Tuesday, June 19, 2018

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors canceled the meeting on June 12, 2018, and 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 eight Township residents were also present.

Minutes – 05/08/18

Supervisor Ward stated under Audience Participation that Nancy Swisher asked if Penn Township could schedule another shredding event for the residents. Supervisor Ward made a motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that the above correction being made the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, May 8, 2018, be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Thursday, May 24, 2018, they be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Ruth Neimiller Family – Thank you card to the Board of Supervisors and employees for the flowers for Ruth Neimiller.

South Butler Community Library – Weekly activities at the Library.

Bishop William Winter – Thank you to the Police Department for their assistance at his vehicle accident on March 28, 2018.

Berkheimer Tax Administrator –Update on Act 18 (HB 866), effective July 4, 2018.

Wendy Leslie – CDBG Coordinator – Notice that the County has finally received the fully executed contract for the funding year of 2017.

PSATS – Notice of the annual PSATS Youth Awards Contest. Entries are due by July 2, 2018.

Armstrong Business Solutions – Notice that the television service and internet service will have a rate increase beginning in July 2018.

PSATS – List of 2018 adopted PSATS Resolutions that were adopted at the 2018 Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show.

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Correspondence – Continued

Pennsylvania PUC – Letter advising a final inspection was conducted on May 17 at the Rockdale Road, Hicks Road, and Crisswell Road crossings. All work has been completed and all outstanding matters have been satisfied. Also advised a final inspection was conducted on May 21 at the 9 public at-grade crossings where 3 State Routes and 5 Municipal Routes cross the track operated by Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company. All matters have been satisfied.

Rex Energy – Notice that after a discussion with their lenders and an exhaustive review of a number of financial restructuring alternatives, they determined that a sale of their asses was a necessary next step to ensure they are position well for the future.

Butler County Airport Authority – Advising that they applied for a $212,500.00 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant. These funds will go towards the overall cost of $250,000 for the construction of an airport runway observation shelter. Butler County Airport Authority will provide matching funds of $37,500.00 towards this project.

Sheryl Kelly – Keep PA Beautiful now accepting applications for Fresh Paint Days Grants till July 31.

Rex Energy – Notice they filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case on June 8, 2018.

Audubon Society – Newsletter about upcoming events at the Succop Nature Park.

Sheryl Kelly – List of upcoming funding deadlines and other opportunities.

Seminars

Active Shooter Response Training, 06/26 and 28, Mars Area H.S.

Hazard Mitigation and Historic Preservation: How to Both Preserve

And Protect; 06/26/18

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

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Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zerfoss read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on May 8, 2018. Township Fund: $206,470.88; Fire Tax Fund: $9,834.97; Act 13: $431.43; Municipal Pension: $324.08; Police Pension: $240.09. Deposits into the various Township funds totaled $146,000.31. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $1,004,429.73; Fire Tax Fund: $143,424.82; Act 13 Impact Fund: $565,165.18; Municipal Pension Fund: $551,386.91; Police Pension Fund: $1,138,907.83; State Fund: $253,110.84. Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that the Treasure’s Report be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Zoning Department

Mr. Bonetti submitted the Roupe Lot Line revision on Brown Road for approval. He stated the Planning Commission reviewed the plan and recommended approval. Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion to approve the Roupe Lot Line revision on Brown Road. The motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti also reported that he received 2 quotes to revise the Penn Township Traffic Impact Fee. He stated Gannett Fleming originally updated the Traffic Impact Fee in October 2015. The quotes received was Gannett Fleming for $8,000.00 and Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) for $7,800.00 plus customary reimbursable expenses. Supervisor Mowry made the motion and Supervisor Ward seconded to approve the quote from Gannett Fleming to update the Township Traffic Impact Fee for $8,000.00. The motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti reported the Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the Roupe, Lot Line Revision #18106 and had no comments on the plan.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for May 2018. She also presented the Animal Control Report for May 2018.

Road Department

Supervisor Roth requested approval to repair old truck #6 at a cost of $3,500.00. Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded to have old truck #6 repaired at a cost of $3,500.00. The motion carried.

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Road Department – Continued

Supervisor Roth reported that Rodney Myers is having surgery and will be off work for approximately 3 months. He stated he feels the Township should advertise for another employee. Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for another road department employee. The motion carried.

Supervisor Roth reported that Weist Paving was to have started paving on June 20, but will now start on June 22.

The Board discussed the proposal from HRG to provide engineering services for the Mushrush Road Bridge replacement at a cost of $54,870.00. Supervisor Ward stated the bridge is nearing the end of its life and needs to be replaced. A resident asked if the bridge would be closed to traffic when it’s replaced. The Board advised yes, it would be closed. Supervisor Mowry made a motion and Supervisor Ward seconded to authorize HRG to provide engineering services for the Mushrush Road Bridge replacement at a cost of $54,870.00. The motion carried.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss reported there is a free community document shredding event on June 19, 21 and 27 sponsored by the County of Butler at the Out of Sight Shredding, 107 Bonnie Dr., Butler, PA 16002.

Mrs. Zerfoss reminded the audience that Penn Township is having a recycling event at the Municipal Building on Saturday, August 11, 2018, with ECS&R to collect household hazardous waste and electronic waste materials. Residents need to contact ECS&R to make a reservation and payment can be credit/debit cards, money orders, checks, and cash.

Parks and Recreation Department

Supervisor Ward made a motion and Supervisor Roth seconded to approve a release, waiver, and indemnification agreement for the privilege of parking vehicles during Community Day, August 25, 2018, on the property of Nancy Ling, Trustee of The Oak Leaf Farm, 831 Three Degree Road, Butler, PA 16002. The motion carried.

Supervisor Roth stated that the Board approved a building for much- needed storage. The building will be on Brownsdale Road. He’s waiting on a site plan from HRG and as soon as he receives it, we can but the storage building out for bid.

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Public Relations Department

Mrs. Zerfoss reported the Board issued Certificate of Achievement to Kyle Savage, Dietrich Kaltenhauser, Ian Gumto and Jacob Becker for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop #53 on May 20, 2018.

Mrs. Zerfoss also reported she met with representatives of Penn Dot to discuss Dinnerbell Road. Mrs. Zerfoss said Penn Dot put up speed minder signs and in a week or so, will be moved to the other side of the road. Supervisor Ward said that Supervisor Mowry has had some near misses pulling out from Robinson Run Road due to trees. Supervisor Roth said he will go and check on the site distance. A resident stated speed limits were set for cars and the trucks that are using Dinnerbell Road are definitely speeding. Mrs. Zerfoss said Penn Dot will do a speed study if requested by the Township. She cautioned the residents that sometimes after a speed study is done, it actually increases the speed instead of lowering it. Supervisor Ward said they will ask the Police for their recommendations. He also said the Township is going to purchase some speed minder signs that we can use throughout the Township.

Mrs. Zerfoss reported the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) has been completed by Supervisor Mowry, Erma Mowry, Clinton Bonetti and herself.

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

Resolution #491–Disposition of Records – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #491 – Disposition of Records. Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded to approve Resolution #491 – Disposition of Records. The motion carried.

Act 537 Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth stated at last meeting they handled business.

Audience Participation

Mary Ann Andrasy – Asked what is being done with the dump along Dutchtown Road and also the fill in the wetlands along Reamer Road. Mr. Bonetti said there was a meeting scheduled with DEP but it was canceled. He doesn’t know when it will be rescheduled. He further said that bricks and stones are classified as clean fill. He also

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Audience Participation - Continued

said the Police are in talks with the property owner about the dumping. Officer Ripper said he will talk to the residents after meeting about this issue and also discussed the speeding on Dinnerbell Road. Supervisor Roth encouraged the residents to contact their legislators to allow local police to use radar.

Carolyn Nagle – Asked if the Board would look into a barking dog ordinance. Supervisor Roth said the Police would need to sit and listen for at least 30 minutes. She also asked for mandatory garbage pickup as people are burning garbage. She stated she has called the Police and they don’t do anything. Officer Ripper said when he goes on a burning complaint he gives the people a warning the 1st time and after that, they get cited.

Nancy Swisher – Asked about the airport grant.

Erma Mowry – Stressed the importance of residents responding to the census forms when they’re received so that you get the proper amount of government representatives and tax money.

Shawn Burns – Inquired if anyone talked to Saxonburg about the water problems he’s having. Supervisor Roth said he talked to them and they said they talked to Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns stated they never called him. Supervisor Roth said Mr. Burns should go to the next Saxonburg Borough Council meeting. Mr. Burns said the problem is coming from Saxonburg. Supervisor Ward agreed he needs to go to a Saxonburg meeting. Supervisor Roth also suggested calling Dave Andrews from the Butler Trout Association to see if he can help with the flooding. The discussion lasted approximately 10 minutes.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward Linda D. Zerfoss

Chairman Township Manager

Board of Supervisors Penn Township