

November 15, 2012

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2012. Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Scottoline, Solicitor Oeste and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes of October 17, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The proposed 2013 Budget has been advertised and posted November 1, 2012. Copies are on the outside and inside bulletin boards as well as on the website. It is a balanced budget of \$1,172,291.00. There will be no tax increase for 2013. The budget is advertised for adoption at the December 13, 2012 supervisor meeting.
2. Because of the holiday, the next supervisor meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the township building. This will be the last meeting of the year.
3. The proposed zoning ordinance hearing is scheduled and advertised for December 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harris Room.
4. **Donna Murray from the Bayard Taylor Library** was present to give the annual report to the Board. She reported use of the library is up this year and the use of e-books is very popular. Their Board has selected an architect for the new library but she does not have all the information ready for the public. An announcement will be forthcoming. Their board is committed to staying in the borough. She noticed the township budget number for the library reflects an increase over 2012, and is happy to see this. Mr. Fenton noted the township has the highest per capita library funding contribution for municipalities that do not have a dedicated tax. Supervisor McIntyre noted that Susan MacDonnell, township representative on the library board, has moved from the township. Mr. McIntyre nominated **Susan Mackey Kalis** to replace her on the **Library Board**. With no further discussion the Board unanimously approved her appointment to the library board.

Road Department Report - Ms. Howley read Mr. Allen's report. Leaf collection continues and the branch chipping will finish this week. Next week the road crew will get equipment ready for winter. **Super Storm Sandy** came through our township October 28th and the township was very fortunate not to have the damage that other areas had especially north of us. The township building was without public power for a short period of time (however the Township has two back-up generators) and some roads were flooded but the water receded fairly quickly. The EOC was opened for a couple of days and a report was sent to the supervisors by Lloyd Roach, Emergency Mgmt Coordinator.

Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller reported that he continues to spend a lot of time at Crosslands inspecting their project. Otherwise, building is slow in the township.

Matt Houtman gave a review of his 11/9/12 report on the proposed Act **167 county storm water ordinance**. Mr. Houtman will draft a document due to the Board by mid-January outlining elements of our current storm water ordinance to be included in the county's version. The Township had adopted a comprehensive revision of its storm water ordinance just a few years ago. The county will adopt their ordinance in March, 2013. This ordinance will be a free standing one as it is presently.

Mr. Scottoline moved to authorize the township solicitor to write a letter to Pennsbury Historic Preservation (PHP) advising it that the Township will not provide funding or reimbursement to PHP for any expenses related to maintenance, repairs or any other activity on the Pennsbury Mill structure, race

or equipment without authorization by the Board of Supervisors prior to any proposed expenditure. With no further discuss the motion passed unanimously.

Davis/Thomas lot line change subdivision – Mark Padula from Regester & Assoc. was present to ask for final approval of the lot line changes. The County and Township Planning Commission comments have been reviewed. Our PC recommended approval as well as Mr. Houtman. With no further discussion the Board moved and passed unanimously to approve and sign the plans..

Act 537 Update - Mr. Scottoline reported the Ponds Edge HOA received a letter from the township, that detailed the proposed sewage plant on the Chadds Ford West side of the pond and its effect on the pond, asking for their comments regarding the proposed discharge into the pond. Mr. Horne, president of the Ponds Edge HOA, acknowledged receipt of the letter and they will not be opposing the use of the pond and will not send a response letter to the township. Mr. Scottoline stated that the township will be meeting with the DEP in the near future to address further the administrative letter to the township from DEP and the results of the action items

Mr. Oeste reported PVA filed for bankruptcy today and the potential sheriff's sale, initiated by the primary creditor has been continued until March, 2013.

Hillendale School Project – Mr. McIntyre reported another meeting took place this week. The group is making progress. This is a good example of continued partnership and cooperation from all involved. The township is designing the plans and the school will construct it. The Board thanked Mr. McIntyre for spearheading the project and all the work he has done.

Mr. Crandell reported the township planning commission reviewed the following at their last meeting: Davis plans, Mr. Houtman's 11/9 letter on Act 167, Fairville Village and Mr. Qualls inquiry on rezoning the Ramsey House.

A bill list dated November 15, 2012 numbering 13455-13528, State Fund #285 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager