

March 17, 2008

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008. All members were present and the minutes approved as amended.

**Pennsbury Historic Preservation** – Bob MacDonnell was present representing the organization and submitted a check to the township in the amount of \$26,363 which is the final payment of the loan owed to Pennsbury Township for the restoration of the Pennsbury Mill. The total amount of interest paid to the township was \$1363. The supervisors were very grateful for the repayment and pleased that the organization is doing so well. Mr. MacDonnell reported that this spring a second group of 4<sup>th</sup> graders will tour the Mill and they hope to include all 4<sup>th</sup> grades in the school district. They have also developed a partnership with Exelon who will assist in the Mill tours.

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

- We have gotten a verbal approval of the LED grant. Should be hearing something soon from the state on this.
- **Personnel Policy change** – the change regarding worker's compensation was **approved** by the supervisors. The change regarding insurance coverage for a supervisor/non-employee needs further discussion by the Board.
- Parker Preserve – the Board authorized a search for a consultant to put together an open space management plan for the 36+ acre preserve in this development. The Township Planning Commission is working on a scope of work for this. Along with the plan will also be an easement document which the Board plans to place on the open space. The Brandywine Conservancy and NALT have been asked to quote on this.
- Audit 2007 – one change was suggested by Mr. Scottoline. This will be sent to Tim Umbriet. The audit should be filed by the end of this month.
- Dambro/Sciscione – waiting for one last piece of information before Dr. Sciscione signs the agreement. The township must also sign the agreement before it is recorded because of the landscape plan change. Once this is filed, Mr. Dambro can proceed with putting in the left turn lanes on Rt. 926.
- A resolution for the Continuity of Government in case of an emergency was signed by the Board.
- A letter of authorization from American Tower was signed by Mr. Fenton. They are proposing a new user of the cell tower and the township receives 50% of that revenue.
- The Orenshaw planning modules have been completed and will be sent to DEP for their review/comment.

- The April supervisor's meeting will be held at Crosslands on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7 p.m. in their auditorium. This change has been posted and advertised.
- The supervisors approved supporting House Bill 397 dealing with impact fees. Ms. Howley will write the letter.
- The township Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 3, 2008 in the park. Rain date is May 10<sup>th</sup>. The township clean up day is May 10<sup>th</sup> and dumpsters will be here for disposal of large items May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation have been advertised in the township newsletter which was delivered last week.

**Roadmaster Dave Allen** reported the following:

- Have been skin patching and filling pot holes. Cleaned out gutters in the Knoll and chipping limbs brought down by recent storms.
- New truck has been delivered and working well.
- The CO-OP will meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> to open bids for materials.
- Road inspection will be Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.
- **Bids for Sale of Truck** – was advertised for March 18<sup>th</sup> and then readvertised for March 17<sup>th</sup> opening. One bid was received which was from Clark Motors, Maple Shade, NJ for \$3500. The bid was not accepted because there is a minimum bid of \$8000 as advertised. Mr. Allen will research the market and look at readvertising. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman was not present and submitted a written report on the disturbance of land Mendenhall property. He is waiting to hear from Steve Eichinger on this. Mr. Fenton reported that the township is seeking an independent engineer's comments and confirmation for the next curbing section in Chadds Ford Knoll to be done. The Board agreed to proceed with another section in the Knoll.

Act 537 Update - Mr. Scottoline reported that Sunrise is doing additional testing on their property for sewage and Castle Valley is talking to Pettinaro and Ponds Edge exploring all avenues for land application.

HC District zoning amendment – comments have been received from the County and township planning commissions. Mr. Scottoline reported on a change for side yard setbacks ranging from 25 to 50 feet. Mr. Fenton moved to have Larry Wood change the wording to accommodate this change, send a copy to the supervisors for review and when approved, advertise the amendment. A copy should also go to the County Planning Commission because of the document change. All supervisors were in favor, motion carried.

Planning Commission appointments – there are two vacancies and the following were nominated and a short biography of each stated; Steve Eichinger, Jim

Ware, Aaron McIntyre. A vote was taken on each for approval to the Commission. Steve Eichinger – got one vote from Ms. Wood. Jim Ware got all three votes from the supervisors and Mr. McIntyre received a favorable vote from Mr. Fenton and Mr. Scottoline – no from Ms. Wood. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Ware were appointed to the Planning Commission.

Before the vote was taken, Mr. DeVries expressed his concern about members being appointed to the Commission and being involved in litigation with the township. His concern was whether or not they could objectively do their work and Mr. Fenton responded that he thought they could.

Karen Wood reported the Historical Commission has been busy with our consultant taking photos and documenting historic structures throughout the township. She also reported on a meeting that she and Ms. Howley attended with the potential buyer of several historic structures in Fairville Village. The buyer's plans for revitalization of the village are exciting and we look forward to working with him. Some concern was expressed with regard to possible sewage treatment for the village and the pond/stream behind the parking area in the back. Mrs. Ralph questioned the addition to Taylor's garage on Rt. 1 and Ms. Howley will refer this to Rusty Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mike Washko gave an update on the recent Planning Commission meetings. He also submitted to the supervisors the Planning Commission annual report for '07. George Beer will continue as their rep on the Regional Planning Commission through June and then someone else will be appointed.

Mr. Fenton gave a review of the CCATO conference that he and Ms. Howley attended on 3/13. The Board asked Larry Wood to look into the tax collector position and if we need to fill it. Since Berkheimer is our deputy tax collector, do we even need the position? Mr. Wood gave an update of the status of litigation with regard to the Village. There is a hearing scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. Since January Mr. Filler's review fees total \$12909 payable to the township. Reese Reynolds commented on the recent storms and information on the computer regarding flood stage for the Brandywine Creek.

A bill list dated March 17<sup>th</sup> numbering 9473-9557 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