

December 13, 2012

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2012. Present were Supervisors McIntyre, Scottoline, Fenton, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

- The 2012 budget has been duly advertised for adoption and posted at the township building and also on the website. A balanced budget of \$1,172,291 for revenues and expenses is proposed. With no further discussion the board moved and passed unanimously the 2013 budget. There is no tax rate increase for township residents.
- The Organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Following that meeting, the supervisors will hold their January monthly meeting. The February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013. The meeting dates going forward into the year will be held on the third Wednesday of the month. This has been advertised.

Road Department Report – Ms. Howley reported the branch and leaf pick up went well this Fall. The vehicles have been inspected and are ready for the winter weather. Mr. Houtman and Dave Allen met with DEP on December 6th regarding the Chandler Road project.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported on the DEP meeting on Dec. 6th. He will meet with Dave Allen and go over the road project to see if the design can be altered to comply with DEP regs, which require that the length of the planned piping be minimized.

Megill 2 lot subdivision - Mr. Houtman reported that all issues have been satisfied and the plan is ready for approval. The township Planning Commission and County Planning Commission have commented. There is no new construction proposed. There are two existing dwellings on one lot and they will now be situated on their own lot. The driveway easement has been reviewed by Mr. Oeste and this document will be recorded with the plans. With no further discussion the Board unanimously approved and signed the plans.

Mr. Oeste gave an update on the status of Pennsbury Village Assoc. PVA filed for bankruptcy in November and will be back in court March, 2013. Gibraltar Assoc. purchased the 1st lienholder note from Eagle Bank.

Mr. McIntyre reported there will be another meeting on Monday December 17th regarding the Hillendale School drainage project to discuss funding the project and approaching the school board seeking their approval.

Mr. McIntyre reported the township held a public hearing and meeting on the proposed comprehensive zoning update as well as a solar energy ordinance. Both ordinances were approved and passed by the Board. It was moved and passed unanimously by the Board to have Mr. Oeste draft an amendment to change the zoning map creating a transition zone of R2 between the new R1 and R4 districts along Hillendale Road near Chadds Ford Knoll. This amendment should satisfy the issues raised by Mr.

Barakat, Mrs. Schuller, and others during the Public Hearing and Meeting regarding the new Zoning Ordinance that was held on Dec. 10, 2012 and subsequently adopted by the Board at that meeting.

Board members agreed to sign onto the Chester County Challenge Grant in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 to encourage preservation of farmland in the Township.

Bob Crandell reported on the last Planning Commission meeting in which members discussed potential by-laws for the group as well as the zoning map amendment and the Buccini lot line changes.

Mr. McIntyre reported work continues with the Conservancy on identifying potential trail easements along the Brandywine Creek in Pennsbury Township. The Board agreed to look into an appraisal for a trail easement on the Wolf property which borders the Chadds Ford Elementary School.

A 90 day extension for the Windmill Hollow subdivision expires 12/31/12. The board unanimously moved and passed to deny the Windmill Hollow subdivision with the contingency that if a 90 day extension letter be received by year end, the subdivision review could continue.

There was no input from the public during the Public Comment period.

A bill list dated December 13, 2012 numbering 13523-13602 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager