

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241

Regular Meeting
November 10, 2011

Chairman 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, Secretary Tina McCommon, Treasurer Martha Sheaffer, and Solicitor Marcus McKnight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corey Chestnut who rents a property on Lebo Road is a licensed taxidermist and wants to have a taxidermy business on the property. Fred did indicate that he applied for a zoning permit. A low impact business needs twice the acreage he is renting. The property belongs to Scott Hench. Jim Hollenbaugh was present. He is a neighbor to Mr Chestnut and is glad to have him for a neighbor. Mr Hollenbaugh is glad to have the business and is willing to sign variance. His business will have no impact on the neighbors. Everything will be in an enclosed building – nothing will be outside. Mr Chestnut will need to go in front of the zoning hearing board for a special exception. The Board of Supervisors can make recommendations to the zoning hearing board. No opposition from the supervisors. It will be a 10 x 12 area business. The business will be for small and large animals. The business will be purely a taxidermy shop not a butcher shop for deer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes with correction from the October 13, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report of October 31, 2011. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUBDIVISION PLANS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Centerville School Oil Remediation – skimmer for monitoring well will be ordered next month. If the residents have any questions, please feel free to come to the meeting or call Chairman Martin.

Trash Delinquencies – authorize secretary to send letter sent with fifteen day payment period. If no payment, service will be cancelled and tote will be pulled. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for letters to go to delinquent trash services. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Septic Pumping – Marcus will pursue with legal action on the remaining residents who have not had their septic pumped from 2010. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for Marcus to pursue legally the residents who have not pumped their septic. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Budget 2011 – estimated income is \$445,479. Estimated expenses are \$442,521. That is a surplus of \$2,958 that will be put in as a line item on equipment to balance budget. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to advertise and display the budget for 20 days. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fettrow Property – he mowed the grass and did minor clean up. We need to revisit the issue to clean up at our convenience. The door will be posted again saying we will be doing the clean up on or before December 7, 2011. Fred asked if the automobiles will be staying. Chairman Martin answered we will move automobiles and mow. We do not want to take his property. One option is to record the VIN to verify titles. Our goal is to clean up the property first and then execute on the vehicles. We will go to the magistrate for ruling on cars. Supervisor Seiders made a motion for Marcus to draft another letter to post the property. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ledane Property – a lot of trash and junk vehicles. Mr Ledane has also been burning household trash. He will be served a letter by the constable covering both issues. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for the constable to serve a letter about the clean up of the property. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Stambaugh Property – made a concrete wedge to stabilize the silo. He has made no attempt to remove the silo. The district magistrate moved the hearings to December 8 at 2 pm. We will need pictures prior to the hearing.

Cornman Property – has been tabled. Vice Chairman Sheaffer did not have an opportunity to revisit the Cornman property. He feels there is no need to take any action and there have been no complaints. No action was taken at this time.

Freet Property – has a variety of animals. Fred asked about the raccoon and can we request a copy of the permit that is required for the animal. They need permits for all creatures. Exotic birds are not allowed. Assistant Zoning Officer Ken Lloyd will make a visit to the property.

Liberator Fence Issue – Marcus sent a letter with a copy of the permit. The fence needs to be installed by December 1, 2011.

Centerville Nuisance Complaint – a letter was sent to Mr Elliott about the excessive volume when his band is practicing. It stated he needs to regulate the volume. A neighbor present at the meeting stated that the volume is a little better.

NEW BUSINESS

F&M Bank – letter of update. Chairman Martin met with engineers and they do not plan to alter the access drive. Will present to Planning Commission in December. Fred stated the Planning Commission recommended the supervisors to challenge the Highway Occupancy Permit – it is creating a death zone. Common sense rules. Either move the access drive or do away with it. Chairman Martin asked if an inbound only off of Route 11 would be satisfactory. No exit would be on Route 11 – everything would exit on Route 233. It would be a temporary fix until the other land is developed. This will be addressed at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Resolution for CTCB – resolution needs to be passed to allow Capital Tax Collection Bureau to collect delinquent taxes for 2011 and prior. It was voted on to hire West Shore Tax Bureau but to avoid confusion Cap Tax will collect prior delinquencies. Both bureaus have agreed it for bookkeeping purposes. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the resolution for CTCB to collect delinquent taxes. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Water Softener – we have hard water and need a water softener/filter to help keep the hard water issues easier to take care of. Chairman Martin made a motion to get estimates to purchase a water softener and filter system. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Website Maintenance – Matt Allen does the maintenance for our website at an annual fee of \$1,200. Matt is asking for approval to continue doing that maintenance for 2012. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the annual renewal of the website maintenance. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PROJECT UPDATES

The roller and Dodge pickup will be advertised through PSATS Township News. We bought new roller and the new pickup will be arriving around December 1.

Our current salt bins are wood. We are looking at estimates for 15' x 35' salt bins. We are also looking to upgrade to 20' x 50' with four bins instead of two to be able

to mix in one of the bins. Looking at an approximate price of \$150,000 plus a pole building to replace current building would be another \$150,000 plus landscaping.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The warehouse is to provide an outline of what is going to be done. The bonds have been approved. Marcus asked for a motion to approve the retroactive signatures for Tina and Gary. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion for the executed signatures. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Marcus handed out a copy of the update for the prevailing wage law.

With the redistricting we will still have Steve Bloom for our representative, but we lost Pat Vance.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – no meeting

Assistant Road Master – working on widening McCullough Road. Had some equipment breakdowns and rained out some days.

Park and Recreation Report – are producing a calendar for a fund raiser. A professional photographer is offering his services for the calendar pictures. The calendar will provide township meeting dates, fire company dates, and church events. They are trying to keep it as inexpensive as possible. Are hoping to have it printed by December 1. All proceeds will support the Park and Recreation projects.

Zoning Officer Report –

Napoli Property – moved one side of the fence and acquired no zoning permit. It is also roughly a foot too high. He did not move it a lot, but he did move it. He needs to apply for a zoning permit. Will draft a letter to Mr Napoli stating what is required to move his fence.

McManus Property – is not in compliance with junk ordinance. He was making progress, but seemed to drop the ball. He was told he would have a drop dead date to have the property cleaned up. Will draft a letter to Mr McManus stating that his property needs to be cleaned up by December 7th.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING –

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

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Supervisor Seiders – no comment

Vice Chairman Sheaffer – people are not happy with the senatorial redistricting. Commissioner Cross and Commissioner Rovegno are looking to draft a letter to the state. Let your congress man know what you think about it. It was a big topic at the WCCOG meeting. Call your representative and speak up.

Ronald Tritt commented on Tuesday, Election Day. He was unhappy that the secretary was campaigning for the township supervisor. He contacted the board of elections and the township solicitor. He made the comment the township looks like a jackass and it needs to be stopped and he is here to get what he wants or he will go to the Ethics Commission. He questioned the appointment and reappointment of township employees. He commented the campaigning was happening on township time. Mr Tritt was reprimanded for swearing in the meeting. He commented that it takes more than a minute to go from the township building to the firehouse. He verified this with his clock. He requested a meeting with Chairman Martin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting reconvened at this time.

There was a last minute disagreement with the plans approved according to the specs based on square footage. Chairman Martin made a motion for deconsolidation of the lots. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The township meetings starting January 2012 will be the first Thursday of each month. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the meetings being moved to the first Thursday of each month. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fred made a comment on the low impact business. The whole problem should be investigated. The engineer indicated that it is not the best thing to have in a residential area. Don't make a decision until you look at the whole picture.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McCommon
Secretary

Next meeting December 8, 2011