

November 16, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Present: Supervisors Scottoline, Fenton, McIntyre, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of October 19, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. 2017 Proposed Budget – the proposed budget has been posted as of November 9, 2016 and has been advertised for adoption at the December 14, 2016 Supervisor’s meeting. It is a balanced budget of \$1,808,150 which is slightly higher than last year because of the additional paying down of debt service. **There is no tax increase for 2017.** Mills remain at 1.49 for property tax as well as .312% for EIT tax.
2. The easement for the property surrounding the township building will be ready for signing at the December 14, 2016 meeting. Brandywine Conservancy is the consultant and will be holding the easement. The Pennsbury Land Trust has participated in the preparation of the easement.
3. Supervisor McIntyre nominated **Will Sappington** as the township’s representative on the **SECCRA Board**. Mr. Sappington has been a long time resident living on Brintons Bridge Road and is very interested in the environment and recycling efforts. Supervisor Scottoline seconded the motion. Mr. Sappington was present and said he is happy to serve the township in this capacity. The Board moved and passed unanimously the appointment. Ms. Howley will contact SECCRA and let them know who the township’s new representative is.
4. Chandler Ridge Petition – Don Remington was present and submitted a petition to the township signed by nine (9) property owners on McMullan Farm Lane asking the township to enforce the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Chandler Ridge (CRE’s), which state that the Township has the right to remedy violations with regard to the Megill property at 2 McMullan Farm Lane. There have been maintenance issues on this property for a number of years. The residents of Chandler Ridge have tried working with the owner but to no avail. According to the petition, property values have decreased because of this. The Township Code Enforcement Officer has also tried to get the property cleaned up but with little success. The Board requested our solicitor to review the subdivision document notes which also stipulates the Township’s right to remedy violations to the CRE’s to see if the Township has any enforcement power. Mr. Oeste will then put an action plan together.

Road Dept Report – Dave Allen – Ms. Howley read the report. Drainage projects on Fairville and Cossart Roads have been completed. Tree and brush trimming along township roads continue and the equipment is being inspected and readied for the winter. Wood chipping is complete and leaf drop off continues until month end.

Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller reported on property maintenance issues on McFadden, Stirling Way and Washington Lane in Chadds Ford Knoll.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman recommended approval of the Hawks Crest Escrow release #13 for \$2700. The Board signed the document. He also recommended approval of the Springdale Farm

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subdivision but the plan should not be signed and recorded until the septic testing and replacement area is done by the County Health Department.

Mr. Houtman stated that road plans from Mr. Gosik have been submitted to the township. He seeks to open up a township owned right of way onto Independence Way from an adjoining driveway. This would give several landowners as well as himself a safer access from their properties onto Route 1. Independence Way is a township road with a traffic light at Rt. 1t. Mr. Gosik has drafted easement agreements for the properties owners who will be impacted by the road. Mr. Gosik proposes to fund the project. Mr. Oeste took a copy of the plan as well as the easement draft agreements to review. Ms. Howley will review with Mr. Houtmann the fee associated with this submission. At a minimum Mr Gosik will be liable for the review costs incurred by the township. The Board referred the request to the Planning Commission.

Dennis Smith reported on the Planning Commission meetings within the last month. He stated members continue to work on researching regulations for water withdrawal and exportation. Mr. Renn was present at a meeting to discuss the installation of solar panels by a company he had hired, SunRun. He was told the application for a conditional use must be submitted by the property owner and not SunRun. The application that had been submitted by SunRun was rejected and sent back to them. Mr. Renn must submit the CU application.

A bill list dated November 16, 2016 numbering 16835-16894, State Fund #367 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager