

February 6, 2006

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2006. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

**Township Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

The Board passed a resolution which returns the County grant for park development received in round 15 which expires this year.

Lt. Sheldon Sneed replaces Lt. Dougherty at the state police barracks in Avondale.

The township received a letter from a resident in Fern Hill requesting that we look into a burning ordinance. The board advised **Mr. Drumheller** to respond stating that we are not considering such an ordinance at this time but refer them to the county and state laws for burning.

The township received an application for the zoning hearing board from Omnipoint Communications for a cell tower at the Village Warehouse. This has been sent to board members to schedule a date.

The township board will discuss this with Mr. Spangler for further advice.

CCATO spring convention will be 3/2. Karen Wood, Kathy Howley and John Spangler will attend.

There will be a battlefield task force meeting at the Brandywine Museum on 2/16 from 4-6 p.m.

sponsored by Senator Pileggi. Karen Wood, MaryAnna Ralph and Kathy Howley will attend.

The Board signed the traffic signal maintenance agreement with Signal Service for 2006.

**Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller** reported that he did send the second violation notice to the winery in Fairville Village regarding their signs before filing a complaint with the district court.

**Roadmaster David Allen** reported the following:

Attended a seminar on superpaving 1/26. PennDot gave specifications for paving which is designed for heavily traveled roads. Pricing is reasonable.

Met with Keith Mullin from the Game Commission regarding hunting in the township park and in general. Will be re-signing the park and roads.

Continuing to trim tree limbs and skin patching weather permitting.

Co-op met last week to discuss road materials. Will open bids 4/1.

**Township Engineer Matt Houtman** reported the following:

Courts at Longwood – checked as built which are OK. The Board signed the deed of dedication for the roads in our township. Dave Allen will be in contact with Pocopson Township to determine road maintenance procedures since these roads are in both townships. Mr. Spangler recommended that this procedure should be put in writing. Mr. Spangler will follow up with the recording of the deed and let Ms. Howley know when the escrow money being held can be returned.

Ridge at Chadds Ford – have seen no as built and legal descriptions from Jeff Berlin. However, all items have been completed on the check list.

Chandler Ridge, Mr. Dodge complaint – made a site inspection and has identified some maintenance issues that need to be addressed by the Lymans. They have been notified and also left a message with the Dodges regarding this.

Extension of Knoll pipe at railroad – The railroad has indicated that they would want to link this work to other issues along their right of way and Mr. Houtman advises against this. The Board agrees and Mr. Houtman will follow up with the railroad. We still want to extend the pipe into their right of way but this, in no way, will be linked to any other potential problems along the railroad tracks.

Pennsbury Mill – need to reapply to the Corps of Engineers for permitting since 3 years has gone by. The silt from the proposed dredging will be spread in the municipal park as stated in the last plan.

Tim Filler tree clearing – Mrs. Luft questioned the extent of the clearing of the lots that border the

township building. Mr. Houtman did a site inspection and issued a letter to the township stating that the work done does not violate any ordinances and Matt also sent a letter to Mr. Filler outlining what he can and cannot do on the site with regard to clearing. Site soils have not been disturbed Mrs. Forsyth asked that a fence be installed between the “no disturbance” area in the park and the back lot line of his property. The township needs to identify who will pay for this fence to be installed.

**Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Updegrave** gave an update to the Board on emergency management activities. Paperwork has been sent into the County regarding his appointment as coordinator. Reese Reynolds will stay on as a consultant. Chuck Ditzel, Steve Lukins and Ben Detweiler have agreed to join the team. Bob will concentrate on some cross training since everyone is not around at all times to help out.

**Revised 2006 Budget** has been duly advertised for adoption. The Board stated that the capital and cash reserves need to be funded and because of this there will be a slight tax increase of .1 mil and the EIT tax will be increased to a total of .5% of which .188% will be for open space. The EIT is being advertised for the 2/21 meeting. The Board signed a resolution increasing the mills by .1 which brings that total to 1.15 mills. With no further discussion the board passed the revised budget.

**Tax anticipation note** – a resolution was passed by the board to execute a tax anticipation note with the Peoples Bank of Oxford in the amount of \$200,000 at 5.06% interest. This is simply setting up a “line of credit” in case we need money to operate before our tax money comes in for the year. The township will meet with the bank on 2/13 to execute this note.

Planning Commission – Mrs. Ralph stated that the board met with members for their annual planning session and has identified goals and objectives for '06.

Ms. Wood stated that she has spoken Mrs. Gilmartin who would like to convert a small structure on her property for her parents to stay in while they visit her. She was advised that she should go to the zoning hearing board for a variance.

Mr. Spangler stated that the bonding company for Geyer Construction has offered to settle for \$10,000. Mr. Houtman commented that this amount should cover the costs for completing the landscaping in the Knoll. The Board advised Mr. Spangler to accept the offer. Mr. Wasko asked who owns and maintains the Mill property. He was told that the township owns the property but the proposed mill work will be funded by the historic preservation group.

A bill list dated 2/6 numbering 7779-7819 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager