

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, January 18, 2016 at the Penn Township Municipal Building. President Heilman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Heilman, Felix, Brown, Klunk and Van de Castle. Also present were Solicitor Tilley, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Zoning Officer Swanner, Township Engineer Bortner, and Township Secretary Hallett.

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 Heilman 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 MEETINGS:

The minutes of the December 21, 2015 and the January 4, 2016 Board of Commissioners meetings were approved as submitted.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Larry Miorelli, Alled Lighting Systems, thanked the Board for taking the time to hear his presentation. He presented the Board with materials and information on LED lights offered by Alled. Mr. Miorelli said that Alled makes the highest quality lights in the world and the company's owner designs all of the lighting systems himself. All assembly is completed in Elwood City, Pennsylvania. The LED lights are giving their customers as much as 74% energy savings. Alled is about two weeks away from being an approved vendor with First Energy. Mr. Miorelli shared that MetEd will use Alled lights but only if requested. The Board was invited to visit the factory in Elwood City to see how the product is manufactured. Commissioner Heilman thanked Mr. Miorelli for his presentation.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Van de Castle:

Commissioners Van de Castle/Felix moved to adopt Resolution No. 865, revising the official sewage facilities plan by including the High Point @ Rojen Farms land development plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Commissioner Klunk:

There were no additions or changes to the Engineer's Report. Engineer Bortner noted that a revised report was submitted on January 18, 2016.

Planning & Recreation – Commissioner Klunk:

There were no additions or changes to the Zoning Officer's Report. Zoning Officer Swanner noted that a revised report was submitted on January 18, 2016.

Commissioners Klunk/Van de Castle moved to approve a bond reduction for Thornbury Hunt from \$699,399 to \$375,331.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Klunk/Van de Castle moved to set the bond amount for Hanover Wesleyan Church at \$66,918.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Klunk/Van de Castle moved to approve a request dated December 10, 2015 from Hanover Land Services for a waiver of the sidewalk requirements for Hanover Wesleyan Church. Motion carried unanimously.

The following land development plans were formally filed:

P16-01 - DeVan Farm Lot 1

There were no subdivision and land development plans to approve/disapprove.

Commissioners Klunk/Van de Castle moved to approve the following extension requests:

P04-25 - South Heights to expire April 18, 2016

P04-26 - Stonewicke to expire April 18, 2016

P06-23 - Brookside Avenue Townhouses to expire July 18, 2016

P14-08 - Brookside Heights-Phase 2 to expire April 18, 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brown questioned why so many extensions have been granted for these plans. Manager Rodgers responded that the plans are discussed each month at the Public Works Committee meeting prior to coming before the Board. Commissioner Klunk explained that the Commissioners are trying to address older plans as the extension requests are applied for and it's been about a year and a half since the focus on clearing out the older plans began.

Personnel – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to appoint Fred Ayers as Penn Township Fire Police Captain. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$2,243,149.03. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to approve a request received December 10, 2015 for a refund of the realty transfer tax for the sale of the property at 4655 Grandview Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the 10' Valk snow plow bid to Thomas Drnevish of Irwin, PA for a bid price of \$800. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the Gledhill Tailgate Spreader bid to Michael Stoner of Mechanicsburg, PA for a bid price of \$120. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the 10' Valk Moldboard bid to Tim Arentz of Fairfield, PA for a bid price of \$61. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the Monroe Tailgate Spreader 1 bid to Michael Stoner of Mechanicsburg, PA for a bid price of \$261. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the Stihl Cutoff Saw bid to Michael Kramer of Quakertown, PA for a bid price of \$51. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the 8' Western Snow Plow bid to Michael Stoner of Mechanicsburg, PA for a bid price of \$634. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to award the Monroe Tailgate Spreader 2 bid to Donald McQuait of Yorkhaven, PA for a bid price of \$210. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brown/Klunk moved to award the Cascade Bale Clamp bid to Ed Neff of Keyser, WV for a bid price of \$607. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to adopt Resolution No. 866, fixing rates of pay and various benefits for management and non-uniformed employees of Penn Township for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion Commissioners Brown/Klunk moved to approve renewal of the short term disability. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety – Commissioner Felix:

Commissioners Felix/Klunk moved to adopt Ordinance No. 787, amending Section 300-17 adding a stop sign on Nancy Street at the intersection of Sonny Street. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

There were no additions or changes to the manager’s report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Brown asked for an update concerning the temporary signs at Weis Markets. Zoning Officer Swanner reported that he spoke with the store manager on January 15, 2016 and made him aware of the guidelines for temporary signs. The signs have been removed. Zoning Officer Swanner noted that temporary signs do not count against the permanent signage allowance.

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 Klunk/Brown moved for adjournment at approximately 7:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. Hallett
Township Secretary

