

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Regular Meeting
April 5, 2012

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

Those present: Chairman Gary Martin, Vice-Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Supervisor Amos Seiders, Solicitor Marcus McKnight, Secretary Vicki Knepp and Treasurer Marty Sheaffer

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2012 meeting as amended. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made the motion to approve the treasurer's report from March 31, 2012. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS–

Pennington Ridge- Eric Deffenbaugh stated that the Planning Commission requires all roads must be widened to meet Ordinance requirements. A discussion on the road speed limit was held. Chairman Martin stated that the speed limit on Hosfeld Road will be 25 MPH. Mr. Diffenbaugh suggested 35 MPH. Vice Chairman Sheaffer discussed waiting until construction is done to pave the road, a lot of money should not be put into the road until most of the heavy equipment is through using it. Mr. Diffenbaugh is not sure when construction will start, sales have been slow. Chairman Martin said they could put it in the planning module to take a look at it for next year. George Rohrs questioned whose expense the road work would be, the Township's or the developer's. If the reason for the work is the development, the developer should be responsible. Chairman Martin will have the Road Master figure an estimate of the cost and have the engineer look at it to come up with a reasonable cost. The Township needs to cover their expenses, nothing more. Mr. Diffenbaugh believes that the developers will not have a problem with signing a Developer's Agreement. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-12 and to send the Planning Module to DEP. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

McKeehan Property – Chairman Martin made a motion to approve the McKeehan Subdivision Plans pending the engineer's approval. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Centerville School Oil Remediation – Chairman Martin reported the skimmer was in place and worked a ½ day. The water table is low and they need to get a new belt.

Fettrow Property – Solicitor McKnight has sent the Fetrows a letter giving them until May 2 to clean up their property. If nothing is done by that time the Township will send a crew to clean up the property and the Fetrows will be billed.

LeDane property – A resident complaint was received about the property. Solicitor McKnight has filed against Mr. LeDane, the date of the hearing is May, 15, 2012 at 2:30 PM.

Stambaugh Property – Mr. Stambaugh has done well on cleaning vehicles and exceptionally well on cleaning up tires. There is still a big pile of tires on Smith Road; however, most are gone. The properties are still not in compliance, there is garbage and junk everywhere and open burning around the house. Mr. Stambaugh has not been calling Fred Leeds to update him lately. Mr. Leeds will give Mr. Stambaugh a call and keep pursuing him. Mr. Stambaugh has made progress. It was stated that part of the property will be cleaned up when the warehouse goes in, Mr. Stambaugh will still be able to farm it, but he cannot build anything. We should have the revised plans next week. Solicitor McKnight has sent a letter to the Stambaughs' attorney giving them two weeks to pay the \$250.00 fine for the Burning Ordinance violation.

Liberator Fence Issue – A zoning permit has been applied for to construct a building and erect a fence on the property. Mr. Liberator will be sent a letter advising him the permit will be approved on the condition that the fence be erected around the pool within 30 days and that the construction on the building cannot begin before the fence is erected.

Trash Delinquencies – The Township cut service to two residents who had still not paid their delinquent bills. Solicitor McKnight provided a list of the latest delinquencies. He asked if the constable still delivered the letters. He suggested that if bills get around \$200.00 they should be sent to the magistrate.

Septic Pumping 2012 – The 2012 pumping cards have been sent out.

Solicitation Ordinance – Solicitor McKnight has reviewed the draft Ordinance and has suggested that it be reviewed for another month in order to clarify some items. It was suggested that the fine be no more than \$500.00.

Dodge truck and roller – We have rebid the Dodge pickup as well as the lift. We have received payment for the roller, but it is still here.

Corey Chestnut – Nothing has happened yet, the Township needs to send Mr. Chestnut a letter.

Twitter and Facebook – Twitter account has now been set up and linked with Facebook. A link to Facebook was added to our website and fairly regular posts are being made.

Mailbox Ordinance – Chairman Martin reported it is a work in progress.

Security Cameras – Cameras have been installed.

DEP Permits – Chairman Martin reported that he met with Mike Reynolds Rep. Bloom at the last WCCOG meeting to discuss the problems getting permits from DEP. We received the permits in the mail the following Saturday. One permit listed the wrong stream; however, the engineer says it really does not matter that one stream was named wrong.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Road Speed Limits – The Supervisors will prepare an Ordinance setting the speed limits on all Township roads. It was asked if an engineering study would be needed. Chairman Martin reported that John Shambaugh it was only necessary if someone was caught speeding and questioned it. The only exception would be particularly dangerous sections of roads, speed studies would be done for those spots. Studies for some of the Township roads have been done and will be incorporated into the Ordinance.

County Alert System – This was discussed at WCCOG. Bob Shively sent information regarding South Central Alert, a system to notify residents and officials of urgent situations. The white pages for the area have already been entered into the system, but individuals may register up to 10 other notification devices. Information will be posted on our website for residents on the system and how to register their notification paths.

