

Tuesday, July 1, 2003

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

Township Manager, Gregory A. Primm and 8 Township residents were also present.

Bid Opening - 2003 Paving Project

Wiest Asphalt-----\$161,143.50
Shields Paving-----\$164,171.70
Winters & Fleming-----\$194,165.30

Motion by Supervisor Campagna and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Bids be tabled until later in the meeting in order for the Road Superintendent to review them. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Minutes - 06-17-03

Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Campagna that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held June 17, be unanimously approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Correspondence

PSATS News Bulletin - Monthly newsletter dated June 2003 on Building Code Update; Bill Would Increase Turnback Payments; Legislature Busy as Summer Recess Approaches; Township Officials Encouraged to Attend National Conference in September; Committee to Hold Hearings on Clean and Green Bill; Association Testifies Against Private Enterprise Bills; Townships Invited to Visitation Day; Stream Cleanup Grants Available; and Information on Realty Transfer Tax Enclosed.

Governor Ed Rendell - Letter thanking the State Association for inviting him and his cabinet members to address the convention. He is also seeking help with regards to his plan for a New Pennsylvania.

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Correspondence - Continued

Penn Township Veterans Association - Newsletter announcing their next meeting date would be June 24 at Mama Rosa's.

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue - Copy of real estate valuation factors based on sales data compiled by the State Tax Equalization Board in 2002.

Senator Jane Ori - Letter dated June 19 advising that she will testify before the Public Participation Panel of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission in support of transportation infrastructure projects vital to Butler County and the surrounding region. She is asking that she be given a list of transportation projects vital to roadway improvements within our township.

Seminars

The following seminars have been scheduled:

Public Works Departments; 07/29 - 07/31
2003 Legislative & Educational Conference, 09/03
- 09/05, Washington, DC

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

Mr. Primm read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on June 17, 2003. Township Fund: \$18,542.60, Fire Tax Fund: \$2,749.37. Deposits made into the township funds totaled \$12,442.15. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: \$207,340.31, Fire Tax Fund: \$49,581.39, State Fund: \$175,912.96, Municipal Pension Fund: \$131,978.24, Police Pension Fund: \$588,961.27. Motion by Supervisor Campagna and seconded by Supervisor Roth that the Treasurer's Report be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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Treasurer's Report - Continued

Mr. Primm also presented a Budget Analysis for the Township Fund.

Zoning Department

Clinton Bonetti, Land Use Administrator, gave his zoning report for June 2003, 10 Building Permits were issued totaling \$1,528.00, 2 Highway Occupancy Permits were issued totaling \$70.00, 4 Septic Applications were filed totaling \$925.00, 21 Lien letters were issued totaling \$215.00 and 1 Ordinance Book was sold for \$20.00. Total zoning fees for June 2003 were \$2,758.00.

Police Department

Mr. Primm read the Animal Report for May 2003 as prepared and submitted by Dennis B. Sybert, Animal Control Officer.

Road Department

Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Campagna the road paving project be awarded to Wiest Asphalt for a total of \$161,143.50. The bids were opened at the beginning of the meeting. Therefore being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Supervisor Roth reported the road department has been working at Oak Hills Manor the last 2 days.

Recycling Report

Supervisor Roth reported the township has applied for a composting grant for composting bins. The Board also talked about recycling rates.

Public Relations Department

The Township Manager read the 2003 Status Report of Previously Adopted Resolutions

Supervisor Campagna reported on the Succop Conservancy reception.

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Old Business

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement - Earned Income Tax
- The Township Manager read the Earned Income Tax Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Proposed Resolution of Act 166 of 2002. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Campagna that the Earned Income Tax Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement be approved as well as Resolution #306. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Primm reported that applications are being accepted for the Penn Prime 2003 Safety Enhancement Grant. Applications must be received by August 8, 2003.

Act 537 Update

Saxonburg Area Authority was present to discuss their rate feasibility study for conveying and treating Penn Township Sanitary Sewerage at the Saxonburg Area Authority Sewage Treatment Plant. After a lengthy discussion between the board, Paul Cornetti of Saxonburg Authority, and the audience, a motion was made by Supervisor Ward to proceed to accept the Saxonburg Borough and Saxonburg Area Authority's offer to join their project as opposed to the original plan of conveying treatment to BASA including acceptance of the Borough's offer to join the Saxonburg Area Authority with representation from Penn Township, a Second to the motion was made by Supervisor Campagna. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Roth next made a motion to have Supervisor Sam Ward represent Penn Township on the Saxonburg Area Authority, second by Supervisor Campagna. There being no questions or comments from the audience the motion carried unanimously. Paul Cornetti, Engineer to the Saxonburg Authority thanked the board for their time and stated that he looks forward to a long relationship with Penn Township.

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Audience Participation

None.

At this point in the meeting, the Board entered into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. When the Board returned, Supervisor Ward seeing no audience participation, requested a motion to adjourn. Motion offered by Supervisor Campagna and seconded by Supervisor Roth. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted:

Samuel M. Ward
Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Gregory A. Primm
Township Manager
Township of Penn