

**PENN TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
September 27, 2011**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. Chairman William Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Supervisors present: William Moyer, Fred Ulrich. Supervisors Absent: Brian Wentzel. Others present: Secretary/Treasurer Robin Bieber. Solicitor Robert Muolo. Members of the Public: Jessica Stover; Kathy Ulrich; Brandon Sechrist; Darwin Swope; Mike Savidge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 11, 2011 special meeting as well as the minutes of the August 16, 2011 regular meeting were approved as presented upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Savidge questioned the Board on their policy regarding use of Township equipment and manpower on citizens' properties and what their future intentions on that issue are. Chairman Bill Moyer explained that the policy in the past has been that when requested, the Township has performed such services and invoiced the citizen according to the Penn Township Fee Schedule. After discussion, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved, to discontinue the practice of using Township equipment and personnel for private purposes.

PERSONS PRESENT TO BE HEARD

No Persons Present to be Heard at this time.

REPORTS

Roadmaster Brandon Sechrist provided a written report on recent activities.

Tom Snyder, Zoning Officer, provided a written report. 51 zoning permits y-t-d.

Robin Bieber, Township Secretary, had nothing to report.

Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Ulrich reported the new controller has not yet been installed at the traffic signal at Selinsgrove Ford. Mr. Ulrich also reported the total damage from Tropical Storm Lee was just under \$10,000.

Chairman William Moyer reported on the roads after the abundant amount of recent rainfall. While most roads were not damaged, some #4 rock was placed in various areas to cut back the flow of water.

OLD BUSINESS

The Salem Glenn water issues were discussed with the conclusion that there is no issue for the Township at this time.

Little League fencing was discussed. Since all the bids from April are still valid according to the bidders, upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved, Apollo Fencing will be contacted to provide fencing which includes an outfield fence for the Field #4, and 160' of fencing for Fields #1 and #2 per the bid from April 2011.

The new salt building was discussed. Tom Sauers, Central Keystone COG will be contacted to verify that the plans for the proposed 120'x60' building can be used although the building will now be 60'x60' with possible expansion in the future.

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OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

The TV140 mower and its costly repairs over the years were discussed. No action at this time.

Health insurance was discussed. Since Township Secretary Robin Bieber is the only employee now covered, the carrier is dropping coverage as of 10/1/11. Robin reported she has gone on her husband's policy which has a \$250.00 deductible. Upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved, the \$250.00 deductible will be covered by the Township.

Quotes for a new spinner spreader on the 2005 M2 truck were reviewed. After discussion, motion was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved to review and evaluate the Magnum spreader from Service Electric and if satisfactory, this spreader will be purchased at a cost of \$2649.99. If the Magnum spreader is not satisfactory, a Flink spreader will be purchased from Bradco at a cost not to exceed \$3050.00 which includes delivery.

The Jeffrey Goff Sewage Facilities Planning Module was signed upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved.

The possibility of monthly meetings was discussed.

The Board along with Mike Savidge reviewed the findings provided by Robert Bickhart and his review of the water issues on Perkinson Road. After discussion, the Supervisors agreed to excavate the old chip shoulders and replace with new amesite, approximately 200' and amesite the edge of the neighbor's driveway where the stone washes from and through this area. After Mr. Savidge installs a pipe, the Township will place rip rap at the inlet of the new pipe.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion, Robin Sholly was hired as a part-time-as-needed CDL road crew worker upon motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Fred Ulrich and approved.

Budget work sessions will be held on October 12, 2011 at 6:00PM, October 19, 2011 at 2:00PM and October 26, 2011 at 6:00PM. The public will be invited for their input.

The old recycling trailers stored on Township property were discussed. Since the Township has no use for them, the County will be contacted to remove them.

The herbicide applicator bids were reviewed. Willow Tree \$405.00 per application; Hepners \$413.00 per application; Hawk's \$350.00 per application. Upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved, Hawk's will provide herbicide applications at \$350.00 for each application. It was noted that two applications per year will be needed, starting in 2012.

The issue of a traffic light at Rt 522 and University Avenue/Salem Road was discussed again. PennDot will not do a traffic study without the Township agreeing to pay for the traffic light. Darwin Swope from Representative Fred Keller's office will ask Mr. Keller to approach PennDot to reconsider a traffic study.

Correspondence received from Selinsgrove Borough requesting a donation for the Emergency Services Banquet to honor emergency responders during the recent flooding from Tropical Storm Lee. Penn Township to donate \$250.00 upon motion by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer and approved.

Darwin Swope again approached the Board explaining his wishes to connect to the Penn Township Municipal Authority sewer lines through a gravity connection. According to Mr. Swope, there are three properties that would connect, the farthest being 500' from the current sewer line. It was noted that the Swopes were granted a waiver from a mandatory connection to the low pressure line running in front of his property due to the costs of the required grinder pump approximately 15 years ago. Mr. Swope also expressed his concerns as to why PTMA will not extend the gravity line which serves the Meadowview Development allowing connection to his property. Mr. Swope will return to the next Supervisors' meeting with more information.

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CORRESPONDENCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL

Upon motion of Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and approved, the accounts payable and payroll were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Ulrich, seconded by Bill Moyer, and approved. No further business to discuss, the September 27, 2011 meeting adjourned at 9:27PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Bieber,
Township Secretary