

November 18, 2020

The Board of Supervisors held a special hearing at 6:30 p.m. to discuss use of open space money for easement on the Woodward Farm located on Brintons Bridge Road and Pocopson Road. There are approximately 51 acres having an agricultural easement placed on the property by Chester County. The appraised value is \$12,500/acre and the County can pay \$12,000/acre. Pennsbury Township has agreed to pay the extra \$500/acre. It is required by the open space acquisition act that this be discussed and approved at a public hearing since the Township will use open space funds for its share of the easement purchase. The County has settled with the family in the amount of \$608,880. A motion was made to authorize the participation by Pennsbury Township and the expenditure of \$25,370 from the Township Open Space Fund to fund the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement, in cooperation with the County of Chester, on the property of Woodward Brothers, Inc. located on the northeast corner of Brintons Bridge and Pocopson Roads, Chester County UPI numbers 64-1-26, 64-1-26.1 and part of 64-1-28, comprising 50.74 acres; and to authorize the Township Manager, Treasurer and Solicitor to prepare and execute all necessary documentation and issue a check in the amount of \$25,370 to Woodward Brothers, Inc. to finalize the transaction. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. The Board thanked the Woodward Family for their contribution to open space preservation in our township.

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors Fenton, McIntyre, Boyle, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of October 21, 2020 were approved as amended.

Manager Kathleen reported the following:

1. The proposed balanced budget for 2021 has been posted and advertised for consideration of adoption at the December 10, 2020 Board meeting. There will be no tax increase for 2021.
2. The Reese Zoning Hearing Board decision granted the applicant relief for an addition to their garage at 1 Joshua Way.

Road Department Report – Dave Allen – Ms Howley read the report. The men are working on a drainage pipe project on Hickory Hill Road and will continue to do so next week. There were 10 truckloads of bagged leaves so far this year and we continue to get more. Chipping is underway and will be completed this week. Next week the trucks will be set up for winter adding salt spreaders.

Hall Subdivision Preliminary Plan – Mrs. & Mrs. Hall were present along with Hillcrest Assoc. Tom Schreier. Mr. McIntyre asked if the Halls were amendable to placing a note on the plan regarding landscape buffering between lots 1 & 4 as previously discussed. Mr. Hall said he intends to place some buffering in this area but does not want to be bound to it by putting it in a note on the plan. Resolution No. 2020-11-18-1 was submitted and read aloud by Tom Oeste outlining conditions for preliminary approval. Mr. Schreier had several questions citing item 2 and 6 in the resolution. Mr. Oeste stated these can be addressed and clarified during the final plan review. With no further discussion Mr. McIntyre moved to approve resolution and Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried. The resolution is attached to these minutes.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to authorize Township Engineer Matt Houtman to release the **escrow money held by the Township for Parker Preserve** based on the approval of Mr. Houtman as well as payment of all outstanding bills.

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Dennis Smith, Chairman of the Planning Commission reported on their last meeting which dealt with the Patel Solar application. Tesla, solar installer, was not present at the meeting and questions could not be answered by the applicant, Mr. Patel. Members did not have enough information and therefore could not recommend support of the application to the Board. Their November meeting has been moved to December 3rd at which time they plan on reviewing the Hall final subdivision plan. There is also a December 15th meeting scheduled and will continue discussion on the proposed solar ordinance amendment.

The October and November bill lists numbering 20005-20058 and 20059 – 20099 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