

December 17, 2007

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, December 17, 2007. All members were present and the minutes of December 3rd and the special meeting of December 6th were approved as amended.

Sunrise Amendment Hearing – an amendment to the zoning ordinance, HC district, referencing assisted living was duly advertised for adoption. A court reporter was present to take minutes of the hearing. John Spangler conducted the hearing and testimony taken. The hearing closed at 9 p.m. Mrs. Ralph moved to adopt the ordinance, motion seconded by Karen Wood. Mr. Fenton voted no. Motion carried.

Township Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

- Spano Agreement – the agreement approved at the December 6, 2007 meeting was submitted for Mr. Adams, attorney for Mr. Spano. Mr. Spangler did review the documents with no additional comments. Mrs. Ralph signed the agreement which will be recorded.
- Bob Hall submitted a quote for 2008 insurance. Policies expires 12/31/07. The quote for 2008 is \$23,254. The Board approved the quote.
- Chester County has approved a vision partnership grant in the amount of \$12,000 for a historic survey of the township. This is a 50% matching grant and it is in the '08 budget. Work on the survey with our consultant, Bob Wise, will begin in January.
- **2008 Proposed Budget** – there is no increase in taxes proposed. It is a balanced budget of \$1,197,655. The following changes were approved: \$30,000 for LED light purchase, \$4500 for township building equipment, \$2000 for website maintenance. With no further discussion the Board approved these changes to the budget and it was adopted as changed. The adopted budget will be put on our website.

Mr. Spangler stated that the **tree ordinance** and **local service tax ordinance** have both been duly advertised for adoption. The local service tax ordinance replaces the EMS tax ordinance. With no further discussion, the Board voted to adopt this ordinance. A copy will be sent to Berkheimer Assoc. for their information since they collect this tax. Mr. Fenton stated he was not comfortable with a maximum of \$2500 to charge residents for removal of dangerous trees as stated in the proposed tree ordinance. After some discussion it was agreed that this amount would be reduced to \$1500. With that change, the Board agreed to **adopt the tree ordinance with a maximum of \$1500 noted.**

Ms. Howley stated the **Pennsbury Village Planning Modules** submitted to the township July, 2007 were never advertised for public comment. The developer is

working on updating the modules, submitting a complete copy to the township and will advertise it for public review and comment in the near future. At that time it will be appropriate to comment on this submission.

Karen Wood read a statement regarding the township's request to the Pennsbury Land Trust to consider amending the easement in the park to allow for the moving of two parcels owned by the township. The move would bring these parcels up to the township property to be added onto the existing 7 acres containing township buildings. The statement outlined suggested steps to be taken if no agreement can be reached with the Land Trust. The motion was not voted upon but the statement will be added to the minutes.

Bob Kasowski reviewed with the supervisors his revised final 2 lot subdivision and had a few questions about access from Brintons Bridge Rd. He will finalize the plans and get a copy to Mr. Houtman for his final review before coming back to the board for approval and signature.

Mr. Washko reported on the last Planning Commission – Dewson Sketch and continued work with Chester Co. Planning on the zoning update.

Mr. Heaton thanked MaryAnna Ralph for her service to the township. Mrs. Ralph commented that she served the township as she thought was right and was proud of her time here.

Bill list dated December 17, 2007 numbering 9293-9335, State Fund #227 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager