

**PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Regular Meeting
June 12, 2014**

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Martin stated there needed to be a change to the bottom of page 5 in the Project Updates explaining who "he" was. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 Regular Meeting with the change. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chairman Martin stated we need to define what the bid was for. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 Special Meeting with the change. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the May 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trash Delinquencies – The Secretary stated that we had stopped service to 7 residents; only two of those people have not paid their bills. We received a check for the 2012 Recycling Performance Grant of \$188.00 and the packet to submit for the 2013 Grant.

Septic – The Secretary reported that of the 377 that are to be pumped in 2014, 79 are done. She also reported that there are still 10 of the 26 that were turned over to the Solicitor that were not pumped.

IDI Warehouse – Chairman Martin stated that IDI has merged with a German Company to become IDI Gazeley. PennDOT has approved the warrant for the signal light at Key Logistics upon occupancy. The Solicitor asked about the “Stambaugh” Warehouse. He understands that the developer that was buying it from Verus has backed out of the deal. Chairman Martin stated that was correct. We do not know why they have backed out. He understands that the ground is extremely rocky and there are a lot of terrain changes that will make it difficult to develop. The Solicitor stated that he was told that the Big Spring School District will not do any more LERTA’s.

Fettrow Property – Chairman Martin stated that Ms. Fettrow’s grass is very high and it is junky but he is not sure where she is located to send a letter. The Secretary stated that she also had a neighbor inquire about the property, he is interested in purchasing it if she is going to sell.

1845 Walnut Bottom Road – Chairman Martin reported we have mowed the property. The Secretary stated we have done it twice so far. We currently have \$2,670.00 in outstanding invoices for that property. The owners keep moving and the Secretary is getting everything she sends out returned moved no forwarding address.

2258 Pine Road – The Secretary reported that she had sent the management company an email earlier in the week telling them that the property will soon be out of compliance again and that they need to mow, they also need to let her know the arrangements they make for ongoing maintenance to the property. She received a read receipt for the email, but no reply. If we do not have a response by Monday, June 16 the Secretary believes that the Solicitor needs to get involved again.

South Side Culvert – Chairman Martin stated he has reviewed the plans he believes they are OK. The Solicitor stated that he has gotten the information he needed about doing the insurance claim. Chairman Martin stated he and Vice Chairman Sheaffer felt it would be easier if we just paid out of the General Fund, rather than using Liquid Fuels.

Resolution for Lock Box Ordinance – The Secretary stated that the purpose of the Resolution was to include the Ordinance passed last month under the jurisdiction of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Ordinance. This is the same for the Alarm System Ordinance. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-013 and Resolution 2014-014. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved. Chairman Martin stated that we needed to get a lock box to be in compliance. The Secretary will have the Zoning Officer handle it.

Rt 11 & Rt. 233 Pre-Emptor Estimate - The Secretary reported that when we had discussed the estimate last month the Fire Chief was concerned that it would not be compatible with the one at Route 81. She verified with PA PERCS, it is the exact same one we have already. In addition, she was informed that any pre-emptor in the State will work with any emergency vehicle in the State with the exception of units from the City of Philadelphia will trigger these units. Chairman Martin made a motion to purchase the preemption system for Route 11 & Route 233 red light. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Chairman Martin stated that we need to get this information to IDI for the new signal at the warehouse road. Chairman Martin and Treasurer Sheaffer are going to check to see if it can be paid out of Liquid Fuels.

Stambaugh Property – Nothing has been done with Stambaugh. No permits can be issued because Mr. Stambaugh has not returned any of the SEO's phone calls.

NEW BUSINESS

CPEC Fuel Supplies Award – The Secretary reported that we have received the diesel for the year 2014 – 2015 from the Central PA Energy Consortium. The Award price was \$3.2042/gallon plus the cost of the additive. She is working with the Roadmaster to figure out what that will be. This is a constant guaranteed price for the year. It fluctuates now. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the bid. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ruth Niles Water Problem – Chairman Martin stated that back when the Fish Hatchery was built Irish Gap Run was diverted from its original course. That course was over what is now Ms. Niles property. The stream is now trying to relocate to its original course. Ms. Niles contacted the Fish Hatchery who told her it is the Township's problem. The Secretary stated she suggested to Ms. Niles that she contact Representative Bloom for assistance. Chairman Martin stated that we would need a permit from DEP to do anything; he believes that the Fish Hatchery should be responsible. The Solicitor agreed that it was the Fish Hatchery's responsibility. The Secretary stated that they also built a building without applying for Zoning Permits. She checked with the inspector and found out they are exempt from UCC, L & I does their inspections, but they still have to apply for all land and zoning permits. The Solicitor inquired how high we want to set the fine.

