

October 21, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

John Stalford of the Longwood Volunteer Fire Company gave an update of activity at the firehouse. They recently had their open house on October 11th and will start special training for large animal rescue. They project a \$34,000 deficit this year and had 370 calls and 1300 ambulance calls thus far this year.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The Lawrence zoning hearing request has been continued to a future date and will not take place Oct. 26th. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on October 26th to render a decision in the Dewson special exception request.
2. The Friends of Pennsbury Park held their first picnic in the park on September 26th which was enjoyed by all who attended. The committee will continue to meet over the winter to identify goals for the park in 2010.
3. Resident Awareness program was held on 10/15 and attended by 25 people. Dr. Dixon spoke on the economy.
4. PennDot has approved the sign to prohibit brake retarders along Rt. 926 near Parkersville Road. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously authorized Tom Oeste to draft an ordinance for this and have it advertised for the 11/18 meeting.
5. The state has audited the township books for liquid fuel money for 2006, 2007 and found them in order.
6. The township accepted the Pennsbury Historic Survey at a public meeting on September 23rd at which a presentation of the survey by the township consultant, Wise Preservation was given.

Kathleen Howley read the written road report submitted by David Allen.

Rusty Drumheller, Code Enforcement Officer reported there is little building activity in the township. He will be talking to our solicitor with regard to what constitutes a farm building and agricultural business. Plans for an addition to the Schafer house on Fair Hill Drive were given to the Historical Commission for a courtesy review. Chester Water Authority is putting in mains along Brintons Bridge Road for the Hawks Crest development. There are no flaggers on the road which presents a dangerous situation. Mr. Houtman will contact them.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

1. Knoll curb project is largely complete. He asked the Board to authorize payment for 90% or \$177,387 and hold back 10%. Wexcon, the

contractor, needs to do some cleaning up before full payment is made. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously approved the payment of \$177,387. The township will wait until next year to oil and chip the work area.

2. **Crosslands 2 lot subdivision** – the applicant would like to omit the condition to have a new well dug after getting a report on the existing well. Mr. Houtman did follow up with Madron Drilling and County Health Department and it appears even though the well is 82 feet deep, the static level is 36 feet and this constitutes a shallow well. There are other health issues and the Board agreed to discuss further and revisit this subject at their November meeting. However, the Board stated that they are inclined to have a new well dug and the old one capped.
3. **Dewson 4 lot subdivision** – Upon motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously approved the final plan with conditions of approval as outlined by Tom Oeste and attached to these minutes. Mr. Oeste will notify the applicant.
4. **Berlin letter of credit** – National Penn Bank extended the letter of credit in the amount of \$75,797.98 to December 31, 2009. Improvement must be made to the 4 lot subdivision by year end. This will be on the December 16th agenda for follow up. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously accepted the letter of credit.
5. **Wedgewood Lot** – the test percs were done this week and they passed. Mr. Houtman stated it would cost about \$2000 to delineate the wetlands which would give a prospective buyer the exact location of a house site. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously authorized an expenditure up to \$2000 to have the wetlands delineated.

Pennsbury Historic Preservation group will have an open house at the Pennsbury Mill on Sunday, October 25th 1-4 p.m. An invitation was sent out to all residents. Bob Crandell of the Planning Commission gave an update on their last meeting. Tom Oeste reported the township has filed an application for reimbursement of court costs for the appeal to the Commonwealth Court. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously ratified this filing. Mr. Scottoline reported the year to date legal costs are \$78,848. **Craig Kologie from CVA** gave a presentation on the submission of the Act 537 update and PVA, Penns Village Planning Modules. Farah Lawrence was present and asked the supervisors why the Springdale Farm plans have not been signed and filed. She was given the list of conditions that need to be met before the Board can sign the plans. A bill list dated 10/21/09 numbering 10810-10882, State Fund #242 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