

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 19, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, May 19, 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, Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith and Rewa. Also present were Solicitor Tilley, Manager Garvick, Acting Police Chief Rhodes, 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.

PRESENTATION:

On behalf of the Penn Township Board of Commissioners, President Johnson accepted a \$1,600 donation from Nevin Baumgardner, representing the Hanover Eagles Aerie 1406. The funds are to be used for the Penn Township Child Abuse Prevention program.

President Johnson also accepted a \$1,000 donation from Kim Griffith, Human Resources Director, Snyder's of Hanover, for the Township's bike safety program.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Commissioner Johnson noted two minor corrections to the April 21, 2008 minutes.

The minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting of the Board of Commissioners were then approved as corrected.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Prieber:

Commissioners Prieber/Heilman moved to approve a request dated April 21, 2008 from ERA Preferred Properties to approve a 5K Run/Walk for MDA at the Hillside Medical Center on September 20, 2008. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee - Commissioner Prieber:

Commissioners Prieber/Heilman moved to reappoint Fred Marsh to the Penn Township Planning Commission. Said term to expire May 2012. Motion carried.

Commissioners Prieber/Heilman moved to appoint Paul McAndrew to an unexpired term on the Penn Township Planning Commission. Said term to expire May 2010. Motion carried.

Planning & Recreation Committee – Commissioner Prieber:

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

No subdivision or land development plans were submitted for formal filing.

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

P06-20 – Proposed Rutters Farm Store #6
P08-05 – Hanover Foods Corporation
Motion carried.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve the following extension requests that will expire on August 18, 2008:

P01-28 – High Pointe @ Rojen Farms
P02-28 – Gateway Hanover
P03-06 – Brookside Heights
P03-20 – Wallen Tract Apartments
P03-30 – Mustang Pointe
P05-15 – Avion
P08-04 – Donald B. Smith, Inc.
Motion carried.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve a request date April 19, 2008 from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1406 for a waiver of land development requirements to expand their current building. Motion carried.

Finance Committee - Commissioner Heilman

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve Township Warrants in the

amount of \$818,156.37. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve a request dated April 11, 2008 from Buckley Chiropractic for a waiver of sign permit fees to advertise the Make A Wish Convoy. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve a request dated May 2, 2008 from the Penn Township Lions Club for a waiver of sign permit fees to advertise two chicken barbeques. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve a request dated April 28, 2008 from Saint Joseph's Parish for a waiver of building and sign permit fees to replace a roof and add additional signage. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 691 establishing and regulating a firefighter pension fund. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve the revised Agreement of Sale for 823 York Street. They further moved to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee - Commissioner Goldsmith

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

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Rewa

Commissioner Rewa had nothing to report.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL PROMOTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

At this time President Commissioner Johnson promoted Patrolman Corey Merewede to Probationary Sergeant.

President Commissioner Johnson then promoted Sergeant James Laughlin to the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Laughlin thanked the Board for the appointment.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS FOR THE COMMISSIONERS:

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Heilman thanked William and Dana Heston, who were in attendance, for working with the Board on the purchase of their property and wished them luck as they prepare to relocate.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved for adjournment at approximately 7:14 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers
Township Secretary