

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Finnen Community Room
Tuesday, March 4, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2024, in the Finnen Community Room, 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390 immediately following their Organizational Meeting for 2024.

Present:

Victor Mantegna, Chair
William "Radar" O'Connell, Vice Chair
Carlton Snow, Supervisor
Jay Ennis, Supervisor
Laura Sperratore, Supervisor
Karen Versuk, Director of Operations
Scott Steele, Penn Planning Commission Chair
Ralph Churchill, Penn Planning Commission Vice Chair
Denis Newbold, Penn Planning Commission Secretary
Dennis O'Neill, Township Engineer
Lt. Dan Steele, Pa State Police
10 Visitors

Call to Order: Board Chair Mantegna called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He requested public comment on board agenda items. Dr. Denis Newbold stated that he would like to comment on the roundabout agenda item when it is discussed.

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

Item of Note: Board Chair Mantegna was excused from the meeting at 6:43 p.m. due to a personal matter. As such, some matters of business reflect votes for only four (4) Board members.

Items of Business:

1. **PA State Police –** Lt. Dan Steele made his regular visit to the Board meeting to provide a status report comparison of 2023 to 2022. He mentioned a great relationship with Penn Township and explained they now serve nineteen municipalities in a 250 sq. mi. area with seven hundred road miles. They provide 24/7 coverage with eighty troopers.
2. **Meeting Minutes/Special Meeting Minutes/Invoices/Treasurer's Report –**
Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 5, 2024. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. 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 Ennis. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
 - a. Big Elk Escrow Phase 1 and Access Road Release #7 in the amount of \$411,079.33 leaving a remaining balance of \$349,348.51. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Ennis. Seconded by Supervisor Snow. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
 - b. Big Elk Escrow Phase 3 Release #2 in the amount of \$171,186.64 leaving a remaining balance of \$495,971.67. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Sperratore. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
3. **Supervisors**

- a. **Keyless Lock for Township Building** – Supervisor Snow presented three proposals for keyless locks for the township building facing Lewis Road. Supervisor O’Connell made a motion to approve the proposal for Harvey’s Locksmith in the amount of \$7,840.00. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Engineering** –
 - a. **McDonald’s Stormwater** – McDonald’s attorney Leonard Altieri from Klehr Harrison made a request to amend the final plans for the McDonald’s drive through expansion. Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to amend the final plan approval for McDonalds land development plan to remove the requirement on the plan for installation of Inlet Filter bag(s). Seconded by Supervisor O’Connell. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Planning Commission** – Denis Newbold, Scott Steele and Ralph Churchill represented the Planning commission discussing recent reviews for two conditional uses and one variance.
6. **Historical Commission** – Red Rose Inn tours will begin for 2024 in April. The township will receive an award for the work on the Red Rose at their May meeting.
7. **Parks, Recreation and Trails** – No report.
8. **Operations/Road Master** – Lawn maintenance and mowing bids were considered. Two bids were received from Marvel’s and Pickel’s. Supervisor Ennis made a motion to approve Marvel’s, which was the low bidder, in the amount of \$3,021.00 per cut commencing in April. Seconded by Supervisor Snow. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.
9. **Roundabouts** – Dr. Denis Newbold, of SAVE, made a presentation to the Board regarding roundabouts and their impact to emergency services and injury. He and his organization favor the concept of roundabouts at the Route 1/796 interchange. Supervisor Sperratore made the point that there is a steady stream of traffic coming off Route 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. daily without break that concerns her with the hospital reopening coming. Concerns for motorists having to both navigate roundabouts and be faced with having to figure out how to yield to increased emergency vehicles due to the Medic 94 location and reopening hospital. Township Engineer Dennis O’Neill mentioned there are no studies which evaluated two roundabouts with a traffic signal, only one roundabout with a traffic signal and none were in communities with hospitals and emergency medical services. The Board tabled the decision.
10. **320 Woodcrest Road** – The Board did not take a position on this application.
11. **Other**

Public Comments: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by Caitlin Ianni/Karen Versuk