

September 19, 2012

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Supervisors Scottoline, McIntyre, Fenton, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes of August 15, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Boy Scout David DesJardins made a presentation to the Board for an Eagle Scout project to benefit the Pennsbury Park. He proposes to build and erect two Purple Martin bird houses. He described the materials to be used and placement in the park. He hopes to start this project within the month and will be working closely with Dave Allen, Road Master. The Board unanimously approved the project and thanked David for the presentation.
2. Pension MMO 2013. Ms. Howley reported the minimum pension obligation for 2013 is \$9366 and this number will be used in the 2013 budget. The township is in receipt of a check from the state for pension aid in the amount of \$9597.29. This will help to pay for the 2012 MMO which was more than the forecast for 2013.
3. Lloyd Roach submitted a copy of the township EOP Plan to the Board for adoption. This will be on the Oct. 17th agenda. He will meet with Mr. McIntyre to review the plan.

Road Department – Ms. Howley read the report and noted the following: line painting is done; chipper needs repair; tree limbs have come down during recent storms and the department is waiting on parts for the chipper and there will be a snow plow demonstration later this month at Pennsbury sponsored by the Co-op. Lloyd Roach, EMC, stated that most of the storms missed us and went north and west.

Codes Enforcement Officer Russell Drumheller commented that he is dealing with an elder scam that recently took place in the township. A senior citizen paid for renovations to her home that never got done. Mr. Crandell asked that a warning to senior citizens for this type of scam should be put in our newsletter and posted on our web site, and the Board concurred.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman commented on the proposed contract with BVA to provide information that can be used for the MS4 submittal to the state. There is a fee of \$2000. However, there will be considerable savings by having this information given to us and used as we see fit. The Board unanimously agreed to enter into this contract with BVA.

Mr. & Mrs. Mooney were present to request approval of their final lot line subdivision. Mr. Houtman stated all issues have been resolved. A motion was made and seconded to approve the plans with the condition that all issues in Mr. Houtman's review letter have been resolved, a deed recorded showing the change in property lines, all fees paid and a copy of proof of recording be given to the township. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board and the drawings were signed by the Board at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Board approved a Planning Module DEP resolution for the Winters lot off Rt. 1 as a revision to our Act 537 Plan. The module will be sent onto DEP for their review.

The Board approved the appointment of Charles Nichols and Damien Demnicki to the Township Historic Commission. Bob MacDonnell is moving out of the township and Mr. Nichols will take his place on that board while Mr. Demnicki will fill an existing vacancy with a 4 year term.

Mr. Scottoline reported on a meeting he had with DEP on August 24th to discuss the Act 537 Plan submittal and go over the Township responses to the DEP administrative letter of March, 2012. Mr. Kologie also attended that meeting. Two key action items came out of that meeting: (1) provide DEP with two years' worth of flow rate data from Ponds Edge development to justify the PVA projected flow rates and (2) have a soil scientist analyze the soil test data for the Becker disposal fields. Del Val, who performed much of that testing, is performing the soil scientist task.

Mr. McIntyre reported on the 4th meeting at the Hillendale School regarding the erosion problem on the backside of that property leading down to the railroad tracks. Present were the UCF School District's Superintendent and the Supervisor of Building and Grounds, the Hillendale Elementary School Principal, Pennsbury engineer Matt Houtman, UCF School Board member Holly Manzone, a representative of the Brandywine Conservancy and representatives of the Brandywine Valley Association. They continue to work on a resolution to the erosion issue. It was agreed that a retention basin combined with other storm water management facilities and practices is the best approach. Approvals will be sought for the UCFSD to fund the construction and for Pennsbury to fund the design. USFSD, BVA, and the Conservancy will cooperate in developing curriculum associated with the facilities and seeking grants.

Hope House – The PVA development appears to be stalled, with some hurdles to overcome. . Therefore, no further action will be taken regarding the disposition of this structure at this time. It was noted that the township has until the end of this year to make a decision and then, if needed, an automatic additional 6 months. Mr. McIntyre reported that he had distributed cost estimation data obtained from Mr. Dewson (builder) to the rest of the Board; and the estimate for stripping stucco and repointing all of the exterior walls came in at approximately \$31,000 and that the yearly cost to maintain the house in a mothball state would be about \$1200. It was also pointed out that the cost estimates were single-point data and had not been negotiated.

The Board signed a letter opposing HB2224 which will be sent to Senator Pileggi. This bill takes away the orphan court as a counterbalance regarding the disposition of public property by a local government and puts that power into the hands of the local government.

Mr. Crandell reported that the Planning Commission met on September 17th with John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy to review the proposed solar energy ordinance. Mr. Snook will be revising the draft and submitting it to members for review by their next meeting, 9/25.

Reese Reynolds stated that there appears to be a storm water erosion problem off Brintons Bridge Road near Chadwyck Lane. The basin at #1 Chadwyck does not appear to be working. Mr. Houtman will follow up.

A bill list dated September 18, 2012 numbering 13335-13404, State Fund 283, 284 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley, Township Manager