

April 25, 2012

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Scottoline, Solicitor Oeste and Kathleen Howley were present. The minutes of March 21st meeting were approved.

State Trooper Fuhrer from the Avondale Barracks reported on incidents in the township in the last 3 months. There were a total of 128: 15 criminal, 16 accidents and 97 other calls. Overall the township is low on incidents and there are no patterns of illegal activity in the township. The Board thanked Trooper Fuhrer for coverage of the township and the report.

Township Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following

1. A resolution appointing Umbriet Korengel Assoc. as auditors for the 2012 work at a cost of \$3300 was approved and signed by the Board.
2. The Agricultural Security District 7 year review has been advertised and is being done. A review of this district will be done by our Planning Commission and also the Chester Co. Planning Commission. This will be on the Board's agenda for adoption sometime this summer.
3. Trees were planted by scouts and other volunteers in Johnson Woods and Pennsbury Mill. The trees were part of a grant given to the Chester County Conservation District. Pennsbury Land Trust also helped with the plantings.
4. Library Report – Head librarian Donna Murray was present and gave a report on township resident usage and circulation at the Bayard Taylor Library in Kennett Sq. Ms. Murray stated that usage is increasing while township contribution is decreasing over the past few years. When the contribution was at \$34000, she said the township was close to its "fair share" contribution calculated by the Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission formula, but the township's contribution has been decreasing and the library would like to see this number go up and not down. The Board expressed its concern with the amount of money our township residents were paying relative to their usage and the number, as shown in the handouts provided by Ms. Murray compared to other neighboring township residents that also have no dedicated library tax but make a contribution. Our contribution seems higher (and highest among municipalities with no dedicated tax in 2010) and the Board would like to see the library pursue these townships to help better fund the library. The Board expressed concerns about the appropriateness of the formula used to calculate Pennsbury's fair share contribution and asked for meeting minutes or supporting justifications for the formula. Ms. Murray said these cannot presently be found. Upon request from the Board, Ms. Murray said she would get the 2011 library figures for the Board so it can study this further. There were several residents present who were in support of more money going to the library. The library and Ms. Howley will search files for information on how the "fair sharing" formula was calculated. The Board thanked Ms. Murray for her presentation.

Road Department – Dave Allen Report - Ms. Howley read Mr. Allen's report regarding the department's continued work on the roads to be oiled and chipped this summer. There was a road inspection with the supervisors conducted on April 10th. Bids were awarded for 2012 road work through

the Chester County Coop. The following were awarded bids and were the lowest bidders: resurfacing – Asphalt Maintenance Solutions \$1.576 sq yd, line painting – Alpha Space, Stone; Independence Construction; Diesel Fuel - Superior Plus Energy;; Road oil & E-3M - Martin Paving. The Board approved and signed the materials and labor contracts with these companies at the stated awarded bid price.

Springdale Letter of Credit – the letter of credit will expire by April 30, 2012. The balance left in the LOC is \$15,161. According to engineer Matt Houtman there is still storm water management work to be completed. The Board authorized Mr. Oeste and Ms. Howley to serve Stonebridge Bank with a sight draft in that amount by April 30th in order to provide funding for the completion of site improvements or otherwise get an extension of the LOC.

Supervisor Scottoline reported that a letter has been received from DEP regarding the township's Act 537 submission. The letter addressed administrative as well as other outstanding issues. A response to DEP must be made by June 1st and Castle Valley is working with DEP on this. It appears that much of the data requested was included in the report submittal, but DEP did not consider it. Many of DEP's questions were answered by this data. The Board will be meeting with the township Planning Commission to provide it with background and address its concerns about this letter.

Hope House – Supervisor McIntyre stated the township will be researching the cost involved with moving the Hope House if it were to be owned by the township. A report has been received from the Hope House Task Force and there appears to be a question on the age of the home. The current plan is that a decision will be rendered by the Board by the date specified within the stipulated agreement, which is presently July; however there is an opportunity to renegotiate to a later date.

Supervisor McIntyre stated the Board is considering a more defined policy for park use for events and that they may be meeting with the park volunteers to discuss their thoughts on what their park vision is.

Bob Crandell reported the Planning Commission last met on April 10th and discussed the DEP letter on the Act 537 submission and also the pros and cons of having an official map. Dennis Smith is working on considerations involving an official map. Dennis stated he is gathering information and will be reporting to the supervisors on this at the June meeting.

Supervisor McIntyre reported that he and the township's engineer will be meeting with the school district and a representative of the Brandywine Conservancy at the Hillendale Elementary School. They will discuss potential solutions to a storm water management problem on the school property which has created erosion and contributed to flooding leading down to Hickory Hill Road and the railroad tracks.

A bill list dated April 25, 2012 numbering 12985-13073, State Fund 279-281 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager