

March 18, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7 p.m. All members were present and the minutes were approved as submitted.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION – Susan Hauser introduced Todd Breck who is the architect for Spencer Qualls. Mr. Qualls has purchased several buildings in Fairville Village and has submitted a request for a demolition permit for 514 Kennett Pike. The Historical Commission has submitted its report for this request to the Board and has reluctantly recommended demolition. Mr. Breck gave a presentation on the proposed demolition and why it needs to be done. He also answered questions from the audience. Mrs. Hauser stated that our historic consultant, Wise Preservation, also visited the house and will render a report which will be very useful for our files. Karen Wood moved to approve the demolition permit subject to the recommendations of the Historical Commission, Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Tom Oeste will advertise for the acceptance of bids for the 2 acre lot the township owns on Wedgwood Drive. These will be opened on April 15th at the public meeting and there will be no minimum bid.
2. The zoning hearing board meeting for the Taylor Garage application and the Township's request for a special exception for the Knoll storm water work will be held on April 2nd at 7 p.m. in the township building. The township will send a letter to the zoning hearing board giving it background on the request for a building permit for an addition to the Taylor Garage and also advise it that the township is currently looking at revisions to the zoning ordinance for temporary structures. The Board will take no position in this case. The township has received a request for a zoning hearing board meeting from Unionville/Chadds Ford Education Foundation to erect a temporary sign at the Chadds Ford Elementary School. This will be sent onto members to set a date for that hearing.
3. The Board approved sending a letter of support to Brandywine Conservancy for their grant application to the Martin Foundation. The Board approved sending a letter to support the Conservancy's application for a DCNR grant for the Brandywine Creek Greenway Plan for in kind services in the amount of \$1400. Mr. Scottoline and Ms. Wood moved to approve sending these letters and Mr. Fenton abstained.
4. There will be a seminar on solar energy for all residents at the township building on April 22nd at 7 p.m. A post card will be sent out. The Pennsbury Land Trust annual meeting is March 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the township building. Townwatch annual meeting is set for March 25th at

- 7:30 p.m. at the Chadds Ford Winery. Refreshments will be served at both meetings and the public is welcome.
5. Dewson 4 lot subdivision – the Board moved to accept the request for an extension for final approval of this subdivision to June 17, 2009. Motion carried with all supervisors voting in favor.
 6. Supervisors Wood and Scottoline moved and passed to secure Brandywine Conservancy to do an annual easement monitoring of the Mendenhall property for \$243.75 as stated in their letter of March 13, 2009. Mr. Fenton abstained. Motion carried.
 7. The Board moved and passed to accept Tim Umbriet, CPA offer to do the annual audit of township books for 2009 at the cost of \$2850.00. Mr. Fenton stated the Board recently met with Mr. Umbriet to go over the financial status of the township and was pleased to report everything is in order and done properly.
 8. The caretaker house in Parker Preserve will be rented starting April 1st for a year. Mr. Oeste has prepared the rental agreement. The proposed lease was approved.
 9. The County has asked us to review the transportation improvement inventory and report back to them by 4/24. Copies will also be given to the Planning Commission for their comments.

Ms. Howley read Dave Allen's written report. She also reported that the **Knoll curb project bids** will be opened on Tuesday, March 24th at 11 a.m. Bids will be accepted by Mr. Houtman and awarded at the April 15th supervisor meeting. An escrow release for **Hawks Crest** in the amount of \$19,403.75 was approved by Mr. Houtman. The Board moved and passed to sign the escrow release as recommended by Mr. Houtman. Motion carried.

Aaron McIntyre from the planning commission reported they had met with the county planning commission reviewing the update of the zoning ordinance as it pertains to the historic preservation ordinance. They also recommended approval of the support letters to the Brandywine Conservancy for the trail easement grants.

Mr. Ralph asked the supervisors about their position with regard to the Chadds Ford Education Foundation's request to erect a temporary sign in front of the Chadds Ford Elementary School. Ms. Wood stated she had talked to the superintendent of schools about possible ways to remedy this situation. It was noted that the Hanover Hunt HOA may offer to pay the application fee for the zoning hearing board. The township is considering a sign ordinance in the update of the zoning ordinance to permit such a temporary sign in the future. An application has been made and we are awaiting a date for the hearing.

Mr. Oeste reported there has been no change in litigation status. Mr. Scottoline gave an update on the sewage issues and Act 537 submission. Ms Howley gave an update on the reimbursement of professional consultant fees. Mr. Ralph

questioned the process that was followed in hiring an outside lawyer to pursue the Township's appeal of a court decision that would prohibit Supervisor Fenton from carrying out his elected duties regarding the proposed Pennsbury Village development. The township solicitor assured all that the process was within the law. Mrs. Ralph asked about the new website and a problem she has encountered. Ms. Howley will ask our web consultant and get back to her. There was a question about the budget and appropriations process and Mr. Scottoline informed the audience that there likely will be some re-appropriation in April based on actuals through March. Ms. Howley, responding to a question from Mr. McIntyre, reported that Pennsbury Village Associates owed the township in excess of \$22,000 of reimbursable expenses. There has been no response from PVA when requesting payment.

A bill list dated March 18, 2009 numbering 10305-10377; state fund #236-238 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager