

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 16, 2021. President Heiland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Black, Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Solicitor Hovis, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney.

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 Heiland announced that an executive session was held on Monday, August 2, 2021, after the Health & Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Heiland also announced that after the public meeting this evening the Board of Commissioners would convene in an executive session with the Solicitor to discuss personnel, and other legal matters involving attorney/client privilege.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 19, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting were approved as submitted.

POLICE ACCREDITATION PRESENTATION:

Police Chief Hettinger introduced, Mr. Jim Adams, of the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Mr. Adams explained what it means to be an accredited agency and stated Penn Township is one of hundred thirty-one agencies that are accredited out of approximately eleven hundred in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Penn Township was one of the first departments to be accredited in 2003. Mr. Adams presented Police Chief Hettinger, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the Penn Township Police Department the Certificate of Recognition for Accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. Mr. Adams also presented an award of recognition for being a Premier Agency. He explained to become a Premier Agency an agency must achieve five consecutive re-accreditations containing no

provisions or extensions, he added Penn Township is one of seventeen agencies within the Commonwealth to achieve this status.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Tyler Keach, 77 Gardenia Drive, updated the Board on the steps being made to repair the retention pond and the sink holes located at 77 Gardenia Drive. He stated he is working with Hanover Land Services on plans for the repair. The trees and brush have been cleared on the Jasmine side, and is currently working on the Gardenia side of the ponds. He will continue to update Zoning Officer Smith on the progress.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Elksnis moved to approve a request dated July 21, 2021, from Hanover Area High School for their Homecoming Parade on October 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Recreation – Commissioner Black:

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

The MS4/Stormwater Inspector is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm to answer any questions.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 842, Repealing Ordinance Nos. 155 & 530, and creating an Ordinance regulating street openings, excavations and pavement cuts, and providing penalties and appropriate fees. Motion carried on a 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to adopt Resolution No. 974, accepting the dedication of a tract of land within Hall Estates. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Commissioner Black:

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

There were no Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted for formal filing.

There were no Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted for final approval.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to approve the following extension requests to expire on November 15, 2021:

SL17-10 Mustang Pointe
SL21-01 Clover Lane Development (Stonewicke V)
SL21-05 Elsner Engineering Works
SL21-06 High Pointe LLC
Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Heiland moved to approve a request dated August 12, 2021, from Barley Snyder on behalf of J.A. Myers, for waivers of Section 506.e, Section 508, and Section 509.a of the Penn Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for SL17-10 Mustang Pointe. Motion did not carry as the vote was 2-2, with Commissioners Brown and Elksnis casting the dissenting votes, and Commissioner Cromer abstaining.

Finance – Commissioner Cromer:

Commissioners Cromer/Brown moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$874,011.69. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Cromer/Black moved to approve a request dated July 22, 2021, from Wellspring Wesleyan Church requesting a reimbursement of yard sale permit fees for a fundraiser held June 11 and 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Cromer/Brown moved to approve a request dated July 28, 2021, from Grace Church for a waiver of the sign permit fees for their Christmas Bazaar on November 20, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Cromer/Black moved to approve a contribution of \$50,000.00 to the Guthrie Memorial Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Cromer/Elksnis moved to approve the moving of the current 457 Plan to a different custodian. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Elksnis:

Commissioners Elksnis/Cromer moved to adopt Resolution No. 975, authorizing the condemnation of certain parcels of real estate. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Brown abstaining.

Commissioners Elksnis/Black moved to authorize the one-year extension on the Penn Waste Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Elksnis/Black moved to approve an agreement with GHD for permitting services for the Public Works Facility Fill Site. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Brown abstaining.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

Manager Rodgers thanked Police Chief Hettinger, and Officer Berwager for all of their hard work on the accreditation submission.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Heiland thanked Police Chief Hettinger and Detective Gebhart for all of their hard work for National Night Out.

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 Elksnis/Brown moved for adjournment at approximately 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary