

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, February 18, 2008 at the Penn Township Municipal Building. President Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Prieber, Goldsmith and Rewa. Also present were Solicitor Tilley, Manager Garvick, Police Chief Gilbert, Engineer Bortner and Zoning Officer Menges.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF SILENT MEDITATION:

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which was followed by a period of silent meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Johnson announced that, following the public meeting this evening, the Board of Commissioners would convene in an executive session with the Solicitor for the purpose of discussing legal and/or personnel issues.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION:

Commissioner Johnson presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Donna Scott for her many years of service on the Penn Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. Commissioner Johnson presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Leroy W. Snyder for his many years on the Penn Township Civil Service Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the January 21, 2008 and February 5, 2008 meetings of the Board of Commissioners were approved as presented. The Board did make corrections to the Finance and Public Safety Committee minutes.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Prieber:

Commissioners Prieber/Heilman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 684 amending Section 127-14 Stop Intersections of the Penn Township Code. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Commissioners Prieber/Heilman moved to approve a request dated January 14, 2008 from the Hanover Allied Veterans Council to conduct the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2008. They further moved that all street closings and public safety considerations be coordinated through the Chief of Police. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee - Commissioner Johnson:

Commissioner Johnson had nothing to report.

Planning & Recreation Committee – Commissioner Prieber:

There were no additions or changes to the Zoning Officer's Report.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to deny a request dated January 28, 2008 from George Neiderer Pools Inc. for a waiver of a land development plan to pave an additional parking lot at 1016 York Street. Motion carried.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated January 11, 2008 from Group Hanover, Inc. for a waiver of a land development plan to replace an existing flagstone patio with a two-story addition at the corporate office of Hanover Foods Corporation. Motion carried.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to adopt the Subdivision and Land Development Waiver Policy. Motion carried.

Finance Committee - Commissioner Heilman

Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved to approve Township Warrants in the amount of \$607,551.91. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to adopt Resolution No. 677 fixing the rates of pay and various benefits for calendar year 2008. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve a request dated January 21, 2008 from the Exchange Club of Hanover for a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise the annual Builders Show on March 5 thru March 8, 2008. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve a request dated January 8, 2008 from the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce for a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise the shuttle service for the annual Dutch Festival on July 26, 2008. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to adopt Resolution No. 676, authorizing the advertisement for and the public sale of real estate at 30 Spring Garden Street. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heilman noted that he would not be at the next Finance Committee meeting on March 3, 2008 and the annual voting wage tax meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Western School District Administration Building.

Public Works Committee -Commissioner Goldsmith

There were no additions or changes to the Engineer's Report.

Commissioners Goldsmith/Heilman moved to adopt Resolution No. 675 redesignating portions of Breezewood Drive in Penn Township. Motion carried.

The following subdivision plans were formally filed:

- P08-03 – ESAB Welding and Cutting Products
- P08-04 – Donald B. Smith, Inc.

Commissioners Prieber/Heilman moved to approve the following subdivision and land development plans:

- P07-10 – 735 Frederick Street Land Development Plan
 - P07-26 – Hostetter Subdivision
 - P07-30 – M & T Bank – 1275 Baltimore Street
 - P07-31 – SKF USA, Inc.
 - P08-01 – Robert T. Hemler, Sr.
- Motion carried.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve the following extension requests that will expire on May 19, 2008:

- P01-28 – High Pointe @ Rojen Farms
 - P02-28 – Gateway Hanover
 - P03-06 – Brookside Heights
 - P03-20 – Wallen Tract Apartments/South West Crossing
 - P03-30 – Mustang Pointe
 - P05-15 – Avion
- Motion carried.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Rewa

Commissioners Rewa/Goldsmith moved to approve participation in the Capital Region Council of Governments with regards to the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. Motion carried.

Commissioners Rewa/Goldsmith moved to adopt Resolution No. 674, revising the official sewage facilities plan by including the Thornbury Hunt subdivision plan. Motion carried.

Commissioners Rewa/Goldsmith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 683, the Sewer Use Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Commissioners Rewa/Goldsmith moved to adopt the enforcement response plan providing guidance to Township Personnel in enforcing violations of the Township's Pretreatment Program. Motion carried.

Commissioners Rewa/Goldsmith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 685, approving the plan of construction of sanitary collection sewers within and to that portion of the Township of Penn consisting of lands of Whispering Run, High Pointe North, Maitland Investment and Martin's Ridge. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

MANAGERS REPORT: There were no additions/corrections to his report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Johnson reviewed the annual police report and commended Chief Gilbert on the reduction in crime and accidents in the Township.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mike Rishel, 62 Laurel Drive, informed the Commissioners that he is a candidate for the State House of Representatives and if he is elected, he will be very honored to represent the residents of Penn Township in Harrisburg. He will be a direct link for any needs the Commissioners have in Harrisburg.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS FOR THE COMMISSIONERS:

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved for adjournment at approximately 7:22 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers
Township Secretary