

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Regular Meeting
May 14, 2015

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 Amos Seiders, Solicitor Marcus McKnight, Treasurer Martha Sheaffer and Secretary Vicki Knepp.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting. Supervisors Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chairman Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2015 Special Meeting with one correction. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the April 30, 2015 Treasurer's Report. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

Charles Suhr – Mr. Suhr stated he wanted to review the conditions drafted for the Stambaugh subdivision. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the conditions as drafted. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. Mr. Suhr stated that the second page of the plans would be corrected. He left both the Stamabugh and water tower plans for signature. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to authorize the approval of the plans pending the correction. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trash – The Secretary stated that she stopped trash service to two residents for non-payment.

Septic –The Secretary reported that there are still 14 septic systems that have not been pumped for 2014. She has not sent them to the Solicitor's office yet because she received a call from one of the pumpers that due to health issues he was running behind and still had a few that he expected to have pumped by the end of May. In 2015 there are 117 due to be pumped, 45 have been done already.

New Road Crew Member – Chairman Martin reported that at the April meeting they had voted to hire a third road crew member. There were four candidates, and the Supervisors believe they have selected the best candidate. Chairman Martin introduced Alan Hostetter, the new employee. Mr. Hostetter will be starting on June 1.

TCRP Grant – Chairman Martin reported that we were awarded a grant of \$28,000.00 to perform an Economic Development Opportunities for the Route 233 Corridor Study. Kirk Stoner of Cumberland County Planning Commission will be working with Chairman Martin to work on the advertisement for the consultant. The Project is to be completed by June 2016. We need to set up a committee for the review process. He would like a few members of the Planning Commission, the Zoning Hearing Board and at least one Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Materials Bid – Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the Roadmaster’s recommendations. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Chairman Martin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-008 approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan submitted by Cumberland County. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Parking Lot at DJ’s Office – Chairman Martin reported the parking lot is developing some low spots. The Roadmaster has looked at it. He does not believe it is a sinkhole, rather the soil compacting underneath it. He will keep an eye on it and will fix it when the schedule allows.

CORRESPONDENCE

South Newton Township – We received a letter from South Newton Township requesting permission to put our frequency in the radios in their Township trucks. Chairman Martin made a motion to allow them to place our radio frequency in their radios. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Borough of Newville – Electronics recycling has been temporarily suspended and will resume on June 1. Recycling will only be accepted on the third Tuesday of the month from 8:00 – Noon. A sliding fee will be charged, based on the item being recycled.

PROJECT UPDATES

The new tractor has been received. Chairman Martin obtained the plates for it and it is in service.

The new website is fully functional and the Community Events page is available for churches and community yard sales.

Bill Greene is working on the DEP permit for the South Side culvert and we are meeting with Oldcastle to develop a plan for the repair. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to file a “Praecipe for Issuance of a Writ of Summons” against John Shambaugh. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The 2000 International has water in the oil. It is at the shop for repair.

ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Knepp reported he issued 7 zoning permits in the last month and received two complaints. One of the complaints was unfounded, a neighborhood dispute and the other was a repeat customer for junk and debris cleanup.

Hayman's at 35 Leeds Road has until May 20 to get down to the number of permitted junk vehicles and to clean up the tires, junk and debris.

Mr. Knepp stated that he gave Mr. Stambaugh a Landlord Ordinance and Registration form in March. We have not received the completed registration back. Mr. Knepp asked the Board if he is to site Mr. Stambaugh. He was told to do so.

We received an incomplete application to construct a fence from the Hayman's neighbor Ms. Griffey at 33 Leeds Road. Vice Chairman Sheaffer will explain to the neighbor what is needed to complete the application for the fence. Because it is a non-conforming lot and the proximity of the neighboring property she will not be able to meet the setback for the fence. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve a waiver of the distance from the property line pending completion of the application. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The illegal dump at 1135 Centerville Road has been cleaned up.

The residents at 1139 Centerville Road appear to be making progress with the clean up. Mr. Knepp will continue to keep an eye on it.

Mr. Knepp asked if the Board is aware that the bridge on Pine Road will be closed during the Fire Company's Fair. Mr. Knepp contacted Representative Tallman's office and explained that it will be a hardship for the Fire Company. He received a response that PennDOT hopes to be completed by then, but if not, they will reopen the road at 3:00 PM each day. The closure will create problems for the Fire Company for emergency response.

Mr. Knepp asked if "No Trespassing" signs can be placed on the Township property. We have had a couple of incidents recently. The Supervisors felt it would be a good idea.

Mr. Knepp asked what is the status of the LeDane issue. Vice Chairman Sheaffer stated that he has spoken with an auctioneer and with Mr. LeDane. Mr. LeDane is receptive to the auctioneer coming in and cleaning things up and selling any items that are of value. After the Township's fines and the auctioneer fees have been paid, all remaining money will be given to Mr. LeDane. Vice Chairman Sheaffer said he will meet with the auctioneer sometime the following week to coordinate everything.

The South Fairview Rod & Gun Club has had a meeting and stopped use of the shooting range until they can meet with Mr. Knepp to discuss ways to resolve the safety concerns.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The Solicitor has inspected the Hoedecker operation. He believes the Supervisors need to take a look at it and determine how far back Mr. Hoedecker needs to locate it on his property. Mr. Hoedecker has paid the bills for the fire.

Chairman Martin asked if the Solicitor has any progress on the maintenance agreement for the DJ's Office. The Solicitor will contact Mr. Lopp at the County.

OTHER REPORTS

COG- The Outreach meeting is scheduled for June 16, no location as of yet. The County has approximately 2.2 million for farmland preservation, approximately 700 acres. The Newville Fountain Festival is 3rd week in June. Laura Portillo, Manager for Dickinson Township, is resigning, effective as soon as they find a replacement. Dickinson Township Roadmaster has resigned. They have not gotten any applications for the position.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer stated that the feud between Reis and Wenger seems to have subsided since the survey.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

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

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Chairman Martin stated Tuesday is Primary Election, vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING June11, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Knepp
Secretary