

December 10, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Supervisors Fenton, Scottoline, McIntyre and Manager Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes of November 20, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

1. The proposed budget for 2014 has been duly advertised for adoption and posted at the township building. It is also on the website. The budget for 2014 is a balanced budget set at \$1,284,996. There is no tax rate increase for 2014. Property tax rate remains at 1.49 mils, earned income tax rate .312% and LST tax rate \$52/yr. Any excess monies are planned to be put towards extra pay down of debt during 2014. With no further discussion the Board unanimously passed the budget. It was noted that the budget may be opened during January if need be since Mr. Scottoline has been elected for another 6 year term as supervisor starting in January, 2014.
2. The organizational meeting will be held on January 6, 2014 at 7 p.m. Newly elected officials will be sworn in then and appointments made. Following that meeting at 7:30 p.m. the regular Board meeting for January will be held. The meeting for February will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The March BOS meeting as well as all others during 2014 will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month unless otherwise determined in the future. The auditor's organizational meeting will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and the Planning Commission meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. This has been advertised and posted.
3. The Zoning Hearing Board has approved the Uhrick swimming pool request and the decision is being signed by Board members. The Short and Qualls decisions will be rendered at an advertised meeting to be determined sometime in January.

Road Master Dave Allen written report stated that the road crew worked into the night on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to clear roads after the surprise snow storm. Cars continue to be parked on roads and in cul de sacs which cause major problems for plowing. The snow today, December 10<sup>th</sup>, has been cleared and roads drying up before the cold weather sets in. The Co-op meeting was canceled for today and will be rescheduled in order to get bids out for road materials for 2014.

Mr. Sanford submitted a letter requesting an indefinite extension for approvals for his subdivision, Windmill Hollow. Action will be taken only if either party is notified by certified mail. The Board moved to grant this extension and unanimously approved this extension.

Mr. Levin Czubaroff, attorney representing Chester County, was present to explain the County radio system and why the County needs to use our cell tower for this program. The County may pursue another site if this site is too expensive. The Board thanked him for his presentation and advised him that the township is willing to give the County a yet to be determined discount in the monthly rent but was not in the position to make a decision tonight. The township would like to know what the County thinks a reasonable number is and Mr. Czubaroff said he could obtain that for us. Mr. Fenton suggested that the township might want to have an audit done to see if American Tower is submitting the proper amount of revenue per our contract with them. There was some discussion as to the current independent use of the tower by Town Watch and how that might be affected if a new county system were to be installed on the tower. Follow up with Town Watch is planned.

Alma Forsyth asked the Board if the Land Trust can plant trees at the Mill site if a grant is awarded for the purchase of the trees. The Board would like to see a map of where the trees would be planted before saying "yes". She agreed to obtain this for them. However, they are not willing to approve any more dredging of the pond and suggested the trees be planted in the pond area to reduce silting.

A bill list dated December 10, 2013 numbering 14346-14404, State Fund 301-304 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager