

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

August 16, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 8.16.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Paul Long, William Moyer, Carol Reinard, Dallas Reinard and Chris Fetter

Executive Session – Chairman Jon Payne announced that an executive session from 5:30 pm to 6 pm to discuss township business and personnel with no decisions being made at that time.

Minutes – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to approve the August 2, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Carol Reinard, 795 Pinebrook, Stormwater – Dallas Reinard informed the Board that following some recent torrential rains his mother's basement flooded. The home is newly built. He requested that the Township check their stormwater facilities to see if something can be done. The Township Manager and Roadmaster will assess the situation.

Public Comment:

Bill Kline – Bill asked if the Board was able to do something about the ducks from 20 Hill End Road that are on other people's properties. The property is located in the R-1 zone. The Board asked the Manager to check into the situation.

New Business:

Compost Site Hours – The Board discussed the abuses that are happening at the compost site and the cost of grinding material. Discussion was held about limiting access to set hours and days to alleviate some of the issues. After extended discussion final motions were made. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to set the days of the compost site being open as Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of the month. On motion by Jon, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., with Ross Smoker voting no to set the summer hours at the compost site from 7 am to 7:30 pm. On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to implement the changes of days and times at the compost site on November 1, 2023 and the winter hours would be used at that time which are 7 am to 2 pm.**

Selinsgrove Pool Dash & Splash 5K – A letter was received from the Selinsgrove Community Pool about a 5K race being held on S. Front Street on October 14th. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow the race provided that the Selinsgrove Community Pool provide a certificate of insurance to the Township and supply their own traffic control on that day.**

2023-12 Resolution, Five Member Board of Supervisors – Jim explained that Resolution 2023-12 would allow the question of whether the Board of Supervisors should be increased to five instead of three on the next eligible ballot. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to sign Resolution 2023-12.**

Letter to Bright Farms, 8.8.23 – Jim said that he sent a letter to Bright Farms with the Board's concerns. The letter asked them to define process wastewater and provide an explanation whether or not they need to comply with the Holding Tank Ordinance. He also inquired about the restroom trailer that was not connected to the PTMA sewer and expansion that was mentioned in a Lynda Culver newsletter. He also asked about the amount of water that their facility is drawing from the PTMA well. He said they did respond that they are in the process of procuring a NPDES

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permit and that the restroom trailer is now connected to the sanitary sewer. Bright Farms also noted that the expansion was at their Northampton County facility.

County Hyper-Reach Notification System – The County Hyper-Reach Notification System was discussed. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to table the item.**

Park – Jon Payne asked the Board to check out the park.

Siding for Township Shed – A section of siding needs repaired and an estimate in the amount of \$966.90 was received from Goodling Design & Construction to do the work. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, with Isaac Ramer Jr. abstaining to hire Goodling Design & Construction to repair the siding on the township shed in the amount of \$966.90.**

90-Day Reviews, Chad Rice & Jeffrey Sayre – Chad Rice and Jeffrey Sayre have completed their first ninety-days of employment and reviews were submitted to the Board for review. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to give Chad Rice and Jeffrey Sayre and increase of fifty cents per hour increasing their hourly rate to \$16.50 from \$16.00.**

Old Business:

Salt Spreader for Truck #4 – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to table the salt spreader decision.**

Farm Land Lease at East Snyder Park – Jim Bathgate explained that leasing the land at East Snyder Park for farming should be done by sealed bids.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker to have the twelve acres plus or minus at the East Snyder Park be advertised for a five-year lease by sealed bid to be opened at the November 1st meeting with soil testing at the beginning and end of the lease. Jim Bathgate will prepare an ad for 12 +/- acres for lease for five years with soil testing done the first year and at the end of the lease.

Discussion was held about the past payments that were not received. **On motion by Jon Payne to charge the current farmer four years back at \$65 per acre for four years. Jon Payne rescinded his motion.**

Discussion was held again about past payments and Jim noted that four years is probably the maximum that the Board should go back for payment.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker with Jon Payne abstaining the Board will request four years back lease monies at \$65 per acre.

TYM Tractor on Municibid – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to place the TYM Tractor on Municibid with a reserve of \$12,000 to be opened at the October 18th meeting.**

FYI:

- PTMA Aug. 3rd Agenda & July 6th Minutes
- Meck-Tech Customer Appreciation Event
- Letter from Keystone COG, "Armed Building Inspectors"
- Letter from Comcast, Broadband Funds

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 10.13.23
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 10.4.23
- Donald Schrey, Add-on Subdivision, filed 7.13.23, due 10.11.23
- Michael Schrey, Conditional Use, filed 7.19.23, due 9.15.23

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

Executive Session – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to have an executive session with William Moyer at 7:21 pm.** The executive session ended at 7:30 pm with no decisions being made at that time.

Adjournment - **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation the August 16, 2023 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager