

September 16, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

Library Report – Susan MacDonnell – reported to the Board activities the library has been involved in for the past year. The following was noted:

- 1100 cardholders in Pennsbury = 9.5% of all members
- Funding for next year is uncertain in this economy. Project a cut up to 50%
- Future home of expanded library – still working on a new library/location. Have partnered with the YMCA, Nixon Park and Kennett Borough to form a non profit organization to raise money for this project.

A demolition agreement for the McCoy property owned by Timothy Dewson was presented to the board for signing. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the supervisors signed the agreement. A copy will be sent to Mr. Dewson. The Historic Survey presentation will be made by our consultant, Wise Preservation next Wednesday, 9/23 at 7 p.m. in the township building. This was also advertised in our newsletter mailed last week.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the passing of **Susan Hauser** on September 8, 2009, Chairperson of the Township Historical Commission. A resolution of Remembrance was read, adopted and signed by the Board. This resolution will be given to William Hauser, Susan's husband. Susan worked tirelessly in historic preservation and will be greatly missed.

The consideration of a resolution to adopt a revised Ag Security Area adding the Neilson 41.5 acres to the Ag Security District was advertised for 9/16 meeting. The county and township planning commissions have submitted their comments. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously adopted the resolution.

It was noted the Municipal Minimum Obligation for the township pension fund for 2010 is \$11,852. This is slightly higher than last year because Patrick Yerkes is a full time employee as of June, 2009.

There is a zoning hearing board request by Mr. Lawrence to erect an accessory building larger than the 600 sf allowed by our regulations. The hearing will be October 14, 2009. Our Planning Commission will be sending their comments to the supervisors. The supervisors will oppose this application unless Mr. Lawrence appears at their next meeting on 10/21 to further explain his

application. That would mean the hearing would have to be postponed until after 10/21. Mr. Oeste will appear at the 10/14 hearing unless the date changes.

The Park Committee will be hosting a picnic in the park Saturday, September 26th from noon to 4 p.m. Music, food, games and hayride. \$5/car load. Everyone is welcome.

Jeffrey Stone has withdrawn his bid for the purchase of the Wedgwood Drive lot owned by the township. This was within the 30 day due diligence period. He submitted a copy of the wetland report that he conducted on the lot. Because of land constraints, he would not be able to fit his home on the lot. The Board agreed to spend \$1850 and have a perc test performed on the lot and readvertise the lot "as is" showing wetlands and septic placement. Mr. Houtman will coordinate this. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the supervisors approved this expenditure.

There will be a resident awareness program on October 15th at 7 p.m. in the township building. Subject will be the economy and speaker Dr. Fred Dixon. A post card will be mailed out to all residents.

Dave Allen, Road Master was not present but submitted a written report which Ms. Howley read. A fall road inspection will be scheduled for the end of October.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

- The curb project in the Knoll is wrapping up. It should be done within the next two weeks. Dave Allen and Ms. Howley will be meeting with a vendor next Tuesday to discuss the painting of the curb that is chipping near Washington Lane and Constitution Drive. They will also address the matching of curb color at 1 Stirling Way as the result of the new curb meeting the old curb. Chester Water Authority will flush hydrants at the end of the month in the Knoll.
- Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the supervisors approved an escrow release for Parker Preserve in the amount of \$47375.00 for landscaping.
- **Crosslands 2 lot subdivision** – Mr. Houtman stated that all issues have been resolved with this subdivision and recommended approval with the condition that the riparian buffer document and a restriction for drilling a new well when the property is conveyed to a new owner be recorded with the recording of the plans. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the supervisors approved the plans with these conditions. Plans will be signed but held until the conditions are met.
- **PVA Final plans** - have been submitted for review. Our planning commission along with the landscape architect and traffic engineer will also review the plans.

- **The Dewson 4 lot subdivision** has extended plan review to 12/31/09.
Windmill Hollow subdivision has extended their plan review to 12/16/09.
Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the supervisors approved these extensions.

Bob Crandell reported on the last meeting of the Planning Commission which dealt with the Lawrence request before the zoning hearing board.

Tom Oeste reported the Commonwealth Court of PA reversed Judge Gavin's decision in the writ of prohibition case against Wendell Fenton.

The township received a letter from Mr. Dewson in response to a letter the township received from the Brandywine Conservancy commenting on his 4 lot subdivision. Mr. Houtman stated Mr. Dewson must come before the planning commission again because of the change in the proposed bridge. Mr. Dewson has not gotten DEP approval yet but expects it shortly.

Mr. Scottoline reported legal expense through August of \$76,979.

Craig Kologie of Castle Valley, township sewage consultant, gave a presentation on the update of our Act 537 plan and the submissions for PVA and Penn's Village. This was advertised on 9/15 for the 30 day public comment period. Our Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission have 60 days to comment. A copy will be put on the township website along with the planning module submissions for Pennsbury Village and Penn's Village. An email will be sent out advising the public of this.

A bill list dated 9/16/09 numbering 10753-10809, State Fund 241, 241 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager