

# Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

## March 1, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 3.1.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:58 pm and turned the meeting over to Solicitor Jim Bathgate for a Conditional Use Hearing.

**Conditional Use Hearing** – Bob Cole, 828 Kuster Road, Pinnacle Exteriors for a ground mounted solar energy system.

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

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Colin Rice, Evan Haberman, Mark Strawser, Brian Hipple, Emily Costantine, Chad Brandt, Les Dale, John McGuinness, Pete DeWire and Greg Pysher

**Minutes** – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., to approve the February 15, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes.

**Persons Present to be Heard:**

Colin Rice, DH&L Fire Company – Colin reported that there were no fires in February and that there were nine calls in Penn Township. They responded to twenty-seven incidents total. The Easter Open House and banquet are scheduled.

Brian Hipple, DH&L Ambulance – Brian informed the Board that there were twenty-two advanced life support, four intermediate life support, thirty-nine basic life support, eight non-transport, one fire stand by and five fire department assists in February. The total emergencies for February for Penn Township were seventy-three with only four missed calls. He also asked if the Board could contribute to the cost of the Advanced life support monitors that cost twenty-five thousand dollars each. He also shared that the ambulance league will be participating in the school district's health fair on the seventh of March.

Zinah Husam, OVR Program (via phone) – Zinah asked the Board if they viewed the video she sent about the Occupational Vocation Rehabilitation program offering four weeks of students to work at the township. They did review the video and had several questions which she answered. She noted that transportation is provided by SUNCOM, that one township employee must assist with assignments and that it would start after school is out. The Board asked if it could begin the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Zinah will check to see if this date will work. After discussion the following motion was made:

**On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation permission was granted for the four-week OVR employment program to work in the township on duties as assigned.**

Pete DeWire – Pete informed the Board that several projects need completed before the Comfort Station is constructed this year. Two inlets will need to be installed on the path above the project. One on the east side and one on the west and then connected with an eight-inch drain to the inlet that spills into the retention pond. The sewer line needs to be located and tapped and the path needs to be relocated. A water line will need to be routed from the fountain to the comfort station location. Also, an electric line with number one wire will be installed and a 100 AMP service for the Comfort Station. Pete will work with a local electrical contractor to get the changes made. He also reported that he cannot find anyone that is willing to take the old wooden bleachers and recommends dismantling them and keeping salvageable boards and selling the metal for scrap.

Greg Pysher, ESCRA – Greg reported that Bright Farms continues to have sewage discharge violations. Bright Farms has secured an Environmental Attorney who has asked for a fifteen day extension on their corporate report to ESCRA. The pre-treatment plant in place has not rectified the violations. An Industrial User Permit was issued to them and if violations continue the plant could be shut down. They will be meeting with PTMA tomorrow evening to discuss solutions.

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### **New Business:**

Additional Shed for Football – After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to table the subject until ESRRA can further discuss options.**

Leslie Dale, Hourly Increase – Tabled until later in the meeting.

County Aid for 2023 – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to apply for 2023 County Aid.**

Hydraulic Pump Quotes for 1985 Case Loader – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker to purchase a new after market hydraulic pump from Find It Parts in the amount of \$1699.45 if the shipping is under \$200.**

Quote for SUN Tech to repair rust on 2008 Pickup – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to accept the quote of \$144.94 to repair the rust on the 2008 pickup and authorize the road crew to purchase fender flares.**

Quote from Watson Diesel & Harrisburg Truck Bodies for Freightliner M2 Upfit – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to table the quotes until the next meeting to allow the Roadmaster time to work out details.**

Solicitor & Zoning Officer to meet with Susquehanna Students – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to table approval until more information is provided.**

### **Old Business:**

Quote for 2008 Chevy Silverado Body Work – Tabled

Quote for Freightliner M2 Dump Truck – Tabled

**Executive Session:** Called at 7:50 pm by Chairman Jon Payne and reconvened at 8:05 pm with personnel issues being discussed and no decisions being made at that time.

### **New Business (Continued):**

Les Dale, Hourly Increase – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr. to give Les Dale and increase of \$0.75 per hour changing his hourly rate from \$17.00 to \$17.75.**

### **Reports:**

Julie Hartley, Manager

∞ Written Report Provided

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster

∞ Written Report Provided

Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer

∞ Written Report Provided

Fred Ulrich, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No report

### **FYI:**

- ESCRA Jan. 18th Meeting Minutes

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- Invitation to Keystone COG Open House

### **Land/Subdivision:**

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

**Approval of Accounts Payable (State & General Funds)** – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., to pay the bills.

**Adjournment** – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager