

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Regular Meeting

September 9, 2010

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

Present: Chairman Gary Martin, Vice Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Supervisor Amos Seiders, Solicitor Marcus McKnight, Secretary Tina McCommon, and Treasurer Martha Sheaffer

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2010 meeting. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report of August 31, 2010. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

The Cromer subdivision was approved by the planning commission and no further questions were asked on the plan. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the Cromer subdivision plan. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Broom Warranty – have received no extended warranty paperwork as promised. There has been service calls on the broom. Will try to contact company before Marcus sends letter. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to wait to have Marcus send a letter to the company. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Trash Delinquencies – As stated in the letter dated September 1 to Southampton, there were two of the delinquencies paid. Will contact the residents with one more letter,

then will go to the district magistrate. John Wardle has been made aware that his tenant is behind on trash bill. It was also made known that the trash service at 1058 Centerville Road is being used by the son and is not being paid. The service is in the father's name that is deceased.

Trash Non-response – How do we respond to not receiving the forms? One more attempt at personal contact. Supervisor Seiders will personally contact the residents on the list, if no response then action will be filed with the district magistrate.

Stambaugh property – Marcus responded to the letter from Attorney Johnson and requested Mr Stambaugh's agreement with William Scott Williams. If they don't comply, will go after both with district magistrate. Harry Williams Jr says there is a sales agreement, but no one has seen the agreement. Mr Stambaugh is still the legal owner. The property has junk and debris from a burned out home.

## NEW BUSINESS

Damaged tree quote – Vice Chairman Sheaffer asked the estimated value of the lumber. Fred Leeds stated there was no value but was going to keep lumber. Vice Chairman Sheaffer stated we were not paying if he was receiving a value for lumber. Fred stated it was difficult to get someone to do the tree because of the length. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table the payment until we get the value of the lumber. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

\*Fred commented later in the meeting to hold off until he can see if he can get a cheaper price.

Budget Workshop – Need date set for the budget workshop and to discuss the Centerville School oil spill. The workshop is set for October 13 at 7 pm. Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the date for the workshop. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Zimmerman Zoning Change – Mr Zimmerman is requesting to change from agricultural to commercial. Would like all property to be industrial/commercial to be able to obtain a dealer license in the near future. Currently there is a single family dwelling and a service/repair business on the property. There will need to be a change to the zoning and change of verbiage for industrial/commercial. The change will need to be sent to the county, the hearing will need to be advertised and a court reporter needed. The hearing will probably fall into the November meeting. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to send to the county for comments and advertise for public hearing. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Interstate Waste Services – two residents charged for services they did not receive. Marcus will contact Southampton, possibly through a conference call.

Whispering Hope Amendment – Marcus is revising and going paragraph by paragraph to make sure it is correct.

Carlisle Partners – Marcus to send the invoice for the second half due from the warehouse.

Young resolution – the original plans were for an on lot sewage system disposal and want to change to holding tank. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the change to holding tank. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chairman Martin asked Marcus with Act 46 extending the SALDOS and permits does that include conditional use. Marcus believes they are different. The original conditional use had conditions and was told what he needed to do. According to the Act 46 he would have until 2013 otherwise he is a year behind in meeting the conditions. The conditional use gave him two years. It has been three years. Suggested we send letter asking him to come into the next meeting to discuss the status of work on the conditional use to consider granting an extension for another year.

Chairman Martin asked how we as a township can work with MDIA inspectors to develop a process for inspections that the finals will not be issued until the township is satisfied with any conditions. Chairman Martin will work with Pete on Monday to see if there is a process that can be developed.

OPT – the township eliminated the tax a couple of years ago, but is suggesting that we initiate it again with changing the amount from \$10 to \$52. It is a tax that follows the employee. Marcus suggested discussing it at the budget workshop. Will need to do an ordinance. Chairman Martin made a motion to table until further information can be provided. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kuhn/Fenton – asking to have the Park and Recreation Fee waived. No building will be attached to the property. The lot is just an addition to the Fenton property. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to waive the park and recreation fee. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

152 Beetem Hollow Road – lawn needs to be maintained. It is believed to be up for sheriff sale. Marcus to send letter. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for Marcus to send letter. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer also made the motion for Marcus to investigate further who is the actual owner of the property. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Tax Collectors Convention – Mable submitted a letter asking for reimbursement for lodging and mileage for the tax collectors convention in Gettysburg. Will pay and forward to us for the reimbursement. Chairman Martin made a motion to approve

reimbursement for lodging and mileage. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Burn ban- with the conditions being dry and very little rain, should we consider a burn ban. Will conditionally approve tonight to be effective Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> if no substantial rain. Will also follow up with the fire company about the burn ban. Chairman Martin made a motion to conditionally approve the burn ban. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## PROJECT UPDATE

Lebo Bridge Road – the bridge is in but not completed.

## SOLICITOR REPORT

Marcus distributed a copy of the bridge article from the newspaper.

Marcus also stated we need to have an executive meeting.

Fettrow – active and has been seen. Was not on the list of sheriff sales. We need to go after again. Looking at a \$2,500 fine.

Souders – was sent letter stating no business and no burning. Fred will look at the property. Based on those results, we will know what to do. Looking at a fine of \$1,500 to \$2,000. Marcus is already authorized to file the complaint.

Liberator – has picked up a zoning permit application, but has not completed and returned to the office. Secretary to call Marcus on Monday to follow up on what is to be done.

## OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – approved MDIA for a new three year contract. Will buy road salt for a reduced rate. The Opossum Lake bid was due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Newville police have new color schemes for their cars.

Road Master Report – follow up on Jeff and Ernie's health conditions. Jeff is back to work and Ernie is still recovering and will hopefully be back to work soon.

Park and Recreation – Eagle Scout Mike Sweger made a donation to Park and Recreation of a \$140 with the balance of the sales to pay back the cost of trees. There are nine trees to be planted before winter. The project is complete and looks good. The nine trees are possibly to be planted at district magistrate's office.

The Park and Recreation meeting on October 7 will be the last monthly meeting before the anniversary celebration. They are planning to do weekly meetings at the fire house before the anniversary to complete where everything is going to be.

The bus tour is October 29<sup>th</sup>. Dickinson Presbyterian Church donated lunches for the tour. John Wardle donated a roll of raffle tickets for the quilt to be given away.

The township afghan has been designed with the township colors; the township logo is in the middle and different scenes depicting the township.

Information was given for the newsletter and a new pamphlet has been produced to hand out. Chuck Rhoads has been contacted for coverage of the event and one of the books has also been given to Chuck. Look on the website for photos and further updates.

Zoning Officer – John Ledane has debris under the carport. Second lot is tree covered and the automobiles are down to the limits. Will wait for the leaves to drop and will check the wooded area. The grass is also being maintained. Will table any action until later date.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

#### SUPERVISORS COMMENT

None

#### ADJOURNED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting was reconvened and Marcus reported there was a discussion but no business decisions were made.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting October 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McCommon  
Secretary