Monday, January 6, 2025

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met today at 10:00 a.m. with the Interim Chairman, Samuel M. Ward, presiding. Also, present were Supervisors, Douglas A. Roth, and Wilbert J. Mowry, Jr., Township Manager, Linda D. Zerfoss, and Land Use Administrator, Clinton A. Bonetti.

**Organizational Meeting**

Supervisor Ward made a motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that Linda D. Zerfoss be nominated, Chairman Pro-Tem. There being no further nominations, questions, or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

**Chairman**

Chairman Pro-Tem, Linda D. Zerfoss asked for a nomination for Chairman for the year 2025. Supervisor Roth made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that Samuel M. Ward be nominated for Chairman. The motion carried. There being no further nominations, Mr. Ward was elected Chairman for the year 2025.

At this point in the meeting, Supervisor Ward assumed the duties of Chairman.

**Vice-Chairman**

Supervisor Mowry made a motion and Supervisor Ward seconded the motion that Douglas A. Roth be nominated, Vice-Chairman. The motion carried. There being no further nominations, Mr. Roth was elected Vice Chairman for the year 2025.

Mrs. Zerfoss read the following statement:

1. Re-appoint Linda D. Zerfoss as Township Manager for the year 2025.

2. Set the Township Manager’s Treasury Bond at $850,000 for the year 2025 and renew the fidelity and position bond for $100,000.

3. Gwilym Price was appointed Chairman of the Vacancy Board for the year 2025.

4. Appoint Matt Marshall, Esquire, and Anthony Cosgrove, Esquire, of Dillon McCandless King Coulter and Graham as Township Solicitor for the year 2025.

5. Re-appoint NexTier Bank depository for Township funds for the year 2025, with interest-bearing accounts in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust.

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6. Re-appoint Michael K. Corle as the primary Sewage Enforcement Officer for the year 2025.

7. Re-appoint Patrick West as an alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer for the year 2025.

8. Dennis Sybert resigned as Animal Control Officer for 2025. Will research to find a replacement.

9. Re-appoint Nanette Rau to the Penn Township Planning Commission for a four-year term.

10. Re-appoint Carl Leicher, Jr. to the Penn Township Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term.

11. Approve Resolution #579 for the Police Pension Fund.

12. Appoint Brian Farrington from Charlton Law ass Zoning Hearing Board attorney for 2025.

13. Set the tax rate for General Township purposes at 5.94 mills and for fire purposes at 2.06 mills for the year 2025.

14. Re-enact the 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax under Act 511 for the year 2025.

15. Set compensation for the Police Department under the 4th year of their four-year contract according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, specifically Addendum #1.

16. Set compensation for administrative and road department employees as outlined in the wages for non-union employees as presented for 2025.

The Board of Auditors will set compensation for working supervisors at their organization meeting.

17. Set the payroll period to end on Saturday and be paid bi-weekly.

18. Approve Resolution #580, Fee Schedule for Penn Township Services for the year 2025.

19. Set the second Tuesday of each month as a meeting day for the Board of Supervisors. The time for meetings will be set at 5:30 p.m. for the workshop and 6:00 p.m. for the regular meeting with the post-workshop following the meeting.

20. Authorize Road Department head, Andrew Rockar, to spend up to $800.00 per month for the purchase of supplies and equipment for the Road Department.

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21. Authorize uniform allotments of $500.00 per year to each full-time officer and $275.00 per year to each part-time officer as per their respective collective bargaining agreement.

22. Set the mileage expense at the Federal Guideline.

23. Require approval by the Board of Supervisors to exceed individual budgeted line items.

24. Authorize attendance at the PA State Association of Township Supervisors annual conference in Hershey, PA for the three Board members, the Township Manager, and the Land Use Administrator, and to have Wilbert J. Mowry, Jr. as the voting delegate.

25. Have the Township Manager advertise the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Parks Committee meetings for the year 2025.

26. Re-appoint Clinton Bonetti as Township Records Officer for the year 2025.

27. Re-appoint Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc. as Township Engineers as Township Engineer for the year 2025.

28. Re-appoint Scott Gumto to the Penn Township Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term.

29. Appoint Linda Zerfoss as the delegate and Erma Mowry as the alternate to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee.

Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that the items listed above as read by the Township Manager, Linda D. Zerfoss be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion to not include a designated appointee to the parks committee. The motion carried.

Seeing no further business, that the books for 2024 be closed and presented for audit.

Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that the Organizational Meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:13 a.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward Linda D. Zerfoss

Chairman Township Manager

Board of Supervisors Penn Township