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The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building in a special joint meeting with Wheatfield Township Supervisors concerning Linton Hill Road. Chairman Henry Holman, Jr., Vice-Chairman Charles Stoner, and Supervisor Robert E. Shaffer, Sr. were in attendance. Other personnel present were Helen Klinepeter (Secretary), and Recording Secretary Susan Long. Chairman Holman convened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes. A list of visitors is on file in the Township Office.

Chairman Holman introduced himself and asked Penn Township and Wheatfield Supervisors and staff to introduce themselves. He then announced that the meeting was scheduled to take public comments concerning a proposed renumbering of the addresses on Linton Hill Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- It was asked why a renumbering of properties was being considered. Wheatfield Township Supervisor Jim Fuller stated that Richard Messner, a Penn Township resident had trouble with EMS personnel locating his house and had requested that both Townships renumber Linton Hill Road. Mr. Messner then offered an explanation for his request. He stated that he lives at 481 Linton Hill Road on the Penn Township side of the road, but that the numbering of Wheatfield Township's side is not synchronized with Penn Township's numbering. He explained that 500 Linton Hill Road, on the Wheatfield side, is approximately ¼ mile before his house. This confused the ambulance driver, who turned back to go the other direction, and required another call into EMS dispatch to have them inform the driver to continue past 500 Linton Hill Road to get to 481 Linton Hill Road.
- It was noted that Linton Hill Road starts at Towpath Road and continues to the intersection with Glutz Hole Road, where it becomes Glutz Hole Road. Supervisor Fuller stated that emergency services personnel view this as confusing and the Wheatfield Supervisors are considering a request to have Glutz Hole Road stop at Linton Hill Road and have Linton Hill Road continue from that intersection to Dellville Road.
- It was asked if there are any other locations where there was the same confusion with numbering, resulting in a negative response from both Wheatfield and Penn Township Supervisors.
- Many residents offered their opinions that only the section in the area of Mr. Messner's property should be renumbered, and not the entire length of Linton Hill Road.
- Mr. Fuller noted that Penn Township lots are 150 feet wide and Wheatfield Township lots are 200 feet wide. He stated that the intent would be to allow room for additional numbers for future developments if the renumbering was done.
- One resident offered his opinion that renumbering won't make a difference, and that the ambulance drivers could call the dispatch center for location of the residences. Lester Nace, an EMS driver, stated that valuable time is lost when this has to happen. He noted that not all even or odd numbers are on their own side of the road, but are inter-mixed in some locations and renumbering should be considered.

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- Many residents expressed their concern over the cost and inconvenience to update all of the necessary legal and personal documents with the new addresses. Some residents stated that they have already had to change their address four times since 1957.
- A resident asked if the renumbering would be tied into the new enhanced 911 system and if input was received from EMS personnel. Mr. Fuller noted that Perry County Commissioner Van Buskirk has stated that he would like the renumbering incorporated into the 911 system.
- Jerry Philpott asked what was the timeframe for renumbering, offering that if