Tuesday, July 10, 2018

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 two Township residents.

Minutes – 06/19/18

Supervisor Ward made a motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, June 19, 2018, they be approved as presented.

Correspondence

PA Public Utility Commission – Notice the gas disbursement for 2017 will be $158,214.85.

Penn Township Veterans – Thank you for the donation to their annual Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony.

Butler County Election Bureau – Election dates for 2019.

FEMA – Notice that the revisions to the Township of Penn’s Floodplain Management Ordinance as amended May 8, 2018, brought the Ordinance into compliance3 with the National Flood Insurance Program as required for Butler County’s updated Flood Insurance Rate Map release on August 2, 2018.

Friends of Spring Valley Park – Invitation to attend to attend their next meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

State Representative Daryl Metcalfe – Appreciation for welcoming his Volunteer Legislative Assistant Marlene Lott. Stated should Senate Bill 251 which would allow local police to use radar come up for a vote he will keep our concerns in mind. He also stated regarding Mr. and Mrs. Andrasy’s concern regarding the storm water run-off. He advised his staff contacted District 10 Penn Dot and was informed they contacted Andrasy’s and told them that all of the pipes and drains that they are responsible for are working and functioning properly and this is a Stormwater management issue which would fall under the responsibility of the municipality.

Economic Development and Planning Communicator – Quarterly publication of Butler County Economic Development and Planning.

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Correspondence – Continued

PSATS News Bulletin – Newsletter dated June 2018.

Allegheny Aquatic Alliance – Notice they are holding the 7th annual Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup on August 18 and September 8, 2018. Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Ward seconded the motion to donate $300.00 to them to help with supplies. The motion carried.

PSATS Township Legal Defense Partnership – Quarterly newsletter dated Summer 2018.

Seminars

The Roadway Management Conference – 10/15 – 17, Gettysburg

PSP Reconstruction Seminar; 10-30 – 11/01; Gettysburg

Supervisor Roth made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded that all involved be authorized to attend. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zerfoss read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on June 19, 2018. Township Fund: $64,028.30, Fire Tax Fund: $2,828.35, Municipal Pension: $3.99, Police Pension Fund: $3.99. Deposits into the various Township Funds totaled $274,800.43. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $1,010,640.24, Fire Tax Fund: $144,615.21, Act 13 Impact Fund: $725,648.82, Municipal Pension Fund: $567,303.59, Police Pension Fund: $1,173,849.48, State Fund: $253,447.58. Supervisor Mowry made the motion and Supervisor Ward seconded the motion that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Zoning Department

Mr. Bonetti presented the Bishop Subdivision on Route 8 for approval. He stated the Planning Commission has no issues. Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that the Bishop Subdivision on Route 8 be approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti also reported that 171 and 179 Jones Road used the same driveway and 911 previously had it listed as Candy Tuft but the County has no record of this listing. The residents want this to be named Bogan Lane. Supervisor Roth made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that 171 and 179 Jones Road be renamed Bogan Lane. The motion carried.

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Zoning Department - Continued

He also reported the Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the Bishop Lot Line Revision& RW #18128 and had the following comments, they recommend a clear and concise statement on the plan identifying who is permitted to use the right of way, who is responsible for maintenance of the right of way and the permitted uses of the right of way.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss reported that Steve Bicehouse updated municipalities on the status of the radio system. He said billing would begin in October unless Townships wanted it sooner.

Corporal Ripper reported on his traffic study he conducted on Dinnerbell Road since the last meeting. He monitored the speed on 3 separate days and the majority of the traffic was within the speed limits. Mrs. Zerfoss also reported on her conversation with Penn Dot who advised they could order a driveway sign if the resident requested it. Supervisor Roth said he went to Robinson Run Road to check on site distance. He stated they did some work to improve the site distance.

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for June 2018. She also presented the 2018 Semi-Annual report.

