Monday, April 27, 2015

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002 with the Chairman, Samuel M. Ward, presiding. Also present were Supervisors, Douglas A. Roth and Wilbert J. Mowry, Jr.

Township Manager, Linda D. Zerfoss, Land Use Administrator, Clinton A. Bonetti and 2 Township residents were also present.

Minutes – 03/16/15

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Monday, March 16, 2015 they be approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mandee Williams was present to address the Board and audience. She is the new Librarian of the South Butler Library.

Correspondence

Butler Area Military Veterans – Letter inviting the police to attend their upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Senator Don White – Invitation to attend a luncheon at Clinton Township to discuss the current highway system in southeast Butler County and to understand the future improvements planned for the highways in the region.

Penn Township Veterans – Soliciting donations to help defray the cost of the handouts at their upcoming Memorial Day Service.

Public Utility Commission – Notice that application has been made by the Department of Transportation for approval to alter the public at-grade crossing by upgrading the existing crossbucks to 12” LED flashing lights and installing automatic gates where Township Road T-451 (Main Street) crosses the single track of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad. There was a meeting on April 23 at 9:30 a.m. and Mrs. Zerfoss reported that Road Superintendent Doug Roth and she attended the meeting.

PSATS Township Legal Defense Partnership – Quarterly newsletter on Are Volunteer Fire Department Members Entitled to Unionize as Borough Employees, PA Supreme Court to Determine Whether PUC May Review Ordinances for Act 13, MPC Compliance, Sunoco Withdraws Petitions for Zoning Exemptions Along Proposed Pipeline and RTKL Update.

Cranberry Today – Quarterly Newsletter.

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Seminars

The following seminars have been scheduled:

The Course in Zoning, 10/01, 10/08, 10/15, Butler

Uniform Crimes Reports, 04/29 and 30, State Police Southwest Training Center

Right to Know, 06/24, Fallowfield Township Building, Washington County

Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that all involved be authorized to attend. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zerfoss read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on March 16, 2015. Township Fund: $165,205.90, Fire Tax Fund: $11,211.13, Municipal Pension Fund: $324.08, Police Pension Fund: $240.09. Deposits into the various Township funds totaled $239,368.91. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $623,665.14, Fire Tax Fund: $86,286.54, Act 13 Fund: $290,711.92, Municipal Pension Fund: $412,355.56, Police Pension Fund: $980,930.09, State Fund: $324,719.88. Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Zoning Department

Mr. Bonetti stated Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the Mountain Gathering Pipe Yard, Site Plan #15073 and Yoest, 2 Lots & Residual #15086. They had no comments on either plan.

Mr. Bonetti submitted the Yoest Subdivision. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Yoest Subdivision be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti also submitted his Zoning Report for January through March 2015. 9 Building Permits were issued totaling $12,123.00, 11 Zoning Permits were issued totaling $700.00, 4 Traffic Impact Fees were filed totaling $5,427.68, 2 Septic Permits were issued totaling $1,350.00, 23 Lien Letters were issued totaling $350.00, 7 Land Development Applications were filed totaling $2,300.00, 1 Ordinance Book was sold totaling $20.00. Total zoning fees for January through March 2015 totaled $22,270.68.

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Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for March 2015.

She also requested approval to purchase a new 2015 Ford utility Police Interceptor at an approximate cost of $26,350 from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. with an additional $11,157.50 for Ibis Tek to equip the new police vehicle. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that Mrs. Zerfoss be authorized to purchase the new 2015 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. at an approximate cost of $26,350.00 and for Ibis Teck to equip the new vehicle at a cost of $11,157.50. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Road Department

Supervisor Roth reported that the bids for the 2015 Sealing Program were opened today at 12:00 p.m. with Supervisor Mowry, Township Manager, Zerfoss and himself in attendance.

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| COMPANY | 211,761 S.Y.SINGLE  BITUMINOUS UNIT PRICE | TOTAL | 9,539 S.Y.  DOUBLE BITUMINOUS  UNIT PRICE | TOTAL | GRAND TOTAL |
| RUSSELL STANDARD | $1.347 | $285,242.07 | $2.327 | $22,197.25 | $307,439.32 |
| SUIT-KOTE | $1.238 | $262,160.12 | $2.334 | $22,264.03 | $284,424.15 |
| YOUNGBLOOD | $1.31 | $277,406.91 | $2.18 | $20,795.02 | $298,201.93 |

Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward that the bid from Suit-Kote in the amount of $284,424.15 be accepted. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Supervisor Roth reported on the strike-off law that was passed last week. He advised the have some old signs and he advises we need some new signs such as No Pavement Marking, Tar and Chip Signs or Fresh Oil Signs. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Ward that new signs be purchased. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mrs. Zerfoss submitted Penn Dot’s Moving Forward Newsletter dated spring 2015.

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Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss announced the tire recycling day will be Saturday, May 9 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Forward Township Municipal Building. There is a fee per tire and a limit of 12 tires per person. Tires from businesses will not be accepted.

Parks and Recreation Department

Mrs. Zerfoss reported the first royalty check in the amount of $332.07 has been received from R.E. Gas Development. This is for drilling the Powell NW Unit well (Powell #2H).

Supervisor Roth stated he was contacted by a company to make the park tobacco free. This will be discussed at the next park meeting.

He also reported the barn is down, however there are piles of debris everywhere. The company left it in deplorable condition and they will have lots of work in order to get the debris removed.

He further stated he is working with Christina Hanley at the Renfrew Park for a boat launch.

Public Relations Department

No report.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Mrs. Zerfoss stated at the last meeting it was approved to advertise Ordinance #164 entitled Municipal Records Manual. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that Ordinance #164, Municipal Records Manual be adopted. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mrs. Zerfoss also submitted a letter from Solicitor Lope regarding Fracking. In his opinion he states “Unless the Supreme Court issues another opinion with a majority of the justices upholding Part III of Robinson Township, it appears that environmental issues will continue to be addressed as they had been before the Robinson Township decision. Nevertheless, the decision is still of critical importance to municipalities in that it ruled unconstitutional Act 13’s attempt to preempt the field in regard to environmental and zoning matters.

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New Business – Continued

Solicitor Lope – Fracking - Continued

In the absence of such preemption, municipalities retain the power and responsibility to balance environmental and zoning concerns against the economic benefits of oil and gas development. One helpful tool in that endeavor could be the multifactorial test first announced in Payne I and upheld recently in the PEDF case”.

Act 537 – Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth stated they had a long meeting with the finance manager to discuss possibly refinancing the loan. There was a resident who had a large leak inside of their house and stated none of the water went down the sewer drain and he has metered water. The resident received a substantial sewer bill. He requested that the authority have a flat rate. The Authority is looking at various ways to handle this situation as well as others with similar problems.

Audience Participation

Nancy Swisher – Advised she saw in the paper that Penn Township received a grant of $7,500 and asked if this was going toward the pavilion. Supervisor Roth stated yes, it will go towards the pavilion which will be placed on a cement pad. The pavilion will honor Dale and Betty Hartzell.

Mandee Williams – Stated all residents are invited to meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Saxonburg Library parking lot on Saturday to pick up trash.

Supervisor Ward seeing no further audience participation requested a motion to adjourn. Motion offered by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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