

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Regular Meeting

February 12, 2009

Chairman Gary Martin called meeting to order and led everyone present in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Martin pointed out that scouts from Boy Scout Troop 185 were present to observe our meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 5 reorganization meeting and the Jan. 5 regular meeting. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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

SUBDIVISION PLANS – none

OLD BUSINESS

1. Floodplain Ordinance – Marcus reported he has sent a draft copy of the ordinance to the State and Federal government for their approval and he is also going to incorporate the Yellow Breeches Water shed ordinance with this one. Marcus also pointed out that with this ordinance you need an appeals board. The WCCOG is working on setting up one central board, but in any case if an appeals board is not established the supervisors will hear the appeal. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
2. Township permit ordinance – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Cooke/Penn Boundary line – Pat reported that Cooke can't afford at this time to help pay for the engineering study. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Removal agreement – It was reported that this agreement is for them to remove their existing trailer after their new one is installed. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to sign the agreement. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Fred Leeds pointed out that they want to retain the basement for a

pump system. A letter will be sent requesting they cover over the hole and they must have all the taxes paid and obtain a permit to remove the trailer. John Wardle wanted to know if the hydrants were operational and if we could use them to fight fires it needed. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer suggested he contact Fred Potzer at Newville Borough.

2. Pension Agreement – Pat stated that this agreement is for employees to contribute to their pension fund. Pat reported that so far only one person is interested. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to sign the agreement. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. Back Grant Application - Vice-Chairman Sheaffer reported he attended a meeting of the Newville Sewer and Water Authority to discuss Penn taking the Sewer line. He stated to the Authority that at this time Penn is not interested in taking responsibility for the line. Marcus pointed out that Penn needs to be committed to planning for the future and we need to be looking for volunteers to serve on an Authority. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer that the Authority wants a letter from Penn Township backing their application for grant money to improve their sewer system. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to send a letter. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. Pay Amos for hours worked in 2008 – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to ratify paying Amos for hours worked in 2008. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Two supervisors approved. Supervisor Seiders abstained.
5. Burn 2001 files – Supervisor Seiders made a motion to burn the records. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
6. Waste Ordinance – Chairman Martin made a motion to table this because he hasn't had a chance to look into this ordinance. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
7. New PC and terabyte external hard drive – Chairman Martin pointed out that in order to put the new GIS maps on a computer we need a terabyte hard drive and we need to look into replacing the old PC. Chairman Martin made a motion to get cost estimates. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
8. Bridge Inspection Agreement – Pat stated that this year HRG was awarded the contract to inspect our bridges. This inspection is paid by the County. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to sign he agreement. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
9. PennDOT building request –Dan Storm, a representative for PennDOT was present at the meeting and he reported they want to build a 24 x 24 shed at the Rt. 233 work area and the shed will be 20 feet from the property line. He stated that the adjoining property is owned by Mike Ickes and he has not problem with the location of the building. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the building. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## PROJECT UPDATES

Bridges – RFP for Bog turtle study – Pat stated that we received 4 proposals. Cindy at FPE stated that she doesn't know anything about the company called Trident. The supervisors reviewed the proposals and Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the proposal of Skelly and Loy for the Phase 2 Bog turtle study at a cost of \$5690.00

Discussion was then held on the Fish Hatchery project. A preliminary meeting was held with the Fish and Boat Commission and they were instructed by the zoning officer that they needed a land development plan and a zoning permit. The secretary reported they are bringing heavy equipment across that bridge and she has checked with the bridge inspector and he stated it should hold the weight. She also stated that they probably will tear up that road because there is no base under it. Supervisor Seiders stated they will fix the road if they tear it up. Marcus suggested we get this in writing and make them put up a bond for the road. Chairman Martin suggested blocking the road because there is another small bridge that might not hold the weight of that equipment. Marcus suggested he would get in contact with the contractors and they need to contact him by Monday and if they don't we issue a stop work order until we can get these issues resolved.

ACT537 – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the ACT 537 plan, send it to DEP and sign Resolution 2009-004. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

DJ Building – Chairman Martin reported that we have \$240,000.00 left from our building fund and he wanted to know if we should turn it back or keep on hand. We could use the money for clean-up of site, community center or township building addition. Those in attendance were informed that the lease agreement with the County will cover the payment of the loan. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to reinvest the money. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Marcus informed everyone that we have had discussions with DEP on the clean-up at the site and we have had a proposal from CMX to prepare a plan for DEP showing them that it is better to leave the debris buried rather than dig it up. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to have this plan drawn up and send to DEP. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Key Logistics Park – Marcus pointed out that warehouse development is down and it may take awhile to get an occupant.

Hike and Bike Trail – Lloyd Jones reported the all but 2 of the cameras are up and running. John Wardle is supposed to be talking with the ladies auxiliary to find out what they want to do with the remainder of the money.

Volleyball court – Chairman Martin reported we are waiting for the weather to break.

Walking trail in Centerville – Chairman Martin reported the rest of the trail has been cut in and the 1<sup>st</sup> layer of stone is on and now we have to put on the trail dust.

Municipal building addition – Working on getting quotes.

Community Center – In order to submit a grant application to DCNR we need to do a feasibility study.

#### SOLICITOR REPORT

Ernie Souder – Marcus reported that Mr. Souder has paid his fine. Pat reported he paid the fine, but didn't clean up the property. She gave Marcus recent pictures. Marcus recommended sending him a letter giving him 30 days to clean up the property or the fine will be double. Supervisor Seiders made the motion to send the letter. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fettrow – Marcus is still waiting for the sheriff to go out to the property.

James Burgett – Pat explained what was going on with Mr. Burgett. Pat will send copies of the letters that she wrote to Mr. Burgett and Marcus will write to him.

Yellow Breeches Water shed – Will be incorporated in the floodplain ordinance.

Fisher – Chairman Martin went and talked to Mr. Fisher and he is waiting for the zoning ordinance to be revised on the issue of fences.

Verizon Removal Agreement – Marcus passed out copies of the revised removal agreement. John Wardle wanted to know if there was a chance the County could put a repeater on the tower. Marcus stated he would talk to Verizon and maybe we could get a reduced rate.

Civil War Cemetery – Marcus passed out copies of an agreement between the Township, Wengers and Hassingers for a 25-foot right of way to use their driveway to access a Civil War Cemetery and put in a 100 x 100 foot parking lot. Fred Leeds wanted to know if this meets with the zoning requirements. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer stated we are a long way from putting in this parking lot. First we have to clean up the cemetery and restore, and then we can think about a parking lot. Marcus pointed out this agreement is to provide public access. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the agreement. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – Pat reported the only important thing was the COG is going out for grant money to supply each municipality with an AED machine. Marcus reported there was a special meeting of the eight municipalities on the Regional Comp Plan and Dickinson Township has withdrawn from the plan. The County will be approaching each municipality to incorporate their plan with the Regional Comp Plan.

Park and Rec – Lloyd Jones already reported on the cameras and the only other thing was plans are in the works to establish a park on Fish Hatchery property. We are waiting to see if they will lease us the land. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to pursue this. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

#### SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Seiders reported that the supervisors approved the installation of a new furnace and air conditioning and we have had nothing but problems since it was installed. We went with the lowest bidder and it wasn't what we needed. Tuckey came in a look at what was installed and they seem to feel we need a bigger furnace and some new duct work. Their price is \$9800.00. The supervisors will take this under consideration.

Chairman Martin pointed out that next year in October, Penn Township will have a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it would be nice if we could do something special. He will be looking for a committee to plan this something special.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting March 12, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi  
Secretary/Treasurer