

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

April 5, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 4.5.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:58 pm and turned the meeting over to Solicitor Jim Bathgate for a Conditional Use Hearing.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Brian Hipple, Jason Kaufman, Sean Christine, Darwin Swope, Chad Brandt, Mark Strawser, Rebecca Wood, Emily Costantine and Greg Pyscher

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

Persons Present to be Heard:

Jason Kaufman, DH&L Fire Company – Jason reported that the Salem Lutheran Church fire was ruled as accidental. There were twenty-five incidents for March. He also noted that the ladder truck is on track for delivery at the end of this year or the beginning of 2024. A grant for the ladder truck was secured for \$100,000 from DCED. They are also running a capital campaign with pamphlets for the truck and have collected \$443,000 from Selinsgrove Borough and Penn Township plus the \$100,000 from DCED for funds to date. The marketing mailers have already gone out to Penn Township and Selinsgrove Borough residents. DH&L Fire Company will be celebrating their 150-year anniversary in 2024. They have three fundraisers a gun raffle, the carnival on May 31 through June 3 and the Octoberfest.

Brian Hipple, DH&L Ambulance – There were a total of 217 calls in the township in the month of March. Currently the ambulance league is trying to get a 501C3 designation in order to take donations. Calls are being responded to at a higher rate than when the one ambulance was stationed at Fremont Fire Co.

Earth Day at ESP – Julie shared that an Earth Day celebration is being held at pavilion two and they are bringing food trucks in. Jim Bathgate said that each Food Truck should be supplying a certificate of insurance and a state license.

New Business:

Awarding of Stone Bids – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to award the following stone bids: Meckley's Limestone – AS 2 Anti-skid; New Enterprise Stone – UPM Patching, 19 mm Amesite, and 25 mm Amesite; National Limestone – 2B Stone, 2A Stone, 2RC Stone, Gabion Stone, Riprap Stone, R-3 Rock, R-4 Rock and R-5 Rock. National Limestone was not awarded AS 2 Anti-skid because of past quality issues and Meckley's Limestone was not awarded 19 mm Amesite and 25 mm Amesite because of distance and wait time issues.**

Parking Block Quote for ESP – A quote for parking block quotes was discussed by the Board because of the issues with people parking in the grass during games. After discussion no motion was offered so the subject died for lack of a motion.

CPR Certification Expiration – The Board discussed whether or not to have CPR training for the staff. After discussion it was decided that it would be placed on the ESRRA agenda to see if coaches or others would like to take the class with the township staff. Tabled until feedback from ESRRA.

Spring Newsletter Review – The spring newsletter was given to the Board for any input or comment.

Outsourced Newsletter – Hometown Press offers a service where the townships provide content and they secure advertising to pay for a magazine type newsletter and distribute it to the residents. There is a small handling fee and

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the township pays the postage. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table until later in the year.**

Bright Farms Land Development Extension Letter – Greg Pyscher updated the Board on the status of the Bright Farm permits and planned improvements. They are currently shipping all waste water to Milton for processing from holding tanks. The need for permits will be brought up at the next PTMA meeting on May 4th. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., and seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to grant a 90-day extension to Bright Farm's Land Development Plan.**

Consent for Treatment of Spotted Lanternfly – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to allow the Department of Agriculture to spray for spotted lanternfly at the compost area.**

Quotes for Old Colony, Crescent/Pleasant & Fair Oak – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the Fairchild Brothers, Inc. quotes for Old Colony Road for \$4,764, Crescent and Pleasant Intersection for \$4,196, Fair Oak Road for \$3,695 and School House Lane to be determined.**

LOMA Engineer Comment Letter – A LOMA application has been received for 2992 Middle Creek Road and Chad Shaffer the Township Engineer has recommended that it be signed but that a letter should be included that a new construction is proposed in the future, that the requirements of the Floodplain Ordinance will apply

Flood Plain Engineer Comment Letter – A flood plain application received for 85 Old Colony Road was reviewed by Township Engineer Chad Shaffer and had the following deficiencies: an elevation certificate, a note pertaining to fill in the floodplain should be provided on the application, proposed utilities and floodproofing measures implemented and will the dwelling have a basement.

Old Business:

Double Yellow Line on Old Colony – Julie checked with PennDOT on having them paint the double yellow lines on Old Colony after the fog sealing but an agility agreement would have to be in place. Quotes were requested from line painting companies but only AZTEC Linear, Inc. submitted a quote for \$4,976.80. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to accept the quote from AZTEC Linear, Inc. in the amount of \$4,976.80.**

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 February Meeting Minutes

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 7.13.23

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

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Adjournment – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager