

December 11, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the township building. Present: Supervisors Fenton, McIntyre, Scottoline (by phone), Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Janice Pietrowicz was present and reported to the Board that a Knoll resident who lives at the corner of Constitution Drive and Route 1 has political signs up (Trump 2020) on his property and are there any regulations for having these signs up well before an election? There is also the issue of freedom of speech and whether or not these signs fall into that category. Mr. Oeste stated he would look into the regulations for political signs. If this is a violation of any ordinance, Rusty Drumheller will be asked to contact the property owner.
2. Ms. Howley stated the proposed 2020 budget has been posted since November 6, 2019 and advertised for consideration of adoption at this meeting. There is no tax increase and real estate tax mills will stay at 1.49. There is also an earned income tax of 0.312% which is not changing. The budget is balanced at \$1,516,275. With no further discussion the Supervisor Scottoline moved to adopt the budget and Supervisor McIntyre seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed.
3. **PMRS ordinance amendment** – Mr. Oeste reported the ordinance was duly advertised for consideration at this public meeting. There were minor changes in the PMRS (Pa. Munc. Retirement System) contract and it will be updated with the adoption of the ordinance. Mr. McIntyre moved to adopt the amendment and Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. A copy of the amendment as well as contracts signed by the Board will be sent to PMRS. The contract allows for part time employees to participate in the pension plan and it defines part time as working at least 15 hours a week but less than 40 hours.
4. Ms. Howley reported the organizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5 p.m. in the township building. A regular supervisor's meeting for January will be held immediately following the organizational meeting. Meetings for 2020 will be advertised and posted.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Ms. Howley read Mr. Allen's report. Road crew continues trimming trees and brush along road side as well as getting trucks ready for snow plowing. The new dump truck that is replacing the 2006 truck will be delivered next week.

Ms. Howley reported that the Zoning Hearing Board granted Ms. Linton variances with conditions in order for her to develop her lot on Mill Pond Lane. The written decision is forthcoming. The Board of Supervisors held a conditional use hearing on November 20, 2019 for the installation of rooftop solar panels for Mr. & Mrs. Jetpoul. This request was granted with conditions and Mr. Oeste will send out the decision to the applicant.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the paperwork for road dedication in Parker Preserve is being completed and will be done and ready for the February 19, 2020 supervisor's meeting.

Mr. Scottoline reviewed prior work done by the Planning Commission addressing issues with the open space design option and the amount of impervious surface that is used for constructing large homes on small (1 acre) lots which is the current minimum lot size within the open space design option. A one-acre lot with a large home leaves no room for hardscape as well as pools and still be able to satisfy the maximum allowable impervious surface. Residents have had to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board for relief. It was suggested by the Commission that the open space design option be eliminated from the zoning ordinance. Mr. Scottoline moved to amend Article Eighteen of the Zoning Ordinance, Open Space Design and Lot Averaging, to eliminate the option in all zoning districts except in R1 and to increase the minimum lot size to 2 acres for the open space design option in R1. Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Oeste will draft an amendment and have the Planning Commission as well as the County Planning Commission review the amendment.

Dennis Smith reported the Planning Commission reviewed with Matt Houtman the preliminary plan for the Hall 4-lot subdivision. The issue of a flag lot and riparian buffer need to be addressed by the supervisors. It was suggested the plans be revised based on Mr. Houtman's comments and then go to the Board to address these two issues. The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Greg McCauley Jr was present to address a concern with his neighbor Mr. Lu living at 903 Baltimore Pike. It appears he maybe running a mushroom business from his home and has parked at semi-tractor-trailer box unit near his home. A letter has been sent to Mr. Lu advising him to remove the box trailer and that he is not allowed to run an intensive agricultural business from his property. Mr. McCauley also said he is building a chicken coup for his business. Mr. Oeste said he would follow up with Rusty Drumheller.

A bill list dated December 11, 2019 numbering 18795-19398 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Manager