

November 18, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Members present: Supervisors Scottoline, McIntyre, Fenton, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. Minutes of October 21, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

1. The proposed budget for 2016 has been advertised and posted on November 4, 2015. The budget is advertised for adoption on December 16, 2015. Revenues and expenses proposed is \$1,616,625. There will be no tax increase. Mills stay at 1.49 and earned income tax at .312%. The township continues to make additional principal payments on existing loans.
2. **Lt. Rich D'Ambrosio** from the **State Police Avondale** barracks was present to report on activity in our township. There have been 159 incidents thus far this year of which 17 were criminal, 1 assault, 4 burglaries in the past 90 days and 27 false alarms in the past 90 days. He cautioned residents that at this time of the year there are many home deliveries of packages. These should be left out of sight. Also, leaving money out for trash haulers and mail persons as a holiday gift is not a good idea. Overall the township and surrounding area is a safe place to live and crime is very low. The Board noted the speed limit on Rt. 1 in our township has been reduced to 45 MPH and we would like to see enforcement. It was noted that the Townwatch in Pennsbury is useful and worthwhile organization and should be kept active. The Board thanked him for his report.
3. The SALDO final draft is being put together by consultant John Snook and copies will be made available by November 24, 2015. Tom Oeste will advertise for adoption at the Board's December 16, 2015 meeting.
4. Historic Commission Chair Lynn Luft and Vice Chair Charles Nichols were in attendance and presented to the Board a framed 1770 division map of Pennsbury and Kennett Townships. Mrs. Luft gave the background on the map and noted the Brandywine Conservancy helped with digitizing the copy for the print that was made. She also noted that the reason for the division of the two townships at that time was because of tax collection. The Board thanked Mrs. Luft and Mr. Nichols for their work on this project.

**Road Master Dave Allen** – Ms. Howley reported there was a Fall Road Inspection held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> with the Board of Supervisors. Roads to be completed next summer were reviewed as well as current road conditions. Branch pick up has been completed and leaf drop off is continuing. The road crew is trimming trees back from the roadway and skin patching road cracks. The 4 way stop signs have been installed at Cossart and Fairville Roads.

**Schnabel Zoning Hearing Request** – Mr. Schnabel was present and explained to the Board why he is requesting a variance for impervious surface coverage. He intends to install a pool and is at or close to the maximum for impervious coverage. Mr. Schnabel lives in Parker Preserve, 1 Colonial Drive. Supervisor McIntyre moved to remain neutral in this hearing. Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Howley will notify Mr. Foley, attorney for the Zoning Hearing Board.

The Mendenhall Farm present owners, CFP Associates, have not been maintaining the property and especially the historic structures, some of which are falling down. The Board of Supervisors received a letter from the Pennsbury Historic Commission expressing their concern on the condition of the property and structures. Demolition by neglect is covered in our ordinances. Mr. Oeste stated he sent a

letter to Mr. Smith, one of the owners of the property, citing property maintenance codes and requesting him to contact the Code Enforcement Officer, Rusty Drumheller to discuss a cleanup and proper maintenance of the property. Mr. Oeste stated he would give Mr. Smith a week or two to reply before initiating legal action.

**An assignment** of the conservation easement on the **Mendenhall** property from Pennsbury Township to Brandywine Conservancy was submitted for approval. There is also an endowment of \$13,775.00 related to this transfer. With no further discussion, Mr. McIntyre moved to sign the documents assigning this easement to the Conservancy. Mr. Scottoline seconded. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Scottoline voted in favor and Mr. Fenton abstained. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller stated he did file 6 summons in district court for residents who have not complied with our sewage ordinance. He is also addressing several neighborhood complaints which are ongoing.

A resolution terminating the memorandum of understanding between Pennsbury Township and Pennsbury Historic Preservation Inc was submitted for approval. Mr. Fenton moved to adopt this resolution and Mr. McIntyre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was signed by the Board.

Dennis Smith gave the Board an update of the previous Planning Commission meetings which covered the Cleaver Reverse subdivision plan, VC/VR final zoning amendments and proposed zoning for Longwood Gardens. Because of the upcoming holidays, there will not be meetings on November 24 and December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Margo Leach is to send the final amendment on accessory structure to Kathy Howley so she can pass it along to the Board and Tom Oeste.

A bill list dated October 21, 2015 numbering 15977-16044, State Fund 349-350 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