Monday, May 15, 2017

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors having notified the residents in advance met this evening at 5:50 p.m. to conduct a public hearing for review of the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance #166. Present tonight are Supervisors, Samuel M. Ward, Douglas A. Roth and Wilbert J. Mowry, Jr. Township Manager, Linda D. Zerfoss, Land Use Administrator, Clinton A. Bonetti and Stenographer Kelly Ferrari.

No residents were present.

Supervisor Ward stated we will take testimony from all who wish to comment, state the facts as they know them, or voice their opinion on this request. Questions are to be addressed to the Board. The Board may redirect the question to Mr. Bonetti if necessary.

Supervisor Ward asked if this hearing has been advertised. Mr. Bonetti stated it has been advertised.

Mr. Bonetti stated the Planning Commission has been reviewing the proposed zoning ordinance for the last 2 years. He reported there is a small map change and some language changes. He further stated that several uses were added.

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth to table the action and adjourn the hearing. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Penn Township Board of Supervisors began 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 19 residents and visitors were also present.

Minutes – 04/18/17 – Bid Opening

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Bid Opening be approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Minutes – 04/18/17 – Board of Supervisors

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Board of Supervisors be approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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Correspondence

Audubon Society – Newsletter dated Summer 2017 Program Schedule.

Armstrong Business Solutions – Letter advising they will be adjusting the rates for some of their services.

Butler County Department of Recycling – Newsletter dated Spring 2017.

Butler County – Newsletter about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) with a listing of CSA’s that serve Butler County and surrounding areas.

South Butler Community Library – Newsletter dated May 2017.

Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery – Notice of their annual Steps to Heaven walk-a-thon on July 22, 2017.

Cranberry Business Today – Spring 2017 newsletter.

Penn Township Veterans Association – Letter advising their annual Penn Township Memorial Day Service will be May 28, 2017. They are requesting assistance in closing Airport Road and Three Degree Road from 1:50 p.m. until 3:10 p.m.

Seminars

 Command Decision-Making and Leadership 1 – 06/19 – 06/23

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

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zerfoss presented the list of invoices paid since the last report was given on April 18, 2017. Township Fund: $76,262.90, Fire Tax Fund: $4,634.56, Municipal Pension Fund: $324.08, Police Pension Fund: $240.09. Deposits into the various funds totaled $352,143.56. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $1,008.265.43, Fire Tax Fund: $111,799.43, Act 13 Fund: $528,045.70, Municipal Pension Fund: $494,396.40, Police Pension Fund: $1,065,708.05, State Fund: $351,555.25. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth the Treasurer’s Report be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Mrs. Zerfoss thanked the Board for the check scanner. She stated that she and Clinton made 4 deposits so far and it is a great asset.

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Zoning Department

Mr. Bonetti reported that the Butler County Planning Commission reviewed Ordinance #166 amending the zoning ordinance, zoning map, land use additions, conditional uses and other minor language changes. He stated they had no comments on the proposed ordinance.

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

Mr. Bonetti suggested getting plaques for members that served on the various Boards. The Board thought that was an excellent idea and asked Mr. Bonetti to proceed with getting the names of people that served.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for April 2017. She also presented the Animal Control Report for April 2017.

Road Department

Supervisor Roth requested approval to exceed the sealing road project by 10%. He stated we would still be under budget. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that the sealing road project be extended by 10%. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss reported that several municipalities are working together to have another electronics recycling. No company is willing to provide this without a charge. We are contacting several companies to see what they will charge.

Park and Recreation Department

Supervisor Roth reported he contacted Frank Bogatz to get a quote to break up the concrete at Harcrest Park. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Ward that Frank Bogatz be authorized to break up the concrete at Harcrest Park at a cost not to exceed $5,000.00. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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Park and Recreation Department – Continued

Supervisor Roth requested approval to purchase 50 cubic yards of mulch for the Renfrew Playground. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that Supervisor Roth be authorized to purchase 50 cubic yards of mulch for the Renfrew Playground at a cost not to exceed $4,000.00. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Supervisor Roth also requested approval to purchase mats to lay on the ground which would enable the trucks to drive on them to deliver the mulch to the playground. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that Supervisor Roth be authorized to purchase the mats at a cost not to exceed $1,500.00. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Public Relations Department

Mrs. Zerfoss reported that Joanne Foster of Penn Township passed away. She was a very active member of the Penn Township Fire Department where she was Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Zerfoss also announced a celebration of life for Bob Noah who had been a member of the planning commission for many years. Mr. Noah passed away several months ago.

Supervisor Ward gave a report on the 2017 PSATS Conference that he and the other Board members as well as the Township Manager and Land Use Administrator recently attended.

Mrs. Zerfoss introduced Judy-Ann Bellefleu who donated a flag to the Township that was flown in Iraq when she was stationed there. Mrs. Zerfoss and the Board expressed sincere thanks to Ms. Bellefleu for her service and for donating the flag.

Old Business

Anderson Road

Steve Harris – Rex Energy – Stated they are planning on the following:

 1. Sound Wall 16’ high

 2. Storage Tanks if needed

 3. Water line – trying to get fresh water

 4. Talking to residents

Jeff Mikesic – HRG – Reported the following improvements:

1. 4,100 feet of roadway improvements

2. Safe access to truck traffic and residents will be provided

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Jeff Mikesic – HRG - Continued

3. Rock shoulder stabilizer and full depth pavement 20’ wide

4. Site distance to pad driveway 1000’

5. Replace stormwater in-let

Supervisor Roth asked if the road would be paved before well pad was drilled. Rex Energy responded yes and would continue monitoring the condition of the road and when they are done, would come back and do a chip-seal. Supervisor Ward asked about a time table to start and Rex Energy replied possibly September.

Charles Doughty – Asked about his trees and fence. Rex Energy said approximately 3 trees would be affected and the fence would not be affected. He was also concerned about a catch basin. Rex Energy stated the improvements would make sure the water gets to the catch basin. Mr. Doughty feels this is an improvement.

Jeff Anderson – How wide is the road now? HRG stated that it is 25’ on his side and 16 ½‘ on Hofer side. HRG stated that the work would be done in the right-of-way.

Bill Gass – Stated that his home is 500’ away from the pad and he would like the sound barrier to be 15’ high.

Supervisor Ward stated there would be another meeting regarding the well. The purpose of the meeting tonight was to discuss the road improvements. Supervisor Ward advised when the site development is completed, another meeting with Rex Energy, HRG and the residents will be scheduled.

Kelly Kowalski – Stated that she lives behind the alpaca farm and her view will be the well pad. She asked if they can plant some trees to block the pad. Rex Energy stated they can discuss this with DEP.

New Business

Radio Allotment and Cost Sheet – Mrs. Zerfoss submitted the quote regarding the new radios for the Police and Fire Departments. The County is paying 75% of the costs and Penn Township will pay 25%. The estimated cost for Penn Township for the Police Department will be $11,637.66 and for the Penn Township Fire Department $26,306.09.

Ordinance #166 – Penn Township Zoning Ordinance – Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth to table Ordinance #166 – Penn Township Zoning Ordinance. There being no question or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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New Business – Continued

Penn Township Veterans Association – A request was received for a donation to the Penn Township Veterans Association Memorial Day Service. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that the Township donate $350.00 to the Penn Township Veterans Association for the Memorial Day Service. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Act 537 – Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth reported that Pat Reinbolt was appointed to the Authority and will be representing Saxonburg Borough.

Audience Participation

None.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward Linda D. Zerfoss

Chairman Township Manager

Board of Supervisors Penn Township