

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Penn Township Municipal Building. President Felix called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Felix, Prieber, Goldsmith, Heilman, and Klunk. Also present were Solicitor Tilley, Township Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Zoning Officer Menges, Township Engineer Bortner and Assistant to the Engineer Matt Swanner.

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:

Commissioner Felix congratulated Detective Jeffrey Sneeringer for receiving an "Officer of the Year" award from the Hanover Exchange Club.

Commissioner Felix read a note of thanks from Blain Kauffman for the help he received for his reunion car show.

Commissioner Felix announced that applications are still being accepted for a vacancy on the planning commission.

Commissioner Felix announced a personnel session was held following the finance committee meeting on October 10, 2012.

Commissioner Felix 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, personnel, and other issues involving attorney/client privilege.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the September 17, 2012 and October 2, 2012 meeting of the Board of Commissioners were approved as submitted.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Jay Thigpen, R200 Oliver Street, asked about planting pachysandra vegetation in his yard instead of grass. He was told that it was permissible as long as he did not allow a weed infestation among the planting. He also wanted to know what he could do about his noisy neighbor. He expressed concern that the neighbor has constructed a tent and plays loud music from the tent. Commissioner Felix stated that Mr. Thigpen should call the police if the noise is too loud. Mr. Thigpen stated that the police have told him that there is nothing they could do

because there is no noise ordinance. Police Chief Laughlin stated that if it is after nine or ten in the evening they do address the complaints with the offending party.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Prieber

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated September 19, 2012 from the Hanover Public School District to conduct the Hanover Homecoming Parade on October 12, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated September 5, 2012 from the South Western Band Boosters for the use of barricades and fire police at the Cavalcade of Bands competition on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to execute a maintenance agreement with B. Moyer Radio Communications for the police radios for the remainder of 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to approve the Hemler/ACS agreement for 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Prieber/Goldsmith moved to adopt the revised Civil Service Rules and Regulations for police officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee - Commissioner Heilman had nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Heilman:

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$1,598,177.51. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Klunk abstaining from warrants for vendor number sixty.

Commissioners Heilman/Prieber moved to approve a revised lease agreement with the South Western School District for the Steed's classroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee – Commissioner Goldsmith:

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

Commissioners Goldsmith/Heilman moved to approve Resolution No. 796, authorizing Met-Ed to construct street lights at the intersections of Charles Avenue and South Center Street and Charles Avenue and Brookside. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Recreation Committee – Commissioner Klunk:

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

The following subdivision and land development plans were formally filed:

P12 - 13 - High Pointe at Rojen Farms
P12 - 14 - Hanover Bible Baptist

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

P12 -13 - High Pointe at Rojen Farms
Motion carried.

Commissioners Klunk/Goldsmith moved to approve the following extension requests that will expire on January 21, 2013:

P04 - 25 - South Heights
P04 - 26 - Stonewicke
P06 - 23 - Brookside Avenue Townhouses
P07 - 27 - Sterling Brown
P08 - 14 - National Barn
P08 - 20 - Park Hills Manor
P10 - 12 - York Village Apartments, LCL
Motion carried unanimously.

Health & Sanitation - Commissioner Klunk

Commissioner Klunk reported that he attended the Public Utility Commission's meeting regarding Hanover Borough's proposed water rate increase for non-Borough residents. He stated he had the prepared statement from the Borough explaining why they needed the increase and he will make it available to the Commissioners. There was very little public comment during the meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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

QUESTIONS FROM PRESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectively submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers
Township Secretary

