

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:38 PM following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Johnson, Rewa, and Prieber. Commissioner Heilman was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Wastewater Superintendent Mahone, Environmental Director Hejmanowski, Highway Foreman Mahan, Acting Police Chief Rhodes, and Fire Chief Jan Cromer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 7, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner stated that brush and limb collection is now finished for the fall and they have begun leaf collection.

SOUTH HANOVE LITTLE LEAGUE: The Committee received a request dated October 31, 2008 from the South Hanover Little League requesting a waiver of the land development requirements and permit fees to replace an existing concession stand building. The Penn Township Planning Commission will review and make a recommendation on the request at its next meeting. Manager Garvick stated that the Township does incur costs in inspecting the facilities. There was some discussion about what would happen to the existing building.

FIRE COMPANY PROPERTIES: The Committee received a request dated October 10, 2008 from Remax requesting a variance to the Outdoor Sign Ordinance to advertise the properties owned by the Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services on Baltimore and Frederick Streets. The signs that are up are larger than those allowed by the township's sign ordinance. The request may be withdrawn since we have been informed that new signs are being ordered that will comply with the ordinance. If the signs are not replaced by the Board of Commissioners meeting then action will need to be taken on the request.

PTVES: The Committee received a request dated November 3, 2008 from the Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services Inc. requesting a waiver of the land development requirements and building permit fees associated with installing a utility building. The Planning Commission will review and recommend on this request.

HARVEST TIME TEMPLE: The Committee received a request dated September 26, 2008 from Harvest Time Temple requesting a waiver of the land development requirements to install a 24 x 32 x 10 pole building to be used for storing of maintenance equipment. The church owns two separately deeded lots. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on this at their next meeting.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Engineer Bortner stated that the flagpole is in the process of being installed and should be completed shortly.

SALT STORAGE FACILITY: Township Engineer Bortner stated that the township's road salt is being stored at the new building on the ground covered by a tarp. There is concern about exposing the material to the elements (some of the salt will dissolve from contact with moisture and the ground) and creating an environmental issue with Oil Creek. Manager Garvick stated that bins were not included in the original construction of the building in order to keep costs down but it was included on the land development plan. The Township is looking at a storage structure that is easily expandable. Manager Garvick stated the public works department can do some of the work but the roof and materials would have to be bid. The construction would be done so that the facility would be able to be used for the 2009-2010 winter. General Fund revenues will not be used for the project.

RECREATION MATTERS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager