

March 20, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Boyle, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of February 21, 2024 were approved as submitted.

Manager Howley reported the following:

1. The Board moved to sign support letter and resolution to be included in a DCNR grant for the purchase of park land. The Brandywine Conservancy is submitting the grant on behalf of the township. There was a second to the motion and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed.
2. One bid was submitted to the Township for the John Hope House renovation project. The bid total was \$1,123,100 . A motion was made by Supervisor Fenton to reject the bid. The bid amount was too high and beyond what the township could afford. A second was made and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed. The bidder, David E. Reisinger, Inc will be notified.
3. Chester County Tax Claim Bureau requested the township to act on tax liens for Parker Preserve open space. The Board unanimously approved the exoneration of property tax liens for the open space. Ms. Howley will return the forms to the Tax Claim Bureau to remove the tax liens from their system.
4. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged receipt of the annual reports from the Historical and Planning Commissions. They thanked Dennis Smith, Chairman of the Planning Commission as well as Judi Wilson, Chairperson of the Historical Commission for the fine reporting. A copy of these reports will be available in the Harris Room for residents.

Roadmaster Dave Allen submitted a written report that was read by Ms. Howley. Road crew is fixing road deterioration with oil/chip as well as looking to replace the 2015 JCB backhoe. The new dump truck ordered in 2022 should be delivered next month. Speed boards were put up on Hickory Hill Road. A resident on Hickory Hill Road sent an email to the township requesting a 25 MPH speed limit. Mr. Allen continues to look for a replacement for Pete Laws who retired December, 2023. Discussion followed with the Board on ways to advertise and get candidates for the Public Works Department.

Wilson Lot Line Change Approval – Jonathan Raimondo, Regester Assoc. representing the Wilson's was present requesting approval of the subdivision. There is no development planned and this is for estate planning only. It was noted that the Township Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition that Mr. Houtmann's review letter dated January 26, 2024 be satisfied. The plans were revised by Regester Assoc. and the Board granted waivers requested. With no further discussion Mr. Oeste read a motion to approve the subdivision with conditions of which that motion is attached to these minutes. The Board moved for approval with conditions stated. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

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Paulsen Zoning Hearing Board Application – Attorney Matthew McKeon was present representing Mr. Paulsen. Mr. Paulsen is requesting variance to reconstruct an accessory structure on his property that had collapsed in 2009. It was an old carriage shed and he proposes to use the same existing foundation. Variances are for side yard setback as well as structure in front yard. Judi Wilson, Historical Commission, stated the accessory structure was a contributing resource on the 2009 historic survey. Mr. Smith, Planning Commission chairperson stated members made a site visit and it is his understanding that the roof shall not exceed 15 ft height limit. He stated members voted to recommend support of the application. With no further discussion a motion was made by the Supervisors to stay neutral with the condition that the Historical Commission may offer comments in good faith but are not required if the variances are approved by the ZHB. There was a second and a vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Howley reported that the Bley ZHB decision was received and the variances requested were approved with conditions. Dennis Smith reported the Planning Commission met February 27th and discussed the Paulsen and Staples/Law ZHB applications as well as the Wilson Lot Line change. Members met on March 13th (second Wednesday of the month new date for meetings). They are awaiting to hear from the County regarding the VPP grant contract with the township. Karen Meloney will be the Planning Commission rep with Brandywine Conservancy on the project. Members also discussed topics to discuss with the Supervisors at the workshop scheduled for March 26th at 4 p.m. their next meeting is April 10th. A prospective buyer of the Chadds Peak/Geewax property contacted the township regarding possible preliminary discussion for the proposed development of the property.

A bill list dated March 20, 0224 numbering 1963-1990, Road Reserve #111, Capital Reserve #168, State Fund #504 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Katheen Howley
Township Manager