

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes – Finnen Community Room
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Present:

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

Karen Versuk, Director of Operations
Scott Steele, Planning Commission Chair
Martha Detering, Resident
Hank Detering, Resident
Mark Wodzinski, Resident
Steve Geist
Jim Davidson, Property Owner
Joe Davidson
Larry Waltman, Resident and Historical Commission Member
Bob Davis, Historical Commission and Zoning Hearing Board
Chuck Freese, Emergency Management Coordinator
Rev. Jim Mundell, Resident
Seth Ross, Resident
David Maicher, Zoning Hearing Board
Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Chester County Press

Call to Order: Board Chair Mason opened the advertised public hearing prior to the board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2020-01 an amendment to the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance of 2019. The ordinance was read aloud. The intent of this was to amend the setback requirements in the RS district, Article 1501 accessory building, structures and uses.

The Board Chair asked for public comments. Hearing none, Supervisor O'Connell made the motion to close the hearing at 5:54 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion to adjourn passed 5-0.

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Public Comment: Martha Detering, resident of Ewing Road, represented people living in the vicinity of 735 Ewing Road being affected by the activity at 735 Ewing. She noted that the activities at the location have escalated to the point of interfering with reasonable enjoyment of one's property. The owner of 735 Ewing, Jim Davidson, was present at the meeting. The Supervisors stated that the matter is being handed over to code enforcement and the Solicitor for investigation and review.

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 4, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- Treasurer's Report/Approve Invoices:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the invoices. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
2. **Supervisor's Reports:** Red Rose Inn – no report. CWA – no decision yet from Supreme Court.
 - a. **Budgeted Items for 2021 approved:** tractor, lean to fuel tank, building permit software. Motion made by Supervisor Mantegna, seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
3. **Engineering Report:** Jennersville Farm requested escrow release #2 in the amount of \$19,386.50. The release was approved by the township engineer. Vice Chair Mantegna made the motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Mason. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. A request to consider the amendment of the Big Elk pump and haul agreement was made. Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve conditioned upon the Solicitor's response and approval. He further made a motion to sign the agreement outside of a public meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Mason. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Planning Commission Report:** No report.
5. **Historical Commission Report:** Historical Commission members Scott Steele, Bob Davis and Larry Waltman addressed the Board regarding the windows in the Red Rose Inn. Bob Davis stated that the windows in the Red Rose had been examined by well-known historical architect, John Milner, who stated they were in mint condition. Supervisor Ennis stated the Board had previously voted to supplement the windows with storm windows, rather than to replace the windows. Supervisor Mason expressed concern for putting storm windows over peeling windows. The Board planned to meet with the Historical Commission on site at the Red Rose at 8 a.m. on Dec. 12 to further discuss.
6. **Active Recreation Committee Report:** A proposal for the outdoor classroom clean up from Don Taylor was tabled.
7. **Road Master Report:** No report.
8. **Emergency Manager Update:** EMC Chuck Freese provided an update regarding COVID locally. He stated that county officials expected a post-Thanksgiving surge around the 3rd week of December. Supervisor O'Connell asked EMC Freese to come to the front of the room and presented him with a plaque for his exemplary service to the community at large in light of the COVID pandemic.
9. **Operations Report:** DOO Versuk reminded everyone of Santa's ride through the township scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6. Also Toys for Tots were being collected and the Letters to Santa program was underway.
10. **Resolution 2020-16:** The Board considered adoption of the 2021 budget. The motion to adopt was made by Supervisor O'Connell. Seconded by Supervisor Mantegna. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
11. **Resolution 2020-17:** Supervisor Sperratore made the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-17 to authorize the filing of a declaration of taking for the property located at 863 W. Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
12. **AGSD HOP and Traffic Signal Applications**

- a. **Resolution 2020-18:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-18 which would allow the Director of Operations to submit the traffic signal permit application for the new high school. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. **Resolution 2020-19:** Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to approve the HOP permit submission for AGSD conditioned upon the traffic engineer and solicitor's decision to release. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- 13. Ordinance 2020-01:** Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 to amend article 1501, accessory building, structures and uses regarding setback limitations in the RS district. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- 14. Act 172:** Consider approval of certified list of Act 172-qualified first responders for 2020. Supervisor O'Connell made the motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- 15. Resolution 2020-19:** A consideration for new fees was tabled until 2021.

Adjourn: Board Chair Mason made a motion to adjourn at 7 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary