

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Special Meeting
August 28, 2014

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 8:11 AM and lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present Chairman Gary Martin, Vice-Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Solicitor Marcus McKnight, and Secretary Vicki Knepp.

Chairman Martin stated that the purpose of the meeting was to name a temporary Engineer. He spoke with Doug Brehm of Brehm-Lebo; they have a structural engineer, a stormwater engineer and serve as Municipal Engineer for at least 5 townships in Cumberland County and a couple in Franklin so they are well versed in township affairs. Chairman Martin asked if there was any discussion or alternative proposals. There were none.

Solicitor McKnight proposed that prior to the end of the year we put out an RFP for an engineer so we can evaluate our options. Chairman Martin and Vice Chairman Sheaffer agreed.

Chairman Martin made a motion that we approve Brehm-Lebo as the temporary Township Engineer. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Solicitor McKnight stated he had some issues to discuss about the engineering issue. We need a report from the engineer who will be looking at the culvert before anything is done to the culvert. A claim cannot be made against Mr. Shambaugh's insurance company unless we have a report from an engineer stating that it is not right.

The Secretary stated that after she received the Solicitor's letter stating that Mr. Shambaugh said he had returned the original bids for the culvert repair to the Township, she and the Treasurer double checked their files and do not have the originals, only photo copies. They will need those originals for the Liquid Fuels Audit.

The Solicitor was concerned that we had not received the photographs taken both before and during the construction. Once we have the new Engineer's report if we still do not have the photographs he will have to file suit to get them. Under discovery, they must be turned over.

The Secretary asked the Solicitor if he wanted copies of all emails regarding the culvert from Mr. Shambaugh's Office. He stated he did.

The Solicitor asked if members of the Planning Commission looked at the culvert. Chairman Martin stated that Dan Ries and Max Klein looked at it. They agreed that it is wrong and thought it is a hazard at this time. Mr. Klein is in the culvert business and knows the

engineer from Old Castle, who made the culvert; he can help us make contact. The Solicitor stated it would be helpful to have a report from him also.

The Solicitor stated we need to make sure the repair is right. Chairman Martin stated that the Roadmaster is planning to put large rocks and stones along the sides as a temporary measure. The Solicitor stated that this cannot be done until all the inspections are done and good photos are taken.

Chairman Martin stated that Ernie was mowing on Quarry Hill Road, he punctured a tractor tire when he ran over metal junk that George Stambaugh had in our right of way. The Solicitor said get him the bill and he will bill Mr. Stambaugh.

The Secretary stated she had a visit from Mr. Stambaugh earlier in the week. He asked if he could put up one of the trailers at this time and subdivide later. The Secretary stated she made a few phone calls. Her first call was to Vince Elbel. Vince stated that Mr. Stambaugh cannot get any permits until he has an engineer complete a DEP Septic Module for the parcel, unless there is an old one on file. The Secretary researched old subdivision plans and could not find an existing Septic Module for this parcel. In addition she called Paul Rampulla, the MDIA inspector. Paul told her that due to changes in Pa Regulations, the trailers must be moved and installed by a certified installer. Mr. Stambaugh cannot do it on his own. In addition, there is a checklist that must be completed for the installation; every item on that checklist must pass inspection. Paul told her that we also could have the trailers condemned if the condition is as bad as the Secretary stated. The Solicitor stated that we need to have them condemned and we need to do so right away. Chairman Martin will contact Pete from MDIA to find out what steps we need to take. The Secretary is to write a letter to Mr. Stambaugh telling him he cannot even apply for permits until the Septic Module is approved.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 AM.

NEXT MEETING September 11, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Knepp
Secretary