

October 17, 2012

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7 p.m. Supervisors McIntyre, Scottoline, Fenton, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes of September 19, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Trooper David Stoner from the Avondale State Police Barracks reported the following for July 1st through October 17, 2012: 26 criminal investigations, 24 vehicular crashes, and 9 DUI's. The statistics were for occurrences in Pennsbury Township and not necessarily those by residents of the township. He stated the criminal investigation number is down compared to last year. Total incidents for Pennsbury were 208 which include false alarms and other activities. He also stated the investigation is ongoing for the recent incident on Hillendale Road. He cannot comment further except to say they believe this was not a random act and the homeowner was targeted. The Board thanked him for his report.
2. The proposed 2013 budget will be advertised and posted by November 1st and considered for adoption at the December 13 supervisor meeting. The November and December supervisor meeting dates have changed due to the holidays. The November meeting will be Thursday, November 15th at 7 p.m. and the December meeting is Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. This will be posted to the website and advertised.
3. A resolution was signed and adopted by the Board endorsing the Brandywine Creek Greenway Concept Plan. There is no financial commitment on the part of the township in this endorsement and it will help the Brandywine Conservancy to secure grant funding for the next study phase.
4. The branch pick up week is scheduled for November 12th and leaf drop off at the township building starts the week of Oct. 22nd through November 30th. A post card with this information was sent to all residents in the township.

Road Master Report – Dave Allen - Ms. Howley read the report which stated; 1) a Fall Road Inspection was held on Oct. 16th with Supervisors McIntyre and Scottoline in attendance 2) last road bank mowing for the year is being completed 3) repairs were made to the wood chipper by the road crew.

Emergency Operations Plan 2012 – Lloyd Roach presented the updated plan to the Board for their review. He also noted state code #35 is the Emergency Management statute. He will be sending documentation of volunteer names and addresses to Ms. Howley. A resolution adopting the 2012 EOP Plan was signed by all supervisors.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman summarized for the Board the proposed Act 167 Countywide Storm Water Management Ordinance that is being reviewed by all municipalities. Mr. Houtman has attended several meetings over the last few years regarding the drafting of this document. The County has sent it out for public comment. Mr. Houtman will summarize the difference between our storm water ordinance and the county draft and present this to the Board and Planning Commission so they can comment during the public review period which ends **November 26, 2012**. Comments can be made by email to the County. Mr. Houtman stated that our ordinance already covers much of what the county is suggesting in their draft.

Solicitor Oeste announced the proposed amendment to the MU ordinance was duly advertised and posted for consideration and adoption at a public hearing and meeting tonight. The hearing was convened and the Solicitor summarized the amendment stating it repeals Article 13 of the Zoning and replaces it with a new Article 13 which returns the ordinance essentially to that which existed prior to the 2007 major amendment. The floor was opened to public comment and there was none. With no further discussion the Board moved and passed unanimously the MU ordinance amendment #2012-10-17-1. All supervisors signed the ordinance. The ordinance will take effect in five (5) days. This amendment, adjusted for changes and new references will be folded into the new comprehensive Zoning Ordinance draft.

The Zoning Draft Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harris Room at which time public comment will be received. This hearing will be duly advertised and post on the township website.

Mr. McIntyre reported there will be another meeting October 24th at the Hillendale School regarding the ongoing issue of erosion in back of the school.

The Hope House discussions are suspended and the township is waiting to hear the outcome of the sheriff sale of PVA property now slated for November 15, 2012.

Dennis Smith from the Planning Commission was present and gave the Board a review of the last two meetings, 9/27 and 10/9 covering discussions on the proposed MU amendment, solar energy, Davis lot line submission and by-laws for planning commissions.

There were no inputs made during the Public Comment period.

A bill list dated October 17, 2012 numbering 13405-13464 was submitted and approved for payment by the board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager