

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Finnen Community Room
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Finnen Community Room, 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390.

Present:

Victor Mantegna, Chair
William "Radar" O'Connell, Vice Chair
Carlton Snow, Supervisor
Jay Ennis, Supervisor
Laura Sperratore, Supervisor
Karen Versuk, Director of Operations
Ralph Churchill, Penn Planning Commission Vice Chair
Winifred Sebastian, Penn Solicitor
Dennis O'Neill, Penn Engineer
4 Visitors

Call to Order: Board Chair Mantegna called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He announced that a fact finding session was held with the Solicitor prior to the meeting.

Public Comment: Board Chair Mantegna called for public comment on agenda items. Hearing none, he proceeded with the items of business.

Items of Business:

1. Meeting Minutes/Invoices/Treasurer's Report –

Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2024. Seconded by Supervisor Snow. All in favor, motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Seconded by Supervisor Snow. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Supervisors - No report.

3. Engineering –

- a. **RES and Stormwater –** Township Engineer O'Neill stated that there were additional credits available from the East Nottingham streambank restoration done by PennDot. The township needs 35,180 to satisfy a five-year mandate for the Big Elk side of the township. The mandate is made by EPA/DEP. Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to purchase 35,810 pounds of credit at \$1.95 per pound. Seconded by Supervisor Snow. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **863 W. Baltimore Pike --** A pre-construction meeting was held on February 20 regarding the emergency operations building. A notice to proceed with construction is expected to be issued by the township on March 5, 2024.

4. Planning Commission – Planning Commission Vice Chair Ralph Churchill stated the next meeting will be held on 2/28/24.

5. Historical Commission – No report.

6. Parks, Recreation and Trails –

- a. Resolution 2024-13 – Authorizing Director of Operations to submit a grant application for Phase 3 of the Sports Park to Chester County Office of Open Space. The motion was made by Supervisor Sperratore. Seconded by Supervisor Snow. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Operations/Road Master –

- a. **Cell Towers** – Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to direct the Solicitor to sell the cell towers. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
 - b. **Pipe View Proposal** – A proposal to determine the extent of a sink hole beginning on the property located at 54 Allsmeer Drive was presented. The amount of the proposal is \$785.00. Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the expenditure, but added that the property owner would be responsible for the fee if it was determined that the problem was solely on private property. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
8. **AQUA Presentation** – Mark Bubel and Mark Zhou of AQUA made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the updating of the Act 537 plan. The update is necessitated by AQUA's anticipated loss of the Conard Pyle/Quercus treated effluent beneficial reuse effective October of 2026. A change to the mode of effluent disposal necessitates this planning process. AQUA asked the township to require developers to set aside land for disposal of effluent, respond and review timely any drafts, they also requested to use the proposed Sports Park for disposal or Lewis Road township-owned property behind London Brooke, both of which were denied. AQUA will pay for the update to the Act 537. They hope to complete the update by March 2025. Board Chair Mantegna inquired as to whether AQUA would simply use their right of first refusal to purchase the Conard Pyle/Quercus property and continue to discharge there. Mr. Bubel stated that the cost was approximately \$1.9 million and AQUA believed they have enough ground to cover the daily need using set aside lands. Penn Township engineer suggested that the Act 537 update include the Kelton area of the township as well.
9. **Penn Township Comprehensive Plan** – a public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 to consider adoption of the comprehensive plan which is currently advertised and has been sent to neighboring townships and the Avon Grove School District for comment.
10. **Other** – The Supervisors discussed the roundabout versus signalization of the Route 1/796 intersection. A vote is planned to be on the agenda for the March 5, 2024 public meeting.

Public Comments: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Caitlin Ianni/Karen Versuk