Prevailing Wage Resolution – PSATS is encouraging all of their members to adopt a resolution calling for reform to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Pension Plan Resolution – We have received notification from PSATS that due to new IRS requirements the Township needs to complete a Volume Submitter Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement and resolution. Vice Chairman Sheaffer mad a motion to adopt the Resolution. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Agricultural Security Area Committee – Chairman Martin stated that the Township needed to establish an AG Security Committee and that is needed to be comprised of three farmers, one citizen and one Township executive. He proposed the Committee be comprised of Ron Tritt, Rich Morgan, Tom Sheaffer, Vicki Knepp and Gary Martin. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to establish the AG Security Committee with the members suggested by Chairman Martin. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PROJECT UPDATES

The widening of South Side Drive is over ¾ complete. It is a cost saving measure to do it in stages.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor McKnight reported that there were issues getting the warehouse to pay fees to the right people. Representatives of the warehouse first met with him and then with Chairman Martin. An agreement was reached and our permit fee was paid on April 4, 2012. Solicitor McKnight recommended that we have a motion that final occupancy of the warehouse is conditional to the owners signing a Developers Agreement. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made the motion. Supervisor Seiders second the motion. Motion approved.

Warehouse construction vehicles are using the emergency access. Liberty tore down the barriers. Jim Klymer was called and barriers were put back up. That is permitted for emergency access by the Township. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion that an addendum be added to the Developers Agreement regarding use of the emergency access. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Valley Community Services still has not applied for permits. Solicitor McKnight sent a letter to the attorney for Valley Community Services regarding no permit, no Cumberland County Emergency Plan and the fact that Fire Company and Township officials were denied entrance to the property. Chairman Martin reported that neighbors of the property found papers with patient names and conditions blowing around their fields. They gathered up whatever they could and turned them in to Chairman Martin, who, in turn, turned them over to Solicitor McKnight.

Solicitor McKnight stated he needs information on the Bream property in order to take action. The Secretary was directed to get the information for him.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – Steve Oldt presented a resolution to Pat Sangialosi in recognition of Sam’s years of service to the COG. Mike Reynolds from Rep. Bloom’s office presented

pat with a House Condolence Citation and Pat was given a bear. Ink Burkett of Cooke Township will serve as the alternate representative to the Cumberland County Emergency Services Action Panel. Gary Eichelberger announced that the County Commissioners will be holding their meetings at various times and locations throughout the County.

Park & Recreation – Vice Chariman Sheaffer stated that he had received a call regarding the potential to build a baseball field at Centerville Park. He left a reply message that the Township would be receptive.

Zoning Officer

McManus Property – The property is still covered with junk and debris. Solicitor McKnight stated he had not gotten the letter done, but would send one stating that the property needed to be cleaned up by May 3.

Wilkinson – The Wilkinsons have applied for a Conditional Use Hearing.

Collins – Still has not applied. He hauls explosives for his business. The business is run out of a Cranes Gap Road garage; however, he could be running the office out of his home. If he has explosives in the Township the Township needs to be told about it.

McLaughlin Property – Mr. McLaughlin was sent a letter telling him he needed to get a permit for the driveway. He has not shown up for the permit yet. He argued that it is not a driveway, but a parking space.

Napoli Fence – They have not applied for the permit yet.

Neidigh Property – A permit has been applied for; however, Barry Myrick made the application, not Mr. Neidigh. Since he is the legal owner of the property, Mr. Neidigh needs to apply for permits. Also, there is a business sign on the building which needs to be removed. The Secretary was directed to send a letter to Mr. Neidigh with a copy to Solicitor McKnight.

Gleim Property, Hays Grove Road – There are a minimum of 25 unlicensed vehicles as well as various vehicle parts on the property. There is also debris and it appears that they have been burning plastic. Solicitor McKnight will send Mr. Gleim a letter.

Kinsler Property, Centerville Road – A compliant was received from Shane Conaway about the debris on Mr. Kinsler's property. Fred took photos from his car as there was a large dog on the premises. The property is not in compliance. The Secretary sent Mr. Kinsler a letter on March 27, 2012.

218 Leeds Road, the old junk yard – There are 3 – 4,000 tires piled on the property along with a mobile home or two between the tire piles. Debris is just laying there. Fred knows that the grandson who inherited the property does not have the money to get rid of the tires. The Secretary was directed to send him a letter asking him to attend the next Board Meeting so we can discuss some way of disposing of the tires. Possibly Cumberland County could point us to a way to get rid of this.

Doyle Property, Kutz Road – There are beautiful solar panels on the roof of the barn. No Township permits were obtained. The Secretary was directed to send a letter.

Stone Property, Pine Road – Someone has been there working, the debris is completely gone and the grass has been mown. We will leave them alone for now.

Cornman Road – A 4 x 8 “billboard” was put up along Route 233. The signs are illegal. The Secretary was directed to send the owner a letter and a copy of the sign portion of the Ordinance.

Ray Snyder, 30 Irish Gap Road – The Township received an anonymous complaint concerning the property which Fred investigated. There is a nice cabin on the property with electricity, but no permits were obtained. The Secretary was directed to send a letter.

Fred Leeds questioned Solicitor McKnight about the length of permits for construction. Solicitor McKnight will check on this.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

BREAK FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - Following Executive Session Solicitor McKnight reported the session was to discuss legal and personnel matters. Solicitor McKnight requested a motion to allow him to appeal the decision of the Unemployment Referee regarding Tina McCommon. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to allow Solicitor McKnight to file the appeal. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS – none

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING May 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Knepp
Secretary