

June 14, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the township building. All board members were present along with Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of May 17, 2017 were approved as submitted.

**Manager Report** – Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Supervisor McIntyre stated that there is a township vacancy on the Kennett Library Board. The BOS had interviewed Barbara Necarsulmer and concluded that she is highly qualified for the position and grateful for her volunteering. With no further discussion Supervisor McIntyre moved to appoint Mrs. Necarsulmer to the Kennett Library Board and the motion was seconded. Board members voted and all were in favor. Motion passed.
2. Gerrymandering Issues – Carol Catanese, Tina Brunetti were present representing a group of residents asking the Board to pass a resolution addressing gerrymandering being used in state and federal politics. They expressed concern about the process in place and said it needed to be reformed. Each gave a presentation on their views along with other township residents asking for Board support for reform of the process. Supervisor McIntyre commended the group for their efforts and expressed his support of upholding the PA Constitution. Supervisors Fenton and Scottoline also expressed their support of the constitution. With no further discussion the Board moved and unanimously voted to pass Resolution 2017-06-14-1 to support efforts to ensure compliance with Article II, Section 16 of the PA Constitution.
3. Pennbury Township has been awarded the Municipal Award by Chester County Preservation Network for their efforts to preserve 23+ acres along Route 1 surrounding the municipal campus. The award will be presented at a dinner held on July 28, 2017.
4. An Open Space hearing was duly advertised and held with regards to the township spending open space money for the Trammell-Sullivan easement. The township is partnering with Chester County placing an agricultural easement on 40+ acres along Hillendale Road. It is a 50% match for this county grant. A discussion followed and questions answered. There was no further discussion. A settlement date will be scheduled by the County for later this summer.

**Road Department Report** – Dave Allen submitted a report and Ms. Howley read it. Mr. Allen noted tree work done on township campus property as well as a very large tree coming down onto Brintons Bridge Road. Road crew continue to work on getting Chadds Ford Knoll roads ready for next week's scheduled road resurfacing. Also, construction work on building the new salt shed will start tomorrow, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**O'Neil Zoning Hearing Board application** – Blue Haven pools represented by Mr. Dicesare was present to explain to the Board why the O'Neil are requesting a variance for impervious coverage as well as setbacks for the installation of a pool on their property at 4 Misty Meadow Drive. The improvements to the property were done by a previous owner and exceeds the allowable impervious coverage for the lot. Adding a pool would increase that impervious coverage. Mr. & Mrs. Densmore live behind the O'Neil property and expressed their concern because of numerous storm water management issues on their property. They believe the additional improvements over the years on the O'Neil property has caused problems for their property. A letter was sent to the Board by Mrs. Densmore outlining their concerns

as well as to the Zoning Hearing Board. With no further discussion Aaron McIntrye moved to not support this application to the Zoning Hearing Board and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. Ms. Howley will send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board advising them of “no support” for this application. The hearing is scheduled for June 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the township building.

**Hawks Crest Escrow Release** – The Board approved Release #13 in the amount of \$7000 as well as Release #14 for \$60,857.70 as recommended by Township Engineer Matt Houtmann. Mr. Houtmann reported on the final road work done on Grey Dove Drive which is a private road. The township was present during the road work to insure proper application of material. Mr. Houtmann reported there is still some things left in the development that need to be completed and there is enough money left in escrow for this.

**Windmill Hollow Final Subdivision approval** – Marina Hollingshead and Dick Sanford were present to discuss final approval. Mr. Houtman issued a letter on June 12, 2017 providing review comments of the final plan and listing items to be completed. Mr. Oeste, not present, sent the Board and applicant conditions for final approval which were discussed. The applicant has some concerns with condition #14. Mr. Fenton moved to approve the final plans subject to the conditions 1-14 as outlined in Mr. Oeste’s memo and with the understanding that item #14 may need further discussion. It was also noted that all items Mr. Houtman’s June 12, 2017 review letter must be satisfied. The motion was second and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed. The conditions are attached and made part of the minutes.

**EMS/Fire Intergovernmental Agreement** – Supervisor Scottoline gave a summary of work done with surrounding township to form a regional entity addressing fire and EMS. The Board moved to authorize Mr. Oeste to draft an ordinance allowing for the formation of this group through an inter-government agreement. The motion was second and vote taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Don Zelek has an agreement of sale to purchase the Pennsbury Inn. He would like to add 4 units and a caretaker’s addition to the main house for additional income needed to run the Inn. The property is on 8 acres, 4 of which has the Inn and outbuilding. There are an additional 2 parcels, 2 acres each. He was directed to talk to the Planning Commission as well as the Historical Commission to help determine if this is possible. Also, Ms. Howley will ask our solicitor what Mr. Zelek must do to get proper approvals.

Dennis Smith reported the Planning Commission studied the effect of large homes on small lots with regard to the Open Space Design option. Members voted to recommend repealing this ordinance. The ordinance does not appear to be effective in the R3 and R2 zones which leaves only the R1 zone. The Board will take this under consideration.

Bill list dated June 14, 2017 numbering 17333-17405 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