

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1301 Centerville Road

Newville, PA 17241

Regular Meeting

October 14, 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 September 9, 2010 meeting. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report of September 30, 2010. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPT Tax – in researching the tax has to be effective January 1. It has to be approved by November 30th. Chairman Martin made a motion to table. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Centerville School Oil Remediation – Ken Whisler is taking water samples. No report at this time.

Trash Delinquencies – Will get an updated report when Kathi returns the following week. Chairman Martin asked Marcus if we should pay the delinquencies and then pursue the residents. Marcus stated with everything involved it is better to just file with the district justice and try to collect through that process. Chairman Martin stated IWS is not crediting Southampton for services that residents are not receiving. We are delivering and picking up totes for IWS.

A few residents have not responded to trash sign up. Secretary will forward names to Marcus to pursue.

Tree quote – Fred received a quote from Halteman to cut down tree for \$785.00. Vice Chairman Sheaffer stated it was a good price. Chairman Martin stated we will use our loader to deliver to Fred's property. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the quote for the tree. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Broom - need to contact Corey to see how the paperwork is proceeding.

NEW BUSINESS

Rudisill Removal Agreement – resident agrees to remove the trailer being used for storage once addition is complete. Both properties owners need to sign the agreement. Chairman Martin made a motion to approve the removal agreement. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ordinance 2010-003 Margaret Ave to become Verna St – the avenue is .04 miles in length and serves no purpose for property addresses. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to advertise the ordinance for next month's meeting. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Shirk Resolutions – wants to place two parcels in Ag Security. The parcels are located on Quarry Hill Road and Walnut Bottom Road. It makes the property eligible for the county to buy the developers rights. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the resolutions for the Ag security. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

October Newsletter – newsletter was published early due to the anniversary celebration. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to ratify the newsletter. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Staining of Lebo Road Bridge – Gregory Fried was contacted to do the stain for the bridge. The wash and stain would cost 3.50 per square foot. Stain will be limestone to match rip rap. Stain will cover the concrete patching that was necessary for the bridge.

A resident commented that with the current economic condition is it necessary. The cost has no impact on the tax payers. The money is left from a grant and is to be used for road projects. Also, the prices are currently down. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the staining of the bridge. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mandatory Septic Pumping – approximately 220 residents have not had their septic pumped. Reminder postcards will be mailed next week.

Hair Resolution for New Land Development - DEP planning module approved by Planning Commission. Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the planning module. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gensimore non payment – Jill Gensimore set up payment plan to pay \$100 each month starting September 18, 2010. No payment has been made at this time. Secretary to email Marcus the information to follow up on the situation. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for Marcus to pursue for non payment. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vince Elbel Fee Schedule Change – Vince will begin to charge for time with miscellaneous phone calls, emails, and mailings. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept Vince's rate change. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dennis Little/Landlord Ordinance – not the normal landlord/tenant situation. Asking for waiver on being responsible for trash billings. He is acting as the bank for purchaser. The tenant buys the mobile home and Little rents the ground. Does the lease agreement reflect the trash responsibility? The trash bill needs to be satisfied before the tenants move.

175 Beetem Hollow Road Burning Violation – the tenants are burning illegal products. They are burning after 7 pm. Chairman Martin received a call from the neighbor about the burning. On arrival, they were burning plastic milk jugs. They were asked to put out the fire immediately. They were sent two letters previously with the burning ordinance. The also completed a trash sign up sheet stating they had trash disposal available to them. Will forward information to Marcus to pursue. Chairman Martin made a motion for Marcus to pursue. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Budget 2011 Draft – no tax increase. A few issues to deal with to finalize figures. Chairman Martin stated we are in good shape. We had a partial year of EIT from the warehouse, so figures are based on a full year of EIT. Marcus also stated that he will not be raising his fees for 2011.

