

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241

Regular Meeting
December 8, 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

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2011 meeting. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report of November 30, 2011. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUBDIVISION PLANS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Centerville School Oil Remediation – will order the skimmer for next month. It is over the \$4,000 bid limit. Bid limits will be changing next year.

Septic Pumping 2010 – Mr Stambaugh pumped one property, but said he could not pump the other property because he did not own it. Matt Sweger sent an email concerning the pumping of his septic.

Trash Delinquencies – sent 25 letters and received 8 payments. We need to pull the totes. Should we consider charging for the reinstating and returning the tote back to the resident? Also, should they pay one quarter ahead? Will talk to Southampton about the fees they charge.

Budget 2012 – no comments – no reviews. Need motion to approve. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the budget. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Budget Resolution 2011-011 to adopt the budget for 2012. Taxes remain the same as last year. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to pass the resolution. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fettrow Property – last Friday the township cleaned up the property partially of cardboard, plywood, and plastics. There were 61 tires on the property and lots of auto trims. We sorted through the items of no value and organized others in piles. Filled two trash totes, 2-3 recycle totes, backhoe bucket full of trash and a couple of dump trucks loads of wood and metal. He will be sent a letter with the cost and what is required of him to finish the process. We will get a chart of rental prices for equipment to be standard on rental fees. There were five township crew at 3 hours each and five pieces of equipment.

Ledane Property – no response to any correspondence served to him. He is ignoring us. Marcus to file complaint for the junk ordinance and the trash service. Needs updated pictures to go for legal action before cleanup.

Stambaugh Property – need better documentation. Has eight properties and we are not specific to the violations on each property. We will need a surveyor to specify the property lines so we know which violations belong to which property. Marcus stated Mr Stambaugh is a unique property owner who is careless. Mr Stambaugh is looking at eight charges instead of three. He said no one returned his called to tell him what he had to do. He said he is limited in his capabilities. He has had infrequent contact with Fred. Mr Stambaugh plans to comply eight times. Needs an itemized letter for each violation. He needs to come up with a plan and contact Fred before January 3, 2012. He has an agreement of sale on the one property and does not know who is living there. That is the property the septic needs pumped. Personal property cannot be taken or cleaned up if we do not know who they are.

We have photos, but they are not all inclusive. We will have to wait to see how much is cleaned up. He paid someone to fix the vehicles and they did not show up. The silo that needs emptied – he is waiting for volunteers. He keeps cattle in calf pens in the trailer. Can he have eight properties with 3 vehicles on each? Will he be off the hook if he does that? Marcus asked how responsive will he be to the clean up. He's going to put us to a lot of work.

Freet Property – Ken Lloyd was not able to visit the property due to medical reasons.

Liberator – Hubert Gilroy says his client intends to construct a garage and if he puts up the fence, he will knock down the fence. Is he going to obtain a permit to build the garage? He needs a dead line for the fence and garage. When did the issue begin?

Does he need a temporary fence and not use the pool until the garage is built. Marcus needs time line for the letter. Secretary to forward information to Marcus.

NEW BUSINESS

Constable Fee – is asking for an increase from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per letter served. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to increase the fee. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Sandbank Road Sign – it is a private road and the township is not responsible. The township will put up the sign if the residents purchase the sign.

Solicitation Ordinance – we have a resident who is upset about the solicitation in the township. Would like to see an ordinance adopted for solicitation. May not be a bad idea to have control of who is coming into the township.

Meeting date for January and August 2012 – the Board of Supervisor meetings will be the first Thursday of each month in 2012. The reorganization meeting would be January 3 and the regular meeting would be January 5. Want to combine the two meetings. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to combine meetings on January 3, 2012. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The August meeting is the first night of the fair. We are going to move the meeting to August 9, 2012. Chairman Martin made a motion to move the August meeting to the 9th. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PROJECT UPDATES

None

SOLICITOR REPORT

Tomorrow at 2 there will be a new project meeting for the warehouse. The building as proposed was determined to be too wide according MDIA. This will be a first time appeal board for the COG. Marcus will run the hearing and write the decision for the outcome. This will not cost the township. The advertisement expense for the newspaper will be covered. The applicant will pay for the expenses as condition of the hearing.

The Lauth bond release will be taken care shortly.

Mike Young's easement for the dry hydrant for the fire company will be addressed at the fire company meeting Monday night with Marcus present. It is a good thing for the township and the fire company.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – legislature passed new limits for telephone quotes effective January 1, 2012. The new limit is \$10,000 to \$18,500.

There was a vote yesterday for the prevailing wage.

The salt bid was not valid because it was not properly advertised. The bid went to Cargill and is actually \$9 cheaper per ton.

Passed a resolution to oppose the redistricting plan proposed by Jeff Piccola.

Ron Reeder resigned from Dickinson Township. Also looking for a secretary.

The cost of dues this year will be half.

Assistant Road Master – installed more no parking signs on 233.

There has been dumping of fill in the upper lot. A "No Dumping" sign has been placed. Need to move sign back to be more visible or put cable across. The township can use the back road for access.

Park and Recreation – the township calendar is almost complete. The draft was completed Monday night. It has township pictures, meeting dates, fire company events and church activities. The calendars will be \$10 each.

Zoning Officer Report –

McManus Property – Mr McManus was present for the meeting. Fred looked at the property and needs a lot of clean up. He said he didn't have time to work on it. There is stuff outside of the garage because there is a truck in the garage. He put the tires out for free. He removed the fuel tank and the trailer axles. The snow knocked down the trees. He cleaned that up and burnt the brush. He is making progress. Chairman Martin stated the goal is to get you there. Marcus asked we look at it January 3rd again. Fred agreed to review it again on the 3rd. Chairman Martin stated it could be organized better.

Napoli Property – was sent letter along with zoning application. He responded and was explained to him about the violation. His attorney called requesting a copy of the ordinance and that was the last contact. He cannot move the fence – it is the same as a new fence. He relocated the fence and it is higher than what zoning allows.

Marcus will send Mr Buckley a letter concerning this matter. Chairman Martin made a motion for Marcus to send letter to Mr Napoli's attorney. 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.

COMMENTS

Supervisor Seiders – No

Vice Chairman Sheaffer – No

Chairman Martin – Sunday 1pm – 5pm is the holiday open house at Kings Gap.

Will have our new truck the beginning of February.

Marcus – Cook is joining Southampton on the trash contract starting January 1, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McCommon
Secretary