

February 27, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Scottoline (via computer), Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley were present and the minutes of the organizational meeting January 7, 2013 and the regular Board meeting held also on January 7, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley reported** the following:

1. Wedgwood Drive Lot – one bid was received and opened by Supervisor Fenton. The bid was in the amount of \$67,000 from Christopher and Christine Janosco. The documents were given to Mr. Oeste to review for compliance to bid instructions. The bid is contingent on the standard conditions as stated in the bid forms and no conditions were attached. Kay McCoy, realtor, was present and commented she gets inquires on the lot. She believes the bid is appropriate for a lot that has challenges, one being the proposed sewage system which is an above ground sand mound. Ms. Howley will check to see when the perc test was done.
2. Janice Pietrowicz was present and asked if the township would consider taking over payment for the one street light opposite the entrance of Chadds Ford Knoll. She also asked if there could be more communication between surrounding townships regarding crime in the area and asked for the flashing speed limit sign be posted in the Knoll as often as possible to remind residents how fast they are travelling.
3. A resolution declaring Longwood Fire Co. and the State Police (Avondale) as the township emergency service providers was unanimously approved and signed by the Board.
4. A resolution authorizing the disposition of certain older records was unanimously approved and signed by the Board.
5. The 2012 audit has been completed by the Tim Umbriet, CPA and filed with the state. A resolution appointing Mr. Umbriet to do the audit for 2013 at a cost of \$3400 was unanimously approved and signed by the Board.
6. Ms. Howley reported that she and John Snook from the Brandywine Conservancy attended a pre-application meeting for a Vision Partnership Program grant for the update of the SALDO. The township will be filing an application for this grant by March 15th and will send a letter stating the township's financial support and that a task force will be formed if the grant is awarded. The Board moved and unanimously passed a motion to fund the grant up to 35%. John Snook will help with the filing of the grant.

**Road Department Report** – Ms. Howley read the report submitted by Dave Allen, Road Master. Mr. Allen reported that most weather events this winter have required salt. The crew is trimming trees, cleaning roads and will skin patch when the weather permits. The Co-op opened bids and awarded them as follows: line painting, Alpha Space Control - diesel fuel, Superior Plus Energy – Stone, Martin Limestone – Road Oil, Asphalt Industries. Prices are about the same as last year.

**Buccini Lot Line Changes** – Matt Houtman gave an update of the subdivision plans. The Buccini's have requested a 90 day extension for the review. The Board moved and unanimously approved an extension of the review time until May 29, 2013.

Mr. Oeste gave a status report on the PVA plans. PVA has filed a reorganization plan with the bankruptcy court. The court has given them an additional 60 days to revise the plan.

The Zoning Hearing Board has granted Longwood Gardens the special exception with conditions. A copy of this decision/letter has been received by the township.

**Hillendale School Erosion Update:** Mr. McIntyre reported that he and Matt Houtman presented the background of and design solution for the erosion problem to the School Board at their work session. The cost of the solution was estimated by district personnel to be about \$135,000. School District personnel and Wes Horner of the Brandywine Conservancy also presented information. At a subsequent meeting, the School Board voted to send the solution out for bidding.

Mr. Houtman reported several land disturbance permits have been filed with the township. One is for a large home on Fairville Road. Mr. Houtman also gave a presentation to the school district on the proposed storm water management design for the Hillendale School. Supervisor McIntyre was also present at the school board meeting. The School Board voted to bid the project and will evaluate bids when they are received.

Mr. Drumheller reported that he continues to make inspections at the Crosslands project which is somewhat behind schedule. He also suggested that the Zoning Hearing Board decisions be in a formal format which helps when referencing in the future.

**Zoning Ordinance Map Change** – Mr. Oeste stated the proposed change is for 24 properties along Hillendale Road. These properties are being changed from R1 back to R2. The proposed ordinance was duly advertised and reviewed by our Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission. The Board moved and unanimously approved and signed the amendment to the zoning map.

A resignation letter from Marjorie Crandell, Township Auditor, was received and accepted by the Board. No appointment will be made by the Board. This position is an elective one.

**Planning Commission** – Dennis Smith reported the following:

- Members had 3 meetings since January 7<sup>th</sup>. Longwood Fire Co. is suggesting a dedicated tax for fire protection for all municipalities they serve.
- Members approved a document titled “operating principles”.
- The annual report for 2012 was submitted to the Supervisors. Mr. McIntyre asked if the Commission reviewed, and recommended Board approval of an amendment to the township zoning map in 2012. Answered affirmatively, he suggested that due to its significance the activity should be noted in the annual report as a matter of record. It was acknowledged that the activity would be included.

A bill list dated February 27, 2013 numbering 13652-13755 and State Fund 287, 288 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager