

May 19, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors McIntyre, Boyle, Fenton (by phone), Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley. The minutes of April 20, 2022 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. General Code Contract – the township received a quote for the “Revitalization Project” in the amount of \$12,295 for the updating of our ordinances. The last time this was done by General Code was 2002. This project will take approximately 15 months to complete. With no further discussion the Board moved to accept this quote and a vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.
2. **Historic Commission Report** – Chairperson Judi Wilson was present to discuss the recent letter submitted to the Board regarding historic structures that have been neglected. Tom Oeste reported on the three letters he sent out for the Geewax, Qualls and Reyburn Tavern properties. Mr. Geewax attorney, Mr. Tupitza told him they will be filing a demo permit. Mr. Qualls will secure the house and will apply for a permit to demo the porches. Mr. Yin, owner of the Reyburn Tavern property has contacted contractors for pricing on securing that structure. However, it appears the structure might not be safe to go into. Rusty Drumheller stated, in the interest of full transparency, he has been talking to the owner regarding a purchase of the property. The Commission also requested two additional properties that need attention; Haskell train station on Creek Road and the property at 1701 Street Road. There was discussion with the Board regarding the Commission send letters first to owners regarding neglect of their property before the township solicitor gets involved to help the owners navigate the system and work with them to get improvements done.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Rusty Drumheller stated the Township might want to look into creating incentives for potential owners of these properties to use adaptive reuse and save these properties. Rusty also stated that he has been spending a lot of time at Crosslands on their major project.

ROAD MASTER REPORT Dave Allen submitted a report stated the drainage project on Chandler Road from Rt. 1 to West Pennsbury Way is complete. Road bank mowing has started and crew is trimming tree branches away from signage. The results of the Co-op bids opened in May 2nd were listed. Asphalt Industries and Longs Asphalt were lowest bidders.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER Matt Houtman reported on the update of Act 167 Storm Water Management Ordinance. He will put a summary together for the Planning Commission to review by the end of June. Adoption of the ordinance is September 30, 2022. He also reported on a large number of trees to be taken down on the Gosik property. Most of the trees are diseased. He has been in contact with Mr. Gosik who plans on building his home on the 10 acres. A land disturbance permit has been issued for this.

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Planning Commission Chairperson, Dennis Smith reported on their last meeting. The potential owner of the property at 491 Old Baltimore Pike will have to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board in order to use the property for his business. Members also received copies of the Atkins Minor Subdivision Plan on McFadden. Mr. Atkins has two existing lots and proposes to subdivide each lot into 2 lots – total 4 lots. This will be reviewed at their next meeting on May 24th with Matt Houtman. The township is also in receipt of a proposed driveway relocation for Windmill Hollow. Mr. Houtman will review the plan and get back to owner, Mr. Sanford with his comments. This will be an amendment to the Windmill Subdivision if all goes through as planned. Mr. Houtman will be in contact with Mr. Sanford.

Ms. Howley reported the next BOS meeting will be changed to June 22, 2022 and will be advertised. Mr. Oeste stated the solar amendment ordinance will also be advertised for adoption on that date.

A bill list dated May 18, 2022 numbering 1225-1261 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Manager