

Pennsbury Township Board of Supervisor Minutes

December 18, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors Aaron McIntyre, Wendell Fenton, Dan Boyle, Solicitor Tom Oeste, Engineer Matt Houtmann, Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith, Historical Commission Chair Judi Wilson, and Assistant Township Manager Dan Boyle. The minutes of November 20, 2024, were approved as presented.

Resolution 2024-12-18 (Budget)

A discussion occurred on the 2025 calendar year budget. It has been prepared and reviewed, and is a balanced budget with no tax increase. A motion was made to accept the budget and adopt resolution 2024-12-18, which establishes the tax rate for general township purposes for calendar year 2025, maintaining the millage at 1.49 mills. It was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was made to adopt the resolution, which is seconded and approved unanimously.

ZHB—6 Colonial Drive (Chaco)

Mr. Chaco presented his request for a swimming pool at his residence. He explained that the application related to impervious coverage on his property and that his plan would reduce impervious coverage by replacing a patio with a swimming pool from 20.8% to 20.3%. There was a discussion about the Planning Commission's vote against the application due to concerns about impervious coverage and stormwater management, and the subsequent submission of a revised plan. There was also discussion about the impact on neighboring properties and the historical context of the neighborhood. A vote was taken to remain neutral, which passed 2 to 1.

ZHB—1451 Fairville Road (Siegfried)

A discussion ensued regarding the ZHB Application for Siegfried Property.

The applicant provided an overview of the application, which includes requests for variances related to right-of-way, setbacks, and riparian buffer zones. Matt Houtmann, township engineer, explained the modifications made to the plan based on feedback from the Planning Commission and the township. Historical Commission Chair Judi Wilson and members discussed the

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importance of preserving the integrity of the riparian buffer zones and the potential impact on neighboring properties. Attorney Max O’Keefe who represents the Siegfried family, proposes a deed restriction to allow for the creation of one additional parcel for a single-family dwelling in the future. Mr. Siegfried emphasized the family's intention to consolidate all the lots and the potential need for future development for his children's use only. The applicant's landscape architect explained the plans to plant trees and maintain the property's aesthetic value. A motion was made to support the application with the proposed conditions. The Siegfried property application was supported with conditions, including a deed restriction for one additional parcel, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Professional Reports

Engineers Report

Constitution Drive and bridge repair bids were collected, with Bertalet Construction offering the lowest bid at \$65,000. Matt provided research that they are a reputable company with excellent ratings and satisfaction.

Roadmaster’s Report

Road Master Patrick Yerkes presented the following:

Routine maintenance: Winter weather preparation as well as sign resurfacing

A bill listed dated December 17, 2024 numbering 2242 – 2272, State Fuel Funds 131 – 136, Capital Reserve Funds 510 - 511. The Board also reviewed the December bank reconciliation for the General Fund. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Boyle, Township Manager