

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 15, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the Penn Township Municipal Building. President Prieber called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa, and Felix. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Solicitor Tilley, Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Zoning Officer Menges and Engineer Bortner.

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 Prieber 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:

Charles Beimiller, 56 Little Knoll Drive, was concerned about the 25% percent increase in his Township property tax. Commissioner Prieber stated that the increase was approved on December 30, 2009 and was due to the increase in contract costs such as health care, personnel, pension contributions along with increases in gas and other utilities. Manager Garvick further explained the increases along with the fact that there were public hearings held in late 2009 to get input from the public prior to the approval of the budget. Mr. Beimiller wanted an explanation on the budget. Manager Garvick explained that the approved budget is made up of three distinct budgets general, sewer, and highway aid. Commissioner Heilman stated that the revenues have either decreased or remained stagnant over the last several years. He explained the difficulty the commissioners would encounter with their residents by cutting services that people want.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting of the Board of Commissioners were approved as submitted.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Felix: Commissioner Felix had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee - Commissioner Heilman: Commissioner Heilman had nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Heilman:

Commissioners Heilman/Felix moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$1,581, 331.60. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Felix moved to authorize the Township Manager and Secretary to execute the DCED grant for fire equipment. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Felix moved to approve a request dated January 29, 2010 from the Hanover Chamber of Commerce for a waiver of the sign permit fees to advertise the shuttle service for Dutch Days. Motion carried.

On Monday, March 8, 2010, the following bids were opened and publicly read aloud by Township Manager Jeffrey Garvick for a replacement roof for the Township building located at 20 Wayne Avenue:

Bidder	Bid Amount	Bid Bond
Blair Roofing, Inc. 509 Chimney Rocks Road Hollidaysburg, PA 16648	\$153,600	Yes
CE Davis Contracting 636 Mill Hill Road Ford City, PA 16226	\$118,500	Yes
Donald B. Smith Roofing 450 West Chestnut Street Hanover, PA 17331	\$132,000	Yes
Boss Insulation and Roofing 155 Bossert Blvd West Mifflin, PA 17886	\$101,587	Yes
Budget Renovations & Roofing P.O. Box 138 53 S. 5 th Street Shamokin, PA 17872	\$139,968	Yes
George W. Weber G & W Roofing & Construction 672 Christy Road Eighty Four, PA 15330	\$168,800	Yes
J.M Young & Sons, Inc. 10 Trella Street Newville, PA 17004	\$125,600	Yes
Shea Roofing 90 North Donnerville Road Mountville, PA 17554	\$115,300	Yes

Kautz Construction
1278 Loop Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

\$139,882

Yes

Commissioners Heilman/Felix moved to reject the municipal roof bids that were opened on March 8, 2010. They further moved to authorize the Township Manager to rebid the project. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee – Commissioner Rewa

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

Planning & Recreation Committee – Commissioner Felix:

Commissioners Felix/Rewa moved to approve a request dated December 16, 2009 for a waiver of the land development requirements for Baltimore Street Tattoo at 1319 Baltimore Street. Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Rewa moved to adopt Ordinance No. 712, adopting the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried on 4-0 roll call vote.

There were no additions or changes to the Zoning Officers Report.

The following subdivision plans were formally filed: None.

Commissioners Felix/Rewa moved to approve the following subdivision and land development plans:

P02-28 – Gateway Hanover
P09-18 – Gary E. & Nancy A. Martin
P10-01 – ESAB Materials Building
Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Rewa moved to approve the following extension requests that will expire on June 21, 2010:

P03-05 – Breezewood Drive Project
P09-10 – American Home Contractors, LLC
Motion carried.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Rewa:

Commissioners Rewa/Heilman moved to approve an agreement with West Manheim Township for additional 400 edu's of sewer capacity. Motion carried.

Commissioners Rewa/Heilman moved to adopt Resolution No. 729, setting the sewer tapping fee. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

QUESTIONS FROM PRESS: Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Heilman/Rewa moved for adjournment at approximately 7:16 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers
Township Secretary