49 Station Road – Chairman Martin stated this was regarding grass. The Secretary stated this is another property that the owner has walked away from. It is posted that it is being managed by Safeguard Properties. When the Secretary spoke with Safeguard she was told that the mortgage company cancelled the maintenance contract with them. The Secretary has found that the mortgage is through J. P. Morgan Chase. The Secretary wondered how other municipalities are handling the problem of maintenance on foreclosed properties.

Chairman Martin stated that in the past months we have talked about different ordinances. He has done a draft ordinance for Regulating Compression Relief Brakes. He did it with the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the only place they be allowed is from the top of the mountain down to Point Road. The Secretary asked why not the whole Township, why should the residents on the mountain be subject to them? The Ordinance will be changed to reflect the whole Township be covered. The Solicitor and Planning Commission will review it and we will advertise it next month. Light levels for the warehouses have also been discussed. The Chairman has prepared a blurb on the Zoning Ordinance to replace the paragraph on light levels to what we negotiated with IDI. He stated he also did one on electronic messaging signs that simply states all of them will be a Conditional Use. The final Ordinance he worked on was Open Burning. He has combined the existing Burn Ordinance with the DEP model ordinance to be reviewed by the Planning Commission also.

CORRESPONDENCE

West Shore EMS – Chairman Martin asked if he is correct in assuming that they are only ceasing operation in Shippensburg. The Secretary stated from her understanding they will be ceasing all operations in the western end of the County as June 29, putting us in no man’s land. Chairman Martin stated we need to call Shippensburg EMS to see if they are going to cover us. He stated we also need to know what is happening with memberships. The money has already gone to West Shore. The Solicitor stated he will call West Shore to inquire about the memberships.

PROJECT UPDATES

Dump truck should be here the first week of July. Chairman Martin stated it will be delivered to us.

The road crew is patching cracks. We have rented a machine for \$1,700.00/week. Chairman Martin stated we have all the roads patched that we are going to do the tar and chip on. We will probably get it back in the Fall to do more and rent it every year. It is labor intensive, about a five man operation.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Hodecker Hearing – A judgment was entered against the Hodeckers for illegal burning. We are still waiting on the State decision on their appeal on our Zoning Ordinance. The 20 day period on the judgment will be over next week and they have not appealed.

The Solicitor asked if we knew that fire police were volunteers. As volunteers they are limited to \$500.00/year in compensation. Theoretically, there are some fire police who get contracts with the School District to work for them. The School District pays \$17.50/hour for a fire police officer and the School District pays the Fire Police Organization who then writes a check to the individuals. This is illegal. The School District has been informed.

OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – Chairman Martin reported the COG meeting was interesting. A lot of it had to do with West Shore and Shippensburg EMS. Shippensburg EMS has a problem Shippensburg Township Supervisors. Shippensburg Township was visited by a representative from the State Ethics Commission from an anonymous complaint. The ethics forms need to be completed by the Roadmaster and Vacancy Board. The MDIA contract is up in September. The costs will not go up. The Secretary raised concerns about the paper work accuracy. Chairman Martin stated he will discuss it with Pete from MDIA. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission – the rep actually shows up every month. Sunoco has applied for PUC status with the State which will give them more control for eminent domain and exempt them from many things. They recommended against it. PennDOT has a highway app, PA511. The former kennel on Route 11 in West Pennsboro Township will now be a home for the mentally and physically disabled and their families to work on a farm. County is working on model ordinances for electronic signs. Newville Borough is exploring becoming a “Trail Town”. They had a presentation from Vector Control on West Nile Virus.

Codes Enforcement Officer Tim Knepp – Chairman Martin reported Tim was not there but they do have his report. He had 11 permit applications since last meeting for a total of 31 for the year. He denied one because for a building addition because it would be in the side setback. A letter was sent to the homeowner explaining why along with an application for a Conditional Use Hearing. Chairman Martin stated there is a driveway on Kutz Road where there is a garage door sign. He is not sure of the address, but we need to keep an eye on it. There were 21 complaints on the year. We have not had another one from Mr. Hodecker since the hearing.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

Chairman Martin made a motion to pay the bills. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Chairman Martin stated with Bobbie Dean's medical problems we might need to look at hiring a full time employee.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING July 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Knepp
Secretary