

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Minutes – Finnen Community Room
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their public work session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 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
Dan Daley, Township Engineer
Larry Waltman, Resident
Bill Steele, Resident
Jennifer Santucci, Resident
Terry DeGroot, AGSD architect
Dan Carsley, AGSD business manager
Andy Rau, AGSD Solicitor
Winifred Sebastian, Solicitor
Sam McMichael, Penn Solicitor
Henry Guariello, AGSD construction manager

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

Public Comment: A complaint regarding the ongoing cleanup effort and insurance settlements on Sunnyside Road by the Avon Grove School District was registered by Bill Steele, representing Ralph Holcomb, 136 Sunnyside Road. Solicitor McMichael and Engineer Daley reminded AGSD that the school district is responsible to ensure the cleanup is properly done, insurance settlements do not absolve them of that responsibility. AGSD Business manager Dan Carsley stated the district is awaiting direction from PA DEP as to how to properly proceed with the clean up effort.

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 2, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report/Approve Invoices: Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the invoices. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

2. **Supervisor's Reports:** Supervisor Ennis had no report. Supervisor O'Connell reported that a hearing of the Consumer Affairs Committee of the General Assembly had occurred that day and DOO Versuk testified. Additional court hearings were pending.
3. **Engineering Report:** Township engineer Dan Daley updated the Board regarding the current outstanding projects in Penn including AGSD, Phillips, Big Elk and Jennersville Farm. Phillips Mushrooms was moving along well. Big Elk has three (3) homes under construction.
4. **Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission Chair Scott Steele presented the Commission's recommendation with regard to the proposed amendment to the swimming pool setbacks for the RS district.
5. **Historical Commission Report:** No report.
6. **Active Recreation Committee Report:** Director of Operations Karen Versuk stated that there will be a meeting with the Boy Scouts regarding the outdoor education center on Sept. 16 via gotomeeting.
7. **Road Master Report:** Road Master Versuk provided an update regarding anticipated liquid fuel funds for 2021 which are estimated at \$166,107.58.
8. **Emergency Manager Update:** While Emergency Management coordinator, Chuck Freese was not on hand for the meeting. DOO Versuk did provide an update in light of the recent rain events.
9. **Operations Report:** Two new employees, as approved by the Board, were hired to fill the vacancy for public works and building permits clerk.

Public Comments: Bill Steele, representing Ralph Holcomb of 136 Sunnyside Road, shared concerns with the Board regarding the school district's handling of the flooding of the Holcomb property which is still not cleaned up. Mr. Steele stated that the Holcomb septic tank had been pumped at the district's cost twice within an 8 day period and another was scheduled. The septic tank had previously been pumped every three years per maintenance standards. Township Engineer Dan Daley stated that CCCD, CCHD, DEP are all monitoring the problem. Mr. Steele registered his frustration with the district and the insurance company stating that 25% of Holcomb's property (10,000 sq. ft.) had been damaged.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary