

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

February 19, 2025

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 2.19.2025 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Isaac Ramer Jr., Mark Strawser, Ross Smoker, Solicitor Jim Bathgate and Township Manager Julie Hartley

Public Present: Bill Kline, Rodney Ries, Steve Bowers, Bruce Teats, Paul Long, Brett Ressler, Marcia Moore of the Daily Item, and Rob Beierschmitt

Minutes – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the February 5, 2025 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Brett Ressler & Rob Beierschmitt, Selinsgrove Little League – Brett asked the Board if it would be okay to use donated Superior Walls instead of block to make the dug-outs for the fields. He said that Superior Walls recommended covering the insulation part so kids won't pick at it and he shared that they plan to cover it with plywood. They will also pressure wash and paint all the dug outs the same color and make sure they are the same height. They expect to start the project in July. Isaac said that the Board accepts the change in building materials.

New Business:

Quote for Compost IT Cabinet – Two quotes for a locking ventilated IT cabinet for the Compost were discussed. AMK's quote was for \$1,200 with labor for rewiring and placement or a cabinet costing \$116 that is installed by road crew. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to purchase the \$116 cabinet and have a road crew member install and do the rewiring.**

Release Letter of Credit, Fike Brothers Carpet – Jim explained that Chad Shaffer noted three minor deficiencies at the Fike Brother's building site but he recommended the release of the letter of credit. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to release the letter of credit provided that the three items are addressed by Fike Brothers.**

Appoint Brett Ressler as Alternative Member of ESRRRA – ESRRRA recommended to the Board that they appoint Brett Ressler as an Alternate Member. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to appoint Brett Ressler as an Alternate Member of the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association.**

2025 Road Projects – Three road projects were discussed for the Board's consideration. Quarry Road which includes a section of 9.5 mm asphalt from inlet box to inlet box, underdrain and fiber seal. Foxboro Road with edge repair by milling and widening. Old 522 with base repair by the Township and fiber seal. Mark noted that paving on Kratzer will be needed after a cross pipe is installed and base repair and edging is repaired. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to proceed with advertising and getting sealed bids for these three road projects.**

Set Conditional Use Hearing for ESCRA Ground Mounted Solar – Jim noted that a Conditional Use Hearing is required for the ESCRA ground mounted solar project to proceed. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to have Jim Bathgate advertise the ESCRA Conditional Use Hearing for April 2nd at 5:30 pm.**

Old Business:

Penn Valley Airport Authority – Steve Bowers and Rodney Ries were in attendance to answer any questions the Board might have. Isaac said that most residents that he questioned were not sure how the Airport benefited them. Steve Bowers noted that a business called High Voltage Aviation has been based out of the airport and has replaced

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several local lines. He also noted that just today a plane landed from Greensboro, NC with several business persons. Ross Smoker noted that most people he talked to were in favor of the Township staying in the Authority. Jim Bathgate asked about the financing of a new hanger and if the municipalities are responsible for the guarantee of the loan. Jim continued by asking about business contributions to the hanger and the answer was they will pay a rental fee for using the space. The proposed new hanger would be larger and more able to accommodate larger planes and small jets. Rodney Ries shared that they may not need to finance the new hanger and might just lease the land to a business that might be willing to construct it since they would be the primary users.

Executive Session – An executive session was held from 6:27 pm to 6:31 pm to discuss legal issues with no decisions made at that time.

The Board had concerns with a lack of transparency and would like to know meeting dates, receive minutes and financials and be informed of any projects. Rodney would like to remain as the representative for Penn Township and for the Board to remain in the Airport Authority. Isaac then asked the public that was present their thoughts on staying in the Authority.

On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to stay in the Penn Valley Regional Airport Authority provided that transparency and information requested is shared with the Board and in the 2026 budget a donation will be included and distributed in 2026 if the transparency is continued to the Board's satisfaction.

Public Comment:

Bruce Teats – He shared to the Board that he will contact his insurance carrier to issue a Certificate of Insurance naming Penn Township as insured for the training event that will be held on Old Colony Road on April 30th. The exercise should be approximately five hours.

FYI:

- PTMA Feb. 6th Agenda & Jan. 9th Minutes
- 2025 DH&L Officer's List
- 2.20.25 ACH Payroll Report
- Check Register 2.5.25 to 2.19.25

Land/Subdivision:

- Village at Penns Creek Land Dev. & Subdivision, filed 11.15.24, due 5.13.25
- ESCRA Conditional Use, filed 2.17.25, due 4.18.25

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

Adjournment - On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the February 19, 2025 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager