

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Penn Township Municipal Building. President Van de Castle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Brown, Felix, Heiland, and Van de Castle. Also present were Solicitor Hovis, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Klunk was absent with notice.

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 Van de Castle read the announcement of the executive session held following the Health & Sanitation meeting on September, 3, 2019.

Commissioner Van de Castle announced that after 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:

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting were approved as submitted.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were none.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Heiland moved to adopt Resolution No. 940, for State Route 94 & Wilson Avenue Traffic Signal Pedestal Relocation. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Heiland moved to approve the traffic signal maintenance agreement with Atlantic Transportation Systems, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Heiland moved to approve a request dated August 6, 2019 from Hanover Area High School for their Homecoming Parade on September 27, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Recreation – Commissioner Heiland:

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

The MS4 Coordinator is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer any questions.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to approve the North Tributary Watershed Study proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to approve the Park Heights Blvd & Daugherty Drive Bridge replacement proposal for final design and construction documents from GHI Engineers and Surveyors. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Commissioner Heiland:

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to reduce the bond amount for the Stonewicke – Phase I in the amount of \$1,867,512.21 to \$1,153,584.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to accept the final inspection of Legacy 92, LLC, thus releasing the bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to set the bond amount for Stonewicke-Phase II at \$732,560.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to accept the final inspection of Allison's 966 ½ York Street, thus releasing the letter of credit. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to set the bond amount for High Pointe at ROJEN Farms South Section Phase S1 at \$2,743,635.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to adopt Resolution No. 942, opposing PA House Bill 103, amending the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code for subdivision and land development. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to deny a request dated August 27, 2019 from Wellspring for a waiver to the sign ordinance for their church on Hickory Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following Subdivision and Land Development plans were formally filed:

SL19-14-Gitts Run Road LLC
SL19-15-South Hills Golf Course
SL19-16-Ron Carter

Commissioners Heiland/Felix moved to approve the following sub division and land development plans:

SL19-11-Rutter's #52-Proposed Building Expansion
SL19-12-Stonewicke-Phase II
Motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Commissioner Felix:

Commissioners Felix/Heiland moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$887,472.63. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Felix/Heiland moved to approve the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Penn Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$197,198.48, the Penn Township Firefighter's Pension Plan in the amount of \$189,754.70, and the Penn Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$682,262.78. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Felix/Heiland moved to approve the RJ Hall Police Pension fee cost proposal of \$17,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Felix/Heiland moved to adopt Resolution No. 941, authorizing the advertisement for and the public sale of excess public works equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Felix/Heiland moved to approve a request dated August 21, 2019 from Grace Church for a waiver of the sign permit fees for their Christmas Bazaar. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Commissioner Felix:

Commissioner Felix/Heiland moved to appoint Kory Weaver to the academy for the firefighters for Penn Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Felix/Heiland moved to ratify the collective bargaining agreement between Penn Township and AFSCME for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Heiland:

Commissioner Heiland had nothing to report.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

There were no additions or changes to the Manager’s Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Heiland/Brown moved for adjournment at approximately 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary