

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Supervisor Workshop
September 19, 2019

Vice Chairman Sheaffer called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those present: Vice Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Supervisor Ronald Tritt, Solicitor Marcus McKnight, Zoning/Codes Officer Tim Knepp and Secretary Vicki Knepp.

Tim Knepp stated he received a written complaint regarding campaign signs being erected more than a year before the election. Mr. Knepp said he investigated and verified that there was a sign/banner erected in violation of our ordinance. The Solicitor stated that there is clear language in our Ordinance regarding political signs. Our Ordinance states Article XI, Section 1123, A., 12. "Political signs for candidates of elected offices, provided that such signs shall not be displayed in excess of one (1) month prior to the election date and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election. Political signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area." Mr. Knepp said he sent a Notice of Violation. After that he spotted another sign/banner on another house and sent a Notice of Violation. The second party immediately contacted Supervisors to complain. The Supervisors said they are not trying to stifle anyone's free speech. The Solicitor suggested that if the residents covered up the date or if it were flag it is allowed. Supervisor Tritt stated that one of the residents had given him something that said that according to the Supreme Court it is unconstitutional for municipalities to regulate election signs. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to table the subject until the Solicitor can research. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Secretary reported that we received three checks in from Exeter. We received \$9,000.00 which has been deposited in Park & Rec, we received \$53,080.00 which has been deposited into the construction escrow account and we received a \$100,000.00 discretionary check. The Secretary asked what the Supervisors wanted to do with that. Supervisor Tritt made a motion to deposit the check into the Highway Construction CD. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mickie Donovan asked about the water issue on South Side Drive. Vice Chairman Sheaffer said we will have to get in touch with the engineer. It was asked why nothing was done about the letter sent in 2014 about pumping water. Mr. Knepp said it was regarding the water running into the Township right-of-way and that problem has been corrected. It was recommended to Ms. Donovan to get an attorney.

The Secretary stated that the Treasurer contacted F & M and they agreed to waive the penalty for withdrawing money from the CD if we open the money in a Money Market in their bank. We have found better interest rates; however, it would take quite some time to earn \$1,200.00 so she instructed the Treasurer to leave the money in F & M in a money market.

Mr. Ickes suggested that the Township put up signs directing trucks to the warehouses. It was explained that we cannot put up signs in the State right-of-way. We also cannot put up anything on private property. Mr. Ickes said PennDOT moved the no tractor trailer signs to his driveway. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to have the Solicitor contact our new Rep., Torren Ecker, detailing our concerns and see if we can get any leverage that way. Supervisors Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Supervisor Tritt made a motion to adjourn. Vice chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING October 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Knepp
Secretary