Road Department

Supervisor Roth reported applications are available online and in the office for a full-time laborer. Applications will be accepted through July 31.

He also stated the paving project has been completed. He said the contractor left a spot on Three Degree Road by Brownsdale that will allow Penn Dot to match our road. He advised we went over by $12,000.00 on materials.

Supervisor Roth said XTO is doing work on Mushrush Road.

Supervisor Roth reported they are doing a shoulder backfill on Weckerly Road and there is a resident that doesn’t want this, but this is our standard. He will call the resident in the morning and explain the situation.

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Road Department - Continued

Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion to purchase a new disc for the boom mower at a cost of up to $2,000.00. The motion carried.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss reported there will be another free Community Document Shredding Event on July 10, 18, 26 and 31 in Butler.

She also reminded the residents that Penn Township will host a recycling event on Saturday, August 11 at the Municipal Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. She said that residents must pre-register with ECS&R and payment can be cash, credit card or debit card.

Parks and Recreation Department

Supervisor Roth reported they have been mowing at the park.

He also talked to Doug Sober about the pavilion in Renfrew that his son is building.

Supervisor Ward reported everything is almost ready to put out the Harcrest Storage Building for bid. The only thing missing is the site plan from our engineers. Supervisor Ward also requested the Township Manager to check with our Solicitor to see if Davis Bacon applies to the contract.

Public Relations Department

Mrs. Zerfoss reminded the audience that Community Day will be Saturday, August 25, 2018, at Harcrest Park from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ordinance #170 – Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Mrs. Zerfoss read Ordinance #170 – Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance consisting of Part 1-General Provisions, Part 2-Definitions, Part 3-Application Procedures and Modifications, Part 4-Submission Requirements, Part 5-Financial Security, Part 6-Inspection and Acceptance of Improvements, Part 7-Required Improvements and Design

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New Business – Continued

Ordinance #170 – Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Continued - Standards, Part 8-Grading Standards, Part 9-Administration, Fees, and Enforcement, Part 10-Amendments, Validity, and Repealer and Part 11-Mobile Home Parks. Supervisor Ward requested Mr. Bonetti to explain this Ordinance. Mr. Bonetti said the last one was adopted in 1998. He further stated this will simplify some zoning permits and that not all plans will have to go to the Planning Commission for approval but could be approved in-house. He also said the definitions match our zoning ordinance. Supervisor Mowry made the motion and Supervisor Ward seconded to approve Ordinance #170-Penn Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The motion carried.

Resolution #492 – Penn Township Construction Standards – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #492 – Penn Township Construction Standards. Mr. Bonetti explained that the construction standards resolution means that changes can be made more easily. Supervisor Ward thanked Mr. Bonetti for this long process. Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded that Resolution #492 – Penn Township Construction Standards be approved. The motion carried.

Act 537 – Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth reported the Butler Street line replacement is almost completed. They also discussed replacing the computer at the plant as its 11 years old. He said he discovered some black water on Powell Road and he called SAA and they arrived and discovered a force main had broken. SAA hauled sewage from Powell Road to Dinnerbell Road where it could be gravity fed to the plant. Supervisor Ward asked if they could run a camera through the pipe and Doug said no as it’s a force main and they would have to empty the lines. They will keep a watch on the lines.

Audience Participation

Val Klein – Stated the pine trees are dying. Supervisor Roth said there is a Needle Cast fungus going around and we have had the Township building property trees treated. He also said the trees need to be thinned out and climate change also affects the trees. Mrs. Klein also said the house at the intersection of Route 8 and Dinnerbell Roads is a fire hazard. Mr. Bonetti will call Mr. Oliver to see if he will clean up the property.

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Audience Participation – Continued

Nancy Swisher – Asked what is happening on Route 8 at Jaksec old house. Mr. Bonetti said it will be a one car garage and office. She also inquired about Succop Park and if they are making a retention pond. Supervisor Roth said yes.

Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward Linda D. Zerfoss

Chairman Township Manager

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