Cumberland County Conservancy – purchased 1100 acres and is currently refurbishing Iron Master Mansion. Debra Bowman is the director and is in need of topsoil and slate. Chairman Martin will volunteer his time to deliver the topsoil and slate.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for Chairman Martin to deliver the topsoil and slate. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved

PROJECT UPDATES

The Lebo Road Bridge is finished except for line painting and staining of the bridge. The top coat for the pavement will be finished in the spring.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Developers check – the check for the second portion of the developer's agreement has not been received.

Project Olympus – we did not get the project. Were impressed with the way we represented the township.

Diesel Idling Law Act 124 – the township is excluded. Should do to save on fuel.

Ernie Souders property – cleaned the items out of the burn pit that were not burnable. The hole needs to be closed. He did not respond to the rodent issue. He has violated the junk ordinance. Marcus has been authorized to file complaint with District Magistrate.

Fettrow – property scheduled for sheriff sale on December 8, 2010. Do we wait for the sale and the new people to clean up the property or do we put a judgment against him if the property goes off the sale list. Looking at a judgment of \$2,500.

Act 32 – need to pass resolution for taxing partners. Can switch from CapTax to West Shore, but we do not want to change so we can get equity out. Resolution adopted for CapTax to do the collection next year. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to adopt the resolution for CapTax to collect next year. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ed Klimas – is a new property owner in the township. He has an internet business with 99% being drop shipments. It is not open to the public and there will be no sign to advertise. With there being no production and no traffic, we will waive the home occupation/conditional use. Will need to revise zoning to exempt internet business.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – discussed Big Spring tax issues. Did not have a quorum to vote.

They had a presentation program on insurance cooperatives and the benefits for small groups of municipalities. Rick Rovegno talked about the assessment and the political issues involved.

Assistant Road Master – will be doing replacement of tiles. Have a large project with the bridge on South Side Drive.

Tree trimming will be starting soon. Will be closing down the roads to trim trees.

Looking to join the trash service with the firehouse. They are currently with IESI. Will consider the price with IWS and will split the cost.

Park and Recreation – we are two weeks away from the 150th Anniversary. The books are being printed. Three hundred fifty books on the history of Penn Township will cost \$25.00 each. The afghan is to be completed on time. Chuck will do an Out and About on October 26th and will air October 28th, at 6:00 pm. There will be tours of the fish hatchery and the blacksmith shop. Joe Cress from The Sentinel will do a story next week of the celebration. At this time the historic tour is half full.

Dan Mell asked Marcus about the contract for the soccer field. Asked about the shed – not an insurable interest.

At the previous Park and Recreation meeting the talked about running water and electric to the pavilion this fall. MDIA will be contacted for information on whether water and electric can be ran in the same ditch. The electric can be tied into the district justice office electric panel. The use of a ditch witch will have a smaller impact on the soccer field. Will look into the cost of the wiring.

Zoning Officer – received a call from Harry Williams about the property on the corner of Quarry Hill and the Ritner Highway. He stated he is taking action to clean up the property. Will follow up at a later date.

McLaughlin on Leeds Road has a third driveway to park his truck. Is only allowed to have one driveway. It is macadam and has been there for a while. Did not get a zoning or driveway permit. Will table any action to ponder the information, because there is no safety issue. The driveway is against the property line and attached to a township road. Chairman Martin made a motion to table any action until further information is considered. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

SUPERVISORS COMMENT

Vice Chairman Sheaffer commented that a future Eagle Scout is working on a project at the township building. He has been clearing brush, leveling and seeding. The trees that were left from the tree sale will be planted at Centerville Park and the Township building.

Chairman Martin commented that everyone should visit the bridge.

Park and Recreation –did an amazing job with the celebration. A handmade quilt will be raffled off. The commemorative afghans with the township focal points and township colors will be sold for \$45 each.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer commented to take a look at the bridge. It was a learning experience with being able to see the project from day to day. There was very little waste and very proud of the quality of the work. The bridge has been in the making for 20 years. We had a very good contractor. Everyone worked as a team to get the work done.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McCommon
Secretary