

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met this evening at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002 at 7:30 p.m. with the Chairman, Samuel M. Ward, presiding. Also, present were Supervisors, Douglas A. Roth and Jason L. Campagna.

Township Manager, Gregory A. Primm and 11 Township residents were also present.

Minutes - 02-05-02

Motion by Supervisor Campagna and seconded by Supervisor Roth that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes dated 02-05-02 they be unanimously approved as presented. There being no questions or comment from the audience, the motion carried.

Correspondence

PSATS Alert - Newsletter dated January 31, 2002 on New Land Use Requirements Signed Into Law, Lawmakers Expected to Tackle Variety of Township-Related Issues, Governor Puts Seal of Approval on New Laws, Delinquent Tax Collector Ordinance Clarified, Governor Schweiker to Address Convention Delegates, Planner's Seminar to be Held at the State Convention, IRS Increases Mileage Rate for 2002, Electric Utilities Offer Competitive Rates, Recent Changes to Federal Wetlands Permits Do Not Affect Townships, and Look for PSATS News Bulletin to Replace the Alert.

DEP - Letter dated February 8, 2002 advising of staffing and procedural changes in the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Program in the northwest Field Office of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company - Copy of a letter dated February 2, 2002 to the County Commissioners requesting that they replace the radio system that is currently in use by all emergency personnel. The current system malfunctions and the pager tones for fire departments do not alert the firemen to emergencies.

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Seminars

The following seminar has been scheduled:

Grant Seminar at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 03/21 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Campagna that all involved be authorized to attend. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Township Manager read the Treasurer's Report and presented the list of invoices paid since the last report was given on February 5, 2002. Township Fund: \$33,971.67, Fire Tax Fund: \$14,252.43. Deposits into the township fund totaled \$88,910.12. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: \$232,492.45, Fire Tax Fund: \$18,682.77, State Fund: \$2,609.02, Municipal Pension Fund: \$146,675.20, Police Pension Fund: \$635,847.15. Motion by Supervisor Campagna and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Treasurer's Report be approved. There being no questions or comment from the audience, the motion carried.

Zoning Department

The Constance Welsh Subdivision was presented for approval. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Campagna that the Constance Welsh Subdivision be approved. There being no questions or comment from the audience, the motion carried.

The Kathy Hamel Subdivision was presented for approval. Motion by Supervisor Campagna and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Kathy Hamel Subdivision be approved. There being no questions or comment from the audience, the motion carried.

Clinton Bonetti, Land use Administrator announced that there would be a meeting Monday night with the Planning Commission to discuss the Comprehensive Plan at 7:00 p.m.

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Police Department

The Township Manager discussed a neighborhood alert that had been sent to neighbors by a resident of Thornridge. He explained that residents should not be doing this without talking to the police first. The above alert turned out to be false about a suspicious vehicle but the police received numerous phone calls and were completely unaware of any suspicious vehicle. Upon investigation, the vehicle was cleared as okay. The police encourage residents to be involved in reporting suspicious activity, however, the police need to handle these problems, not find out through a vigilante letter sent to an entire neighborhood. If residents want to form a neighborhood watch, the police highly encourage this but there is a method that is required to be followed under their guidance in order to be legitimate.

The Township Manager also reported the police department has received the computers and equipment under the COPS grant totaling \$26,642.74.

Road Department

Supervisor/Road Superintendent Roth requested a resolution be drafted to lower the speed on Penn Drive and Oak Ridge Drive. The Township Manager advised there would be a resolution prepared for the next meeting.

Recycling Report

No report.

Public Relations Department

No report.

Old Business

The Township Manager reported that there would be a public hearing on March 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. on the CDBG 2002 Entitlement.

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Old Business - Continued

The Board discussed the changes to the Burning Ordinance. Supervisor Roth does not want the ordinance changed. He suggested that the neighbors work out the problem themselves. The Township Manager offered to mediate a discussion between the 2 parties to try to solve the problem. Mr. Sober agreed but Mr. Huselton stated he would have to talk to his wife. The Township manager asked that he let him know by tomorrow morning.

New Business

Township Manager, Greg Primm announced that the Butler County Parks and Recreation Department have set aside funds to aid local governments in the renovation of local recreational areas. Grant applications must be received by April 26, 2002.

The Township Manager said generators are needed for Emergency Management. It was suggested that the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional Region Equipment Co., Inc. be contacted for the generators.

Audience Participation

None.

Supervisor Ward seeing no audience participation requested a motion to adjourn. Motion offered by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Campagna. There being no questions or comment from the audience, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward  
Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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Gregory A. Primm  
Township Manager  
Township of Penn