

January 7, 2008

The reorganization meeting was called to order by Karen Wood at 7:30 p.m. It was noted that Charles Scottoline was sworn into the office of supervisor on January 2, 2008 and Adelaide Jones was sworn into the office of township auditor the morning of January 7, 2008. Mr. Fenton was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Scottoline and Ms. Wood presided.

Ms. Wood moved to appoint Lawrence Wood as township solicitor with Tom Oeste as an alternate solicitor. Mr. Scottoline seconded motion and discussion followed. Residents present asked about Mr. Wood's credentials and if he might have a conflict of interest with the ongoing litigation between residents and the township. Mr. Wood stated he did not believe there would be a conflict and if there was, he would recuse himself and Mr. Oeste would preside over township matters. Motion was voted upon and carried.

The following positions/appointments were approved by the supervisors:

Kathleen Howley – Township Manager
David Allen – Roadmaster
Russell Drumheller – Code Enforcement Officer
G.D. Houtmann – Township Engineer
Adelaide Jones – Auditor
Tim Umbreit, CPA – appointed auditing firm
Landscape Architect – Margot Taylor
KARPC representative – Scotty Scottoline
Emergency Management Coordinator – Chuck Ditzel
Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator – Reese Reynolds
Historic Commission – members will appoint
Land Trust representative – Wendell Fenton
Scenic Byway representative – Alma Forsyth
Emergency Services – State Police, Avondale and Longwood Vol. Fire Co.

The rest of the positions will be discussed at a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 9th at 10 a.m. in the township building when Mr. Fenton returns. Township building hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday..

The minutes of previous meetings will be approved at the 1/9/08 meeting when Mr. Fenton returns.

Township Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

- A letter was received by the township from Pennsbury Land Trust asking if the Board wants them to put the parcels in the park on their 1/17 agenda.

Ms. Wood said yes and asked that Lawrence Wood attend for the township since she will be out of town along with Mr. Scottoline.

- The next board meeting is set for 1/22/08 and will have to be rescheduled since two supervisors will be out of town.
- Public comment letters have been received regarding the planning modules for Sunrise and the township Act 537 update. These have been forwarded to Castle Valley and the board will meet with them on 1/9 to discuss the next step in the process. Letters have been received from Mr. Scottoline, Mrs. Luft and Ponds Edge Homeowner's Assn.
- The Board signed the County Vision Partnership Grant contract for the historic survey. This will be forwarded onto our consultant, Bob Wise for signature and then back to the County for execution.
- **Purchase of Development Rights – Mendenhall Farm** – the township went to settlement on December 28, 2007 and purchased the development rights on approximately 57 acres of the Mendenhall Farm for \$900,000. Ms. Wood stated the township is pleased with the purchase and the documents are on file in the township building. It is unfortunate that grant money could not be used in this transaction. The documents are public record and copies can be given to the public if requested. Mr. Brennan stated that he did not feel it was a good purchase and the township paid too much.

Kasowski 2 lot Final Plan

Matt Houtman was present and reported that DEP has sent their approval letter for this subdivision. Final plan revisions were received and reviewed by him. A note should be placed on the plans stating that if either lot is conveyed to someone else (they are now both owned by Mr. Kasowski), then a new well must be dug. Presently there is one well for all 3 dwellings. Also note on the plan that these conditions are subject to existing conditions in place. There was also mention of an agricultural notation on the plan and Mr. Houtman stated he would talk to Mr. Kasowski about these notes. Once this is done Mr. Houtman stated he would recommend approving the subdivision.

Mr. Drumheller stated he issued 3 building and zoning permits during December. Ms. Howley will ask Dave Allen to check again into the detour signs that are along Pocopson Road in our township.

Barbara Kurowski stated the Planning Commission will have their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 7 p.m. in the township. Also at that time, meeting dates and times will be established. It was noted that there are two members to be appointed by the supervisors. Mrs. Kurowski asked Mr. Scottoline where he stood on open space and if he thought it was a good thing for the township. Mr. Scottoline agreed but would have preferred grant money being used to help pay for the purchase of development rights for the Mendenhall Farm. However, that was not the case and the deal is done.

Ms. Wood stated there are two new lawsuits filed against the township. Both are appealing the preliminary approval by the Board of the Pennsbury Village plans. One was filed by Crandell et al and the other by the John Herdeg family.

A bill list dated January 7, 2008 numbering 9336-9367 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager