Monday, May 18, 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 4 Township residents were also present.

Minutes - 04/27/15

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Monday, April 27, 2015 they be approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Lori Sterns – Keystone Wellness Program – Stated they would like the Board to consider making our parks tobacco free. Supervisor Roth replied that the park committee voted unanimously to make the parks tobacco free. Ms. Sterns presented 2 signs “Young Lungs At Play” to the Board to be displayed at Harcrest and Renfrew Parks.

Correspondence

South Butler Community Library – Thank you card for lending them road signs for their cleanup day.

Robert & Gertrude Kowalski – Request for a Hidden Driveway sign at their property 154 McBride Hill Road, Butler, PA 16002. Mrs. Zerfoss stated she had a call from Anthony Dellafiora of Penn Dot regarding this as Mrs. Kowalski called them and he told her this would be a Township responsibility. He did state he went and looked at the situation and felt this sign was warranted. I contacted Mrs. Kowalski and requested she submit her request in writing. The Board briefly discussed the matter and decided to purchase and put up the sign.

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania – Summer 2015 News Bulletin.

PSATS News Bulletin – Newsletter for April – May 2015 on PSATS’ 93rd Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show a Success, Capitol Roundup, WOTUS (Waters of the U.S.) Rules Moves Forward-Faces Opposition, New Requirements for Child Abuse Clearances-Mandated Reporters, Lawmakers Consider Local Government Legislation, PSATS Offers Learning at Lunch Webinars, PMGA Training Opportunities, and PSATS to Provide Arbitration Award Database.

PSATS – Copy of the 2015 Adopted PSATS Resolutions.

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Seminars

The following seminars have been scheduled:

 2015 Annual Health Care Summit for Local Government; 06/18; Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township

 Managing Marcellus: Land Use, Zoning and Addressing Impact of Shale, 06/04, Washington and Jefferson University

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 April 27, 2015. Township Fund: $55,542.85, Fire Tax Fund: $2,081.25, Municipal Pension Fund: $324.08, Police Pension Fund: $240.09. Deposits into the various Township funds totaled $315,260.64. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $843,945.05, Fire Tax Fund: $136,090.50, Act 13 Impact Fund, $290,718.84, Municipal Pension Fund: $417,711.76, Police Pension Fund: $994,586.68, State Fund: $324,727.62. 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 reported the Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the Woodbrook, Lot Line Revision #15123 and had no comments on the plan.

Mr. Bonetti also submitted the Woodbrook Builders Subdivision on Penn Drive for approval. He stated the planning commission recommended approval. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Woodbrook Builders Subdivision on Penn Drive be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for April 2015. She also submitted the Animal Control Report for March and April 2015.

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Road Department

Supervisor Roth reported they have the crack sealing machine until Thursday. He also stated they have not heard from Suit-Kote as to when they will start the seal coating project. He further advised he purchased the road signs that was discussed at the last meeting.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss submitted the Butler County Department of Recycling and Waste Management news for summer 2015.

Parks and Recreation Department

Supervisor Roth reported that Paul Walter from our local Boy Scout Troup #53 told him that Lowes had approximately 80 trees they would give to Municipalities as long as they sign a paper stating they won’t sell them. He recently went and picked up about 82 arborvitae trees to put along the Northern border of the park. He also said he met with KLH regarding the wet land in the park to see if we need a general permit. He advised they will provide the Township with a proposal.

Public Relations Department

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mrs. Zerfoss reported that the Butler Country Club reached an agreement in March regarding their assessment and she recently heard from Solicitor Lopes office that there were additional stipulations reached. That means they have agreed to accept the fair market value determination as being effective for the County and Township taxes as of January 1, 2015 and as being effective for school taxes as of July 1, 2015.

Act 537 – Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth reported they are nearing a solution for some of the residents that experienced significant leaks and therefore had a substantial sewer bill. The residents involved are on metered wells. Some residents are on metered well and others pay a flat rate. Penn Township residents pay a flat rate.

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Audience Participation

Nancy Swisher – Asked if the people on meters have always been on meters. Supervisor Roth said some have always been metered.

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 6:25 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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