was granted.

ACT537 – Pat stated that the 45 day comment period has started and the 30 day comment period for the municipality will start on Jan. 7 and we should be able to adopt this in February. Pat asked Marcus if we needed to have a big public hearing because all that changed in the plan from the original was to add another septic option for Centerville. Marcus stated that a public hearing could be held at the February board of supervisors meeting.

Bridges – Pat reported the permit for the Leeds Road bridge was sent to DEP, now all we need to do is wait until they approve and return the permit before we can get started on that bridge. The other bridge will wait until we can get a bog turtle study. Cindy from FPE has sent out RFP's requesting quotes for the bog turtle study.

Community – the Park and Rec committee is waiting for cold weather so they can finish the walking trail and put in the volleyball court.

Hike and Bike trail cameras – Lloyd Jones has been working on them and we need to contact him to find out the progress.

Website – Pat will contact Linda to find out the target date for the new website to be up and running.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – No meeting until the following Monday.

Pat reported she received another application from Glenn Stouffer for part-time work. Supervisor Seiders stated that we have a sufficient number of applications for part time help, but we will be his application on file for future reference. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

NEWSLETTER – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the newsletter pending review by the supervisors. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PARK AND REC – No one was present to give report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Vice-chairman Sheaffer stated we need to get the Hassinger agreement in place and Supervisor Seiders suggested we send a thank you not to Mr. Hassinger regarding his concern for the cemetery.

Pat reported she received an email from a Rev. Carlin regarding the intersection at Pine Road and Rt. 233. Chairman Martin made a motion to send PennDOT a letter. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting February 12, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi
Secretary/Treasurer