

May 20, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

1. The zoning hearing board will meet 5/28 at 7 p.m. to hear the request by Tim Dewson for a special exception to work in the flood plain while putting in a driveway off Fairville Road. The supervisors have asked Township Engineer Matt Houtman to attend the hearing. It was noted that Michael Lane and Lynn Luft of the Planning Commission had submitted comments and other members will have an opportunity to comment at their 5/26 meeting. The supervisors moved and passed to remain neutral on this application. It was also noted that the zoning hearing board had **approved** the erection of an additional **sign in front of the Chadds Ford Elementary School** announcing their blue ribbon award.
2. **Proposed Open Space Ordinance** – the ordinance was duly advertised. The township proposes to place on the November ballot an open space tax in the amount of .79 mils which will replace the current tax. The word “additional” will be struck from the language. Mr. Fenton moved in view of the expiration of the current open space tax retiring at the end of this year, the township pass the advertised ordinance for the proposed open space tax referendum. The motion was seconded and all were in favor – motion passed.
3. The township yard sale took place on the rain date of 5/9. Dumpsters were here for disposal of large items. The yard sale had great weather and a good crowd buying treasures.
4. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the Board accepted **the bid for LED traffic lights** from C.A. Higgins & Sons in the amount of \$3813.50, Pennsbury’s share of the cost and \$3813.50 will be covered by a grant from DCED. McMahon Assoc. handled the bidding process and they will be notified of our acceptance.
5. The Historic Commission will have a report to the Board for the June meeting on the request to issue a demolition permit for Reyburn Tavern. The Commission will also be requesting an additional amount of money to add 4-5 historic sites to the survey that is being done and also an extension of a couple of months for completion. We will await their comments/request.

Ms. Howley read the Road Master written report which included information on the proposed purchase of a Kabota “0” turn diesel mower from Stoltzfus Farm Service in the amount of \$12182 which is included in our budget. Stoltzfus has the state contract on this equipment. Upon motion duly made, seconded and

unanimously adopted, the Board moved and passed to authorize the purchase of this equipment. Patrick Yerkes will come on full time as of 6/1/09.

**Township Engineer Matt Houtman written report was read & noted:**

1. The curb at Washington & Constitution was inspected by Dave Allen and me. Recommend repairing any previously patched area with a material better suited for that purpose than mortar. Will monitor the curb over the summer and possibly recoat before fall.
2. The Knoll Curb project documents are in the process of being executed by Wexcon. Anticipate start date in about 4 weeks and complete in about 4 weeks.
3. It was noted that an escrow release in the amount of \$32959 for Hawks Crest was recommended for approval. The supervisors signed the release on 4/20/09.
4. There will be a **conditional use hearing for Jack Becker (PennsVillage)** on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. in the township building.

Appropriation Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board. This resolution revised the 2009 budget.

The township advertised the adoption of an ordinance to borrow \$150,000 from DelVal. This money will be used for the Chadds Ford Knoll project. Mr. Oeste explained the terms of the loan which is for 6 years. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the ordinance was passed.

Mr. Scottoine stated there is nothing to report on the Act 537 update. Bob Crandell of the Planning Commission reported on their last meeting. He stated members comments on the Becker hearing have been forwarded to the supervisors for their consideration. The County has finished its work on the first draft of the zoning update. They will forward to the township a list of policy issues that should be resolved over the summer while they work on getting the second draft organized and sent out to members. The supervisors and members plan to meet over the summer to discuss these issues.

Mr. Oeste stated oral argument for the appeal of the Gavin decision is scheduled in court on 6/8/09. Mr. Scottoline reported that township legal expenses Jan.-April are \$32,177. The board has increased the budget figure by +\$60,000 for 2009. Mrs. Cannon who lives on Rt. 926 near Parkerville Road has asked the township to ask if PennDot will install a no jake brake sign for this area. The township will investigate.

Karen Wood reported 140 school children toured the Pennsbury Mill and sent thank you notes to Mrs. Dawson. A bill list dated May 20, 2009 numbering 10451-10532 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager