

December 17, 2008

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

1. Dewson reverse subdivision – comments have been received from the county and township planning commissions which have been incorporated in the revised plan as well as my comments. No building is being proposed and the health department has signed off on the non-building waiver. The planning commission has recommended approval. With no further discussion the supervisors approved and signed the plans.
2. Mateson lot line change – the county and township planning commissions have reviewed the plans and recommended approval. Mr. Houtman confirmed that the requested revisions have been made and recommended approval. With no further discussion the supervisors moved and passed to approve and sign the plans.
3. Springdale Farm Final Plans – On 11/25 the township planning commission reviewed the plans and recommended final approval with conditions set forth in Mr. Houtman's review letter. The Health Department is also in the process of reviewing the planning modules. Mr. Houtman stated that all requested revisions have been done but he is still reviewing the storm water calculations. The applicant is seeking a conditional final approval and will continue to work with Mr. Houtman on satisfying all conditions outstanding. With no further discussion the supervisors voted to conditionally approve the final plans. Plans will not be signed and recorded until all items are satisfied.
4. Feichter Riparian Buffer document – this is still be revised by Mr. Halsted, attorney for the applicant. When it is complete and our attorney approves it, it will be put on the agenda for signing. At that time the final plans will be signed and then recorded.
5. The final plans for Pennsbury Village have been received and disseminated for review by all agencies required. Plans were received at the planning commission meeting on December 9, 2008. Mr. Houtman is in the process of reviewing the plans.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Supervisor meeting dates for 2009 will be the third Wednesday in the month at 7 p.m. in the township building except for January and February which will be the 4th Wednesday of the month. The organizational meeting will be Jan. 5th, 2009 and auditor's organizational meeting Jan. 6th 2009. This will be advertised.

2. The supervisors signed an extension agreement under the vision partnership program with Chester County Planning Commission for the update of the zoning ordinance. This extension goes to July 31, 2009.
3. The zoning hearing board meeting for Mr. Haldeman is scheduled for 1/8/09 at 7 p.m. in the township building.
4. The Board discussed insurance issues and voted to include coverage for Pennsbury Historic Preservation for director's liability and coverage under accident liability for volunteers who help on committees. Francis Hall Insurance has quoted the annual 2009 premium as \$23,946.
5. A grant application was submitted to PennDot for the planning of a bikeway along Rt. 52 through our township. This is a fully funded grant - \$75,000. We hope to hear from them early 2009.
6. An extension was granted by the supervisors for the Dewson 4 lot subdivision to 3/18/09.
7. An Open Record resolution was signed by the board designating Kathleen Howley as Record Officer. The resolution also spelled out the procedure for requesting public records. This will be posted.
8. Dave Allen, Roadmaster, submitted a written report which was read by Ms. Howley.
9. Sunrise Development has notified the township that they have withdrawn their land development application effective immediately and will wait to see if the economy improves before they decide to move forward again.

Act 537 Update and PVA Plan Module – Craig Kologie was present and gave an update as to where we are with the Act. 537 draft. He also reported on 12/9 the township received the PVA planning modules back from DEP in it's entirety with a letter stating the submission is administratively incomplete. He is working with Dave Linehan, sewage consultant for PVA, to resolve issues. Mr. Crawford, attorney for PVA, was present and asked the board to hold a work session on resolving outstanding issues. The board agreed and will meet with them when appropriate. Mr. Crawford gave a draft copy of a resolution "to approve sewage facilities planning module" for our review and discussion.

Mike Washko gave a report on the last two planning commission meetings. He also stated there will not be a meeting on December 23rd. Their organizational meeting will be January 13, 2009.

Larry Wood gave an update on litigation. He is working on getting a sense of costs for the appeal and in general, the continued litigation with PVA.

Proposed Budget 2009 – the budget was duly advertised and the following was discussed:

- George Ralph had several questions on the cash reserve, transfer tax, legal, engineering and consultant fees for 2008 and 2009. He also stated because of the economy, earned income tax will be reduced, our legal

expenses for '09 are understated and revenue reimbursements are understated. Mr. Fenton thanked him for his input and welcomed his continued involvement in the budget process.

- Mrs. Luft commented on the Act 537 plan and the hard work done by our supervisors, Sunrise and Castle Valley to create alternatives for disposal which can be explored.
- Mr. Woodward asked what the status is now on the Act 537 plan since Sunrise has withdrawn their plan. Mr. Scottoline stated that is yet to be determined since we received the Sunrise letter just this week.
- The sale of the lot on Wedgewood Drive will be added to the revenue side and the transfer from cash reserves will be eliminated. The transfer to cash reserves on the expense side will be reduced to balance this budget. There will be no tax increase for 2009. Township mils will stay at 1.15 and earned income tax is at .5%.

With no further discussion the supervisors moved and passed the proposed 2009 budget as amended. This brings the total budget to \$1,164,300 and will be advertised.

A bill list dated 12/17/08 numbering 10094-10163, state fund #232 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager