

January 18, 2006

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2006. Mrs. Ralph, Wendell Fenton, John Spangler and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes approved as corrected.

Judge Lawrence Wood administered the oath of office to Wendell Fenton as supervisor. Mr. Fenton was congratulated and he expressed his appreciation to his supporters present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. John Spangler reported that the scheduled zoning hearing board meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> has been postponed indefinitely. This dealt with the western parcel next to the township building.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

The auditors held their organization meeting and elected Don Altmaier as chairperson.

Lt. Dougherty of the state police has been promoted and is no longer at Avondale. His replacement has not been announced yet. When it is I will schedule a breakfast meeting with his replacement.

Supervisors will meet with Jim Hunt of Berkheimers on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the township building to go over tax rates for '06.

Will discuss possible dates for a planning seminar with planning commission members and zoning hearing board and get back to the supervisors.

The state supervisor's convention will be April 23-26 at Hershey is anyone is interested in going.

The EMS meeting sponsored by Senator Pileggi will be this Thursday, 1/19 at Concordville Inn, 6-8:30 p.m. I plan to attend.

**Roadmaster Dave Allen** reported the following:

Have been skin patching and trimming tree limbs since weather has been warm. Also inspecting culverts.

Chipped 80 Christmas trees.

Will meet with the Game Commission 1/19 to discuss hunting regulations particularly as they pertain to our municipal park and signage.

Will attend a PennDot seminar on superpaving on 1/26.

**Russell Drumheller, Code Enforcement Officer**, reported the following:

The home on West Pennsbury Way has been vacated and in the process of being fixed up and sold. Sent contract registration letters out for 2006.

Fairville Village – still pursuing the sign issue with the winery there. Also will follow up with Bev McCausland about parking in the village.

Posted the properties for the upcoming hearing on the revised TND ordinance.

**Matt Houtman, engineer**, reported the following:

Courts at Longwood – working on getting the as builts and responding to John Spangler. Should have this ready for dedication at the next supervisor's meeting.

Ridge at Chadds Ford – one small item to be completed. Legal documents need to be completed before dedication of Joshua Way.

Mr. Dodge, McMullan Farm Lane, sent an email to the township regarding runoff from the Lyman farm. He is concerned that there is no continued maintenance of the work that was done last Fall and he is

again getting silt deposited onto his property. Matt Houtman stated he would be out there by the end of this week to make an inspection and report back to the Board.

Alma Forsyth gave an update on the proposed scenic byway agreement which is before the boards of several townships that have not passed it yet. She reported there have been no major changes to the document since our Board reviewed it last. Mrs. Ralph stated that the township does intend to sign off on it. Alma will get a copy to Mr. Fenton for his review. She also asked the township to sign a letter of support for a grant application they are submitted to the state which we will do.

**2006 Proposed Budget amendment** – the Board stated that the budget is short approximately \$85,000 which represents much needed cash reserves. The budget has been reopened and advertised for adoption at the 2/6 supervisor's meeting. We will be meeting with Berkheimer Assoc. to determine exactly what the split will be between property and income taxes for the tax increase. Mr. Fenton stated the supervisors had met 1/16 and determined the need to have cash reserves which means a slight tax increase for '06. The park plan will not get done and one grant will be returned to the County. The remainder of the loan taken out 12/04 will be returned which will reduce the interest and principal expense.

Bob Crandell reported the Planning Commission gave Mr. Spangler their comments on the TND #1 amendment. He asked the status of the second dwelling ordinance and the board stated they will get back to Mr. Spangler with their comments. It was noted that there is a hearing on the present TND amendment reducing density from 6 to 4 units on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the township building. This draft has been sent to the County and Township Planning Commissions for their comments. The Planning Commission will meet with the County on the update of the Comprehensive Plan 1/18 at 7:30 p.m. There will be NO meeting on 1/24.

A bill list dated January 17, 2006 numbering 7709-7778 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