

March 7, 2005

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2005. All members, Mr. Spangler and Ms. Howley were present. The minutes approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

The Ag Security District is in the process of a 7 year review. This has been advertised and residents will be notified. The process will conclude later this year. At this time landowners can add or subtract acreage. The township received a state recycling grant in the amount of \$8278 for '03 on site recycling. Maria Rufe of the Health Department notified the township that water sampled from Hillendale Road was not grey water. She will continue to monitor this. The water could be underground springs. There will be a new tenant moving into the apartment by the end of this week. He is a state trooper, Christopher Jones. The apartment is being prepared now and Ms. Howley will draft the lease agreement for signatures.

Roadmaster Dave Allen reported that he is reviewing sample driveway ordinances and will have Mr. Spangler and the planning commission review what he comes up with to address the drainage problems. The road crew has been working on repairs to equipment because of snowplowing. The township will be included in the PennDot salt list because of better pricing.

SECCRA Rep. Bill Corbishley reported the following:

Total waste disposal for SECCRA was 122,000 tons of which Pennsbury contributed 3600 tons.

The township ranked 3rd from the top for recycling in this area.

New containers for recycling at the township building are forthcoming. Signage has improved the process. There will also be a shredding and electronic equipment recycling even this year

The Board thanked Bill for his continued service.

Bob Crandell stated that there was no report from the planning commission.

Bruce Swayze, School Board Rep. reported the following on Act 72:

Revenues will come from gaming proceeds. Formula for distribution is designed to benefit most needy school district. We are not one of them.

The school district must sign on by May 30, 2005 if they are to accept Act. 72. There is a minimum of .1% earned income tax. The legislation is poorly written and state cannot answer questions about covering 2 counties.

A referendum would compromise the quality of education.

A session on Act. 72 will be held at the high school on March 16th in the LGI room, 7 p.m.

The supervisors suggested the school board could enact an earned income tax independently to relieve property tax burden. The Board thanks Mr. Swayze for his service on the school board.

Mr. Bradley is building a home on McFadden Road and complained about abandoned cars on property adjoining his. Mr. Drumheller will investigate and get back to him.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

Lyman project – met with Charlie Lyman today but he did not have numbers. Matt impressed upon him the importance of getting costs figures. Mrs. Ralph stated Erica Lyman is OK with the silt removal plan. Alison Megill will be signing the easement and give to Ms. Howley.

Knoll project – Dave Allen and I walked the area along the railroad drainage ditch. The swale will handle the water. Pipes under the tracks need to be cleaned and railroad is doing some of the work. Dave Allen will remove stones in one pipe. There is some flooding at Sunny Ridge but no more than any other time. There will be no “new” water directed to this location. If there is a problem we could do some minor regarding. Bids are advertised for 4/4/05 opening. Matt will check the trench settlement by the Mahaffey property from the last job. Matt did send a letter to Geyer Construction about the flaking of the curb and this must be repaired by his company.

Brintons Bridge culvert repairs – work is advertised for a 4/4/05 opening Work should be done by June/July.

It was moved and passed that Art Neilson, township resident, could intercede on our behalf with FEMA in order to get some money for the storm damages from hurricane Jeanne. It was noted that the original estimate of \$48,000 is now \$150,000 because of Brintons Bridge Road culvert.

It was moved and passed that a bill list dated March 7, 2005 numbering 7013-7041 was approved for payment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager