

January 28, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The minutes of December 17, 2008 and January 5, 2009 were approved as amended.

Chairman Scottoline stated that there was misinformation at the organizational meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup> as to procedure for election of officers. Mr. Wood confirmed with PSATS that the election of officers could have taken place at the next public meeting of supervisors if agreement could not be reached. Mr. Oeste went over the provisions for election of officers and the conduction of township business at the beginning of a year. Members then accepted nominations for Vice Chair. Karen Wood nominated herself but there was no second. Mr. Scottoline nominated Wendell Fenton. Motion was seconded and passed 2 to 1 with Ms. Wood voting no.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

- Mendenhall Easement – will contact organization for information on monitoring the easement for the township. The inspection should be done on an annual basis and the township holds the easement.
- A resolution was signed by the Board designating who will cover the township for emergency services during 2009.
- The township went to settlement with Tony Dambro on January 26, 2009 and now own lot 22, the Gatehouse, in Parker Preserve. This was done according to what was agreed upon during the development process. A resolution was signed by the Board authorizing the recording of this deed. The Board will send a thank you letter to Mr. Dambro for his generous gift. I will also check with our insurance company to add this house to our policies. The road crew will check on the house weekly until it is occupied. It was suggested to contact Longwood Gardens to inquire if they have anyone interested in renting it and taking care of the preserve.
- Tim Umbriet, CPA will start the audit for 2008 next week.
- Windmill Hollow will be sending the township another 90 day extension for the preliminary plan review. This will extend it to May 12, 2009.
- A resolution was signed by the Board for the disposition of old records.
- The bid package for the LED traffic lights will be opened on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at New Garden Township who will be accepting bids for Pennsbury, New Garden and Avondale Borough.

**Engineer Matt Houtman** reported the following:

- Knoll Curb project – the bid package will be available at the next meeting and advertised for open at the March 18<sup>th</sup> supervisor's meeting.

- Neilblum lot line change – reviewed the revised plans and issued a letter. The Planning Commission has recommended approval. With no further discussion the Board approved and signed the plans.
- Fiechter Riparian Buffer Document – Mr. Fiechter's attorney, Mr. Halsted gave the document to his client for signing. He will get it from him and send it to the township for final approvals.

**SECCRA Rep. Fred DeVries** reported that SECCRA has reached an agreement/settlement with London Grove Township for the expansion of the landfill. This will extend the use to 2030. Mr. DeVries also gave a history of how our township became involved with the landfill.

The Board authorized Mr. Oeste to draft an ordinance for a referendum question for open space on the November ballot. Ms. Wood is still not in favor of a referendum in light of the economic conditions and would like to see the open space tax continued as is. A committee to organize a campaign on this issue will have to be formed if the referendum goes forward and the township wants to insure passage.

A letter was received from Mr. Osborn who lives on the drive that accesses the Pennsbury Mill. He has an issue with the log that is alongside the road by the Mill and a possible safety hazard. Ms. Wood stated that she is familiar with this log and it does not present any hazard. She will contact Mr. Osborn.

Bob Crandell gave an update on the last two planning commission meetings.

**2009 Budget** – the budget was advertised for reopening and the following was discussed:

- George Ralph had some concerns about the amount budgeted for transfer tax, legal expenses and the sale of a lot on Wedgwood Drive
- Rita Welch wrote a letter expressing her concern with similar items and also the budgeted amounts for planning and zoning.
- It was noted that the Second Class township code allows reopening of a budget after a November municipal election. This was the case for 2007 but not 2008. Mr. Oeste advised the supervisors that it appears the budget cannot be changed. The adopted budget of 12/17/08 stands. However, the budget may be adjusted after the first 3 months of the year. This does not preclude the fact that the Knoll curbing project will proceed as planned and the money can be borrowed and cash surplus used. This is a capital expenditure and has been planned for.

Mr. Orenshaw asked about the structure/addition put up last year at Taylor Garage. Mr. Drumheller will follow up and report at the next meeting.

A bill list dated 1/28/09 numbering 10165-10241 was approved by the Board.  
With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager