

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, October 19, 2009 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 Preiber, Heilman, Goldsmith, Rewa, and Felix. 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:

Lauren (Pete) Schott, Board Member of the Hanover Public Library, thanked the Commissioners for the contribution the Township made toward the library for 2009. He stated that the Pennsylvania state budget reduced the library's allocation by 20% because of the current economic conditions. These cuts also included Internet programs. The library budget was prepared assuming a 35% reduction in state funds. A letter was sent to the Township requesting a \$117,577 contribution for 2010, which the library board realizes the Township may not be able to meet due to budget constraints. He stated that in 2009 the library has received \$35,000 in personal contributions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting of the Board of Commissioners were approved as submitted.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Felix:

Commissioners Felix/Heilman moved to adopt Resolution No. 717 for additional streetlights at the intersection of Route 216 and Route 116. Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Heilman moved to adopt Resolution No 718 for an additional streetlight at Route 116 and Hirtland Avenue. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee - Commissioner Heilman:

Commissioner Heilman had nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Heilman:

Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$1,000,108.46. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated September 10, 2009 from the Mason Dixon Credo for a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise a retreat at the Penn Grove Retreat Center. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated September 22, 2009 from South Western Band Boosters for a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise a chicken barbeque on October 17, 2009. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heilman/Goldsmith moved to adopt the revised 2010 police pension minimum municipal obligation. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee - Commissioner Goldsmith

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

Planning & Recreation Committee – Commissioner Felix:

There were no additions to the Zoning Officers Report. There was clarification on the columbarium requested by Mt. Olivet cemetery. The structure will not be seen from Baltimore Street but will be on one of the streets traversing the cemetery.

Commissioner Felix requested clarification on the utility poles located along Grandview Road in the area of High Pointe at Rojen farms. Manager Garvick stated that they are expecting poles to be moved and the road to be opened to traffic around Thanksgiving.

The following subdivision plans were formally filed:

P09-19 – Blettner Avenue Apartments

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

P09-15 – High Pointe at Rojen Farms –North

P09-19 – Blettner Avenue Apartments

Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Goldsmith moved to re-approve land development plan P09-08 Wilson Avenue Medical Center originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 15, 2009. Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Goldsmith moved to approve the following extension requests that will expire on January 18, 2010:

- P03-03 – Bowman Tract Apartments
 - P04-25 – South Heights
 - P04-26 – Stonewicke
 - P06-23 – Brookside Avenue Townhouses
 - P07-27 – Sterling Brown
 - P08-20 – Park Hills Manor
 - P09-14 – 670 Baer Avenue Townhouses
 - P09-15 – High Pointe at Rojen Farms - North
- Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Goldsmith moved to deny a request dated September 29, 2009 from the American Sign Company for a waiver of the sign ordinance to install light pole banners at the South Hanover Shopping Center. Motion carried.

Commissioner Felix/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated September 29, 2009 from the American Sign Company for a waiver of the sign ordinance to place a 128 square foot banner on the former Giant Food Store at the South Hanover Shopping Center, with the stipulation that the permit is for a period of only six months. Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated September 3, 2009 from Mt. Olivet cemetery for a waiver of the land development requirements to construct a columbarium. Motion carried.

Commissioners Felix/Goldsmith moved to approve a request dated October 2, 2009 from South Hanover Partners LLP for a curb and sidewalk modification to an approved land development plan with the stipulation that the modified as built plan be submitted to the Township. Motion carried.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Rewa

Commissioner Rewa announced that document shredding for residents would be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. at the drop off center.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heilman expressed concerned about the editorial “jeer” the Hanover Evening Sun had given the Township for the cost of its proposed energy study. Mr. Heilman feels that the editor is not aware of what an actual energy study does. The study will review all the systems within the Township including electric, heating and cooling

systems not just turning off lights and other equipment when not in use. The Township will include the cost of the study in the 2010 budget. He felt that the editor had a myopic view of the study rather than a broader review of how to make the building green and more energy efficient. Mr. Heilman feels the Township should be compelled to do this. There was concern about the fact that the Township was “cheered” for the same idea several months ago prior to the cost being discussed. The Commissioners suggested a letter be sent to the editor about their concerns.

CITIZEN’S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DISCUSSION

ITEMS: None

QUESTIONS FROM PRESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectively submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers
Township Secretary