

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Due to the Governor's Stay at Home order the meeting was held virtually.

Present:

Victor Mantegna, Vice Chair
Jay Ennis, Supervisor
William O'Connell, Supervisor
Laura Sperratore, Supervisor

Karen Versuk, Director of Operations
Caitlin Ianni, Township Secretary
Lisa Myers, Township Treasurer
Sam McMichael, Township Solicitor
Scott Steele, Planning Commission Chair
Ralph Churchill, Planning Commission Vice Chair
Chuck Freese, Township Emergency Management Coordinator
Dan Daley, Township Engineer
Nicole Kline
Andrew Rau
Chris Marchese
Dan Carsley
Terry DeGroot
Michael Strohecker
James Hanna
Ronald Hill
Joel Brown
Additional callers

Call to Order: Vice Chair Mantegna opened the regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2020. Karen Versuk read the virtual meetings rules to all callers. Vice Chair Mantegna then announced that the Board attended an informational meeting with the township solicitor on April 29, 2020 and May 6, 2020.

Public Comment: None from public. Director of Operations Versuk notified the Board that the township solicitor asked that the Board move the discussion of the Avon Grove High School final plan to item number 1.

1. Avon Grove High School Final Plan:

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 15, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report/Approve Invoices: Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the invoices. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Chester County Treasurer's Letter: Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the letter to the Chester County Treasurer waiving the 10% penalty for this year's taxes. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

3. **Supervisor's Reports:** Supervisor Ennis reports that there may be concerns over the placement of shrubs and tree being planted at the Red Rose Inn. Vice Chair Mantegna stated that this was voted on in a previous meeting and if they wish to make changes they should discuss. All present Supervisors agreed that the plans to plant the shrubs and tree should move forward. Supervisor O'Connell reported that Chester Water Authority is still working their way through court and that they came in a bid number 3. Vice Chair Mantegna emphasizes the importance of the issues regarding the potential sale of Chester Water Authority. Supervisor O'Connell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 declaring Penn Township's support for Chester Water Authority. Seconded by Vice Chair Mantegna. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
4. **Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission Chair Scott Steele had nothing to report.
5. **Historical Commission Report:** Scott Steele had nothing to report. Vice Chair Mantegna stated that the Red Rose Inn yard sale has been postponed until August 1, 2020.
6. **Active Recreation Committee Report:** Supervisor Sperratore had nothing new to report.
7. **Road Master Report:** D.O. Versuk reported that liquid fuels bids were opened on April 29, 2020. She reported that Long's Paving came in as the low bidder at \$208,493.50. D.O. Versuk asked the Supervisors to consider approving Long's Paving as the liquid fuels contractor. Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. D.O. Versuk reports that line painting has not been done in four years and thinks it's time to have it done. She states that Alpha Space Control put in a proposal for the line painting coming in at \$27,028.58. Supervisor O'Connell wanted to confirm that this proposal included stop bars, D.O. Versuk confirmed. Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the proposal made by Alpha Space Control for line painting. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Supervisor Sperratore brought up concerns from residents regarding the stormwater repairs; the repairs leave large stones in their yards which makes it difficult to mow. Supervisor Mantegna stated that this method is necessary and becoming a frequent sight in all townships. Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the bid for the stormwater repairs on Baker Rd, Ewing Rd and Valley Rd. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
8. **Emergency Manager Update:** Emergency Management Coordinator, Chuck Freese, reported that resource requests keep coming and the county is doing a good job at fulfilling them. The health department is ramping up antibody testing, especially for health care workers and first responders. The first testing site will be coming up this weekend in Longwood. EMC Freese plans to go and observe how they are operating the site. The health department has approved AGREM's recommendation to have a testing site at the Avon Grove Intermediate School. There will be nine tents offering testing and the testing will most likely be processed by Lab Corp or Quest. EMC Freese estimates the site to be up and running in the third week of May, however that is not guaranteed. Inspector of Elections, Ronald Hill, questioned EMC Freese if he thought the June primary would still be under the strict social distancing guidelines and if he could make any recommendations to make the Penn Township polling place as safe as possible. EMC Freese felt the guidelines would still be in place by the election and he and Hill will discuss his recommendations for Election Day.
9. **Operations Report:** D.O. Versuk stated that we received the endorsed contract for the CCOS Grant and that we have three years to spend \$250,000 on development. D.O. Versuk reports that the DCNR Grant for 1.5 million dollars was submitted on April 22, 2020. The Mushroom Festival Grant was not received this year due to COVID-19 their funds, rightfully, were awarded to first

responders and local mushroom growers. Finally D.O. Versuk reports that the shredding event and Red Rose Inn Yard Sale has been rescheduled for August 1, 2020 from 9 am to 12 pm.

- 10. Brown Partnership:** Vice Chair Mantegna opened the discussion on the Brown Partnership by stating a few changes were made to the document; main change being the banning of garbage disposals. Vice Chair Mantegna then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-07 for plan revision for new land development. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Vice Chair Mantegna then made a motion to accept the Brown Partnership sewage operations and maintenance agreement. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Vice Chair Mantegna asked for elaboration on Brown Partnership high tunnels. D.O. Versuk stated the Board has not received the documents for the high tunnels yet. Township Engineer Dan Daley stated that a conditional use application has been received by the Brown Partnership to allow for a high tunnel. He will start his review and have it ready before the hearing. He also stated that no action is needed by the Board at this time.
- 11. Phillips Mushrooms:** Vice Chair Mantegna asked if any action was needed by the Board tonight. D.O. Versuk stated that the Board gave approval at the April 15, 2020 meeting. However plans were dropped off at the township building today that the Board will need to sign.
- 12. Roseview/Jennersville Farms:** Township Engineer Dan Daley stated he had nothing new to report. He went on to say that the contractors have several permits they will be picking up from the township and that there are a few units under construction.
- 13. Big Elk:** Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve decrease in penalty riders in accordance with the three escrow releases of \$1,084,017.71, \$720,091.65 and \$764,256.05. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Comments: Vice Chair Mantegna read through the list of upcoming meetings and events. He stated that June 2, 2020 is Election Day. He expressed concern about displacing the medics that are using the community room. He felt that was unfair to move them right now due to the pandemic. He asked that the room get cleaned right after Election Day, so that they can use them room again. D.O. Versuk stated she will take care of it. Supervisor Ennis bought up the probability of cancelling the picnic in September. Vice Chair Mantegna stated that a decision has not been made yet and felt it was too early to call. D.O Versuk stated that Township Secretary Caitlin Ianni has been working on modifying the summer event schedule. D.O. Versuk also stated that Ianni has been corresponding with local first responders and community partners as to what their opinion is regarding the upcoming picnic. Ianni agreed that it was too early to make the call to cancel. Vice Chair Mantegna felt the picnic should be discussed at next month's meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary