



PENN TOWNSHIP

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2023

7:00 PM

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Benjamin Bruckhart
Richard Landis
Ronald Krause
Tom Walsh
Gary Stevens

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Hiester, Township Manager
Jennifer Tulonen, Township Planner
Fred Hammond, resident
Jim Vinelli, resident
Renee Fritz, resident
Jason Fritz, resident

Gerald Wolfe, resident
Noelle Fortna, Lancaster County APB
Joe Eisenhauer, resident
Gary Haldeman, resident
Connie Weidle, Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – B. Bruckhart opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment & Guest Recognition

Jason Fritz requested an update from the Board as to what improvements are going to be made at the Fruitville Pike and Lititz Road intersection. He asked if the speed limit could be reduced on the west side of the intersection on Lititz Road. M. Hiester responded that speed stripes were put in by the Township public works and the police did a speed study. Also, PennDOT has received the Township's request to study the 3 legs of the intersection that are their responsibility. They have not responded yet. Discussion took place relative to the involvement of policing the area and what can be done to get PennDOT to move forward.

Subdivision, Land Development, and Stormwater Management

- J. Tulonen presented the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan for 720 Holly Tree Road. The owner is proposing to construct an attached garage.

A motion was made by G. Stevens, with a second by R. Krause, to conditionally approve the Small Project Stormwater Management Plan for 720 Holly Tree Road, conditioned upon the items mentioned in the Township Planner's letter dated November 28, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A motion was made by T. Walsh, with a second by R. Krause, to adopt Resolution 2023-30, 2024 Final Budget and Millage Rate. The motion passed unanimously.
B. Bruckhart noted there will be no tax increase with the 2024 Budget.
- A motion was made by R. Krause, with a second by T. Walsh, to adopt Resolution 2023-31, Health Insurance Opt Out. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by R. Landis, with a second by G. Stevens, to adopt Resolution 2023-32, to Include Lands of 2253 Airy Hill Road, Kerry L. Myer Farm, to the Township Agricultural Security Area. The motion passed unanimously.
Noelle Fortna, from the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board, commented that the County has been working with the farm owner to help preserve this farm.
- A motion was made by R. Landis, with a second by R. Krause, to allocate \$50,000 from the Agricultural Preserve Fund to facilitate farm preservation for the Kerry L. Myer farm, 2253 Airy Hill Road. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by R. Landis, with a second by G. Stevens, to authorize advertising an Ordinance for a New Volunteer Fire Service Tax Credit. The motion passed unanimously.
Discussion took place relative to who must qualify as a volunteer to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Consent Agenda

- A motion was made by R. Landis, with a second by T. Walsh, to approve the November 27, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. (B. Bruckhart was absent for this meeting, so he abstained from voting.)
- A motion was made by T. Walsh, with a second by R. Krause, to approve the Treasurer's Reports and the payment of invoices. The motion passed unanimously.
G. Stevens commented that he wanted to thank M. Hiester and Township Staff for their work in keeping the Township financial records in order.
- The Board reviewed the following Communications:
Christian Adams Thank You Letter – Eagle Scout project at the Sweetbriar Creek Park
Doe Run Elementary School Thank You Letter – Township allowing construction vehicles to enter property
Lancaster Bicycle Club Grant Application
PLGiT Yield Restriction Compliance Letter
- Reports
Building, Zoning, and Property Maintenance – The Board reviewed the reports submitted by M. Reeser.

Planner – J. Tulonen highlighted the following items from her report:

- The stormwater management plans for 259 Auction Road have been recorded and the project is complete.
- A site visit took place today at 2143 E. Mt. Hope Road. All expectations and the process for the stormwater management were discussed and reviewed.
- The Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled for December. Linda Brown is stepping down as a member, so a new member will need to be appointed and the alternate position remains vacant.
- The Ag. Security Advisory Committee met December 11th at a special meeting to discuss the Myer Farm preservation at 2253 Airy Hill Road. The date of the Farmer Appreciation Event was decided on as February 8, 2024.

Sewage Enforcement Officer – Len Spencer's report was reviewed by the Board.

Public Works – D. Lefever's report was reviewed by the Board. B. Bruckhart commented that the skid loader that was approved to be purchased is now available.

Manager – M. Hiester presented his monthly report and discussion took place relative to zoning regulation changes that may be needed in the case of the next compost facility in the Township. He noted that next year

the Township will be working on the Comprehensive Plan and the following year will be the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion took place relative to zoning for solar in agricultural areas.

The Board reviewed the reports submitted from the following organizations:

Penryn Fire Company

Northwest Emergency Medical Services

Northwestern Lancaster County Authority

Other Business

On behalf of the Township, the Staff, and the Board, B. Bruckhart thanked Ron Krause for his service on the Board of Supervisors. This is his last meeting as a Board member.

R. Krause shared some of the highlights of his time which included decisions made about the Manheim Auto Auction, the preservation of farm land, and the formation of the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department.

Adjournment

A motion was made by R. Krause, with a second by R. Landis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Weidle

Recording Secretary