Monday, December 21, 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 6 residents/guests were also present.

Minutes – 11/12/15

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that there being no questions or comments to the minutes of the meeting held Thursday, November 12, 2015 they be approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Supervisor Ward introduced Alyssa Mathews to the audience. Alyssa was recently hired as a part-time police officer.

Correspondence

Butler County Election Bureau – Notice that the 2016 Primary Election will be April 26, 2016 and the General Election will be November 8, 2016.

Penn Dot – Letter providing clarification on Bituminous Concrete Modified with Asbestos. Letter explained prior to 1988 asbestos material may have been included in pavement layers and if any municipality encounters a state owned roadway that they believe contains asbestos, they must contact their district contact to discuss appropriate actions.

Babst-Calland Attorneys at Law – Employment bulletin dated November 2015.

PSATS News Bulletin – Bulletin dated November 2015 on Municipal Police Pension Reform Moves Forward, Capitol Roundup, Lawmakers Consider Local Government Legislation, PSATS Offers Training Opportunities, and This and That.

Butler County Election Bureau – Letter submitting a list of winners elected in our municipality from the November 3, 2015 election.

Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, L.L.P. – Letter from Timothy Bish requesting that he be reappointed as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 2016.

Penn Dot – Moving Forward newsletter dated Winter 2015.

Seminars

None.

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Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zerfoss read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on November 12, 2015. Township Fund: $240,983.21, Fire Tax Fund: $38,259.69, Municipal Pension Fund: $324.08, Police Pension Fund: $240.09. Deposits into the various Township funds totaled $123,728.62. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $682,315.61, Fire Tax Fund: $75,051.11, Act 13 Impact Fund: $417,080.19, Municipal Pension Fund: $408,478.01, Police Pension Fund: $928,018.30, State Fund: $124,776.88. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Zoning Department

Mr. Bonetti reported that the Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the following plans and had no comments.

Dickson, 1 Lot & Residual #15261 Lauschus, 1 Lot & Residual #15281 Steinmiller, 1 Lot & Residual #15282

Mr. Bonetti submitted the Twin Streams Subdivision located on Church Road. He reported the Planning Commission recommended approval on condition of waivers regarding size, Stormwater management and private drive slope. Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward that the Twin Streams Subdivision located on Church Road be approved with the conditions stated above. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti also submitted the Lauschus Subdivision on Meridian Road for approval. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Lauschus Subdivision on Meridian Road be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti submitted the Steinmiller Subdivison on Brownsdale and Jones Road for approval. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that the Steinmiller Subdivision on Brownsdale and Jones Road be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the police report for November 2015.

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Police Department - Continued

She also submitted the Penn Township Police Contract for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. The Police Department signed off on the proposed contract. Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward that the Penn Township Police Contract for 2016 through 2018 be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Road Department

No report.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss reported that DEP approved the Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant in the amount of $1,739.00 for the calendar year 2013. This grant reflected 256.2 tons of residential and commercial materials recycled by our citizens and businesses.

She also has a list of 2015 Butler County Holiday Recycling Guide.

Parks and Recreation Department

No report.

Public Relations Department

Supervisor Roth reported that Christina Hanley presented him with a plaque for Penn Township as a proud sponsor of the Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup. Ms. Hanley stated in the 4th annual cleanup 58,960 pounds of garbage including 701 tires were removed from the Connoquenessing Creek. She advised 35 miles of Connoquenessing Creek is free of 202,560 pounds of garbage including over 2,000 tires.

Old Business

Mr. Richard Kelly – Butler County Airport – Stated he talked to 7 residents along Monroe Road and they are in favor of Monroe Road being turned into a cul-de-sac. The airport is doing a feasibility study and they need a letter of support from the Township. He advised the airport would not become a C-2 airport. He stated the previous runway is 4,801 feet and this proposed extension of 400’ would make the runway 5,201 feet. He said they will be putting on a master plan at the airport for the residents and he will let the Board know when this will be done in the event they wish to attend. Supervisor Ward inquired if he had the residents’ comments in writing or are they verbal. Mr. Kelly said they are verbal but has their names and addresses. Supervisor Ward requested a summary of the residents that he contacted. Mr. Kelly said he would get that to the Board by the 1st of the year and a new feasibility study as soon as it is available.

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Old Business – Continued

Mr. Richard Kelly – Butler County Airport – Continued

Supervisor Ward asked about re-locating the fire department. Mr. Kelly stated that was offered to them, but the fire department wasn’t receptive to this proposal. He said the FAA would have funded this project 100% and that the door is always open should they wish to re-locate.

Will Burns – Stated last time he was in favor of the expansion and was told that would be the final expansion and now today the airport is proposing another 400 feet and is concerned that the airport will want to expand again. He stated he uses Monroe Road daily and does not want it closed.

The discussion between the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Burns lasted approximately 30 minutes.

New Business

Resolution #469 – 2016 Budget – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #469 – 2016 Budget. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that Resolution #469 – 2016 Budget be approved. There being no further questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried. Supervisor Roth commended Linda for all her work on the 2016 Budget. Supervisor Ward agreed.

Resolution #470 – 2016 Tax Levy – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #470 – 2016 Tax Levy. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that Resolution #470 – 2016 Tax Levy be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Resolution #471 – Land Development - Steinmiller – Mr. Bonetti read Resolution #471–Land Development – Steinmiller. Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward that Resolution #471 – Land Development - Steinmiller be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Resolution #472 – New Land Development – Nicholas Romeo – Mrs. Zerfoss submitted Resolution #472 – New Land Development – Nicholas Romeo for approval. She reported that had been approved in June but was denied by DEP and had to be re-submitted. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that Resolution #472 – New Land Development – Nicholas Romeo be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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New Business - Continued

Mrs. Zerfoss reminded the audience the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bonetti submitted the Mary Dickson subdivision for approval. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that the Mary Dickson subdivision be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Act 537 – Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth reported there was lots of discussion at the last authority meeting regarding the development in Penn and Middlesex.

Audience Participation

Carl Leicher – Heard that the Suncrest and Conley golf courses were sold. He was told that is what we heard also and he asked about taxes and he was told as long as the golf courses were open, they would still be paying property taxes and when the golf courses were closed, the taxes would stop.

Will Burns – Stated he is pleased with the roads right now after the fog seal was done. Supervisor Ward advised the man who previously complained about the roads attended the last meeting and said the roads were much better.

Supervisor Ward seeing no 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 7:00 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward Linda D. Zerfoss Chairman Township Manager Board of Supervisors Penn Township