

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

February 15, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 2.15.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:58 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Jon Payne, Isaac Ramer Jr. and Ross Smoker, Township Manager Julie Hartley and Jim Bathgate – Solicitor

Public Present: Bill Kline, Linda Steece, Jeremy Soper, Tyler Loss and Jacob Showers

Minutes – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation with Ross Smoker abstaining to approve the February 1, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Zinah Husam – Zinah explained that the My Works Initiative is a program that takes local high school students with disabilities and gets them real world experience by having them work for municipalities. The Occupational Vocational Rehabilitation has partnered with SUNCOM to offer this free program to the township. The students will be high school juniors and seniors from Selinsgrove High School. The group offered to work for the township will be a group of four students with one trainer. Jim Bathgate asked if the students would be covered by insurance and Zinah said they would be. They would be able to operate weed wackers and push mowers. The group would work for sixteen to thirty-six hours per week and the program would run for four to six weeks in the Summer. It was requested that Zinah call into the Township meeting on March 1, 2023 at approximately 6:30 pm to answer any questions that the Supervisors may have after reviewing the Utube informational video.

DH&L Fire Company – A group from DH&L came to request additional funding of thirty thousand dollars from the Township. The Board questioned Jeremy Soper about the possibility of fundraising filling the funding gap. He informed the Board that the current fundraising done goes towards volunteer firefighter retention. He noted that volunteer retention is one of the largest issues faced. Jim Bathgate asked if other communities contribute to the DH&L. Jeremy answered that only Penn Township and Selinsgrove Borough contribute at this time. After discussion one motion was made:

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation the bleachers that would have been ordered for the East Snyder Park will be canceled and the thirty thousand dollars will be given to DH&L Fire Company.

New Business:

Bid Opening for Sealcoating – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to award the sealcoating and fog seal bid to Russell Standard Corp. contingent upon them supplying signed agreements, payment and performance bonds, proof of liability and worker's comp. insurance, and review by the Township's Solicitor of all documents

Quote for 2008 Chevy Silverado Body Work – Tabled until other options are explored.

Annual PSATS Conference, April 24th – After discussion it was decided that the following will attend the Annual PSATS Conference on April 24th: Supervisor Isaac Ramer Jr., Mark Strawser, Chad Brandt, Julie Hartley and Kori Miller with a cost of \$875.00.

Stone Bid Advertising – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to advertise the annual stone bid.

Quote for Freightliner M2 – Tabled until additional quotes are available.

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Advertising for Home Burial Ordinance – Jim Bathgate explained that the Planning Commission revised the current Home Burial Ordinance to allow for approval of the plot before death and also updated some of the other placement requirements such as setbacks. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to advertise for the adoption of the Home Burial Ordinance at the March 15, 2023 meeting.**

Auditor's Letter – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to accept the Auditor's Findings Letter as presented.**

Old Business: None

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- **On Motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation, to pay bills.**

On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the February 15, 2023 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

FYI:

- Equipment Replacement Schedule
- PTMA January 5, Minutes & February 2, Agenda
- Snyder Co. Library Thank You Letter

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 4.14.23
- Bob Cole, Conditional Use Hearing, filed 1.19.23, due 3.20.23, hearing 3.1.23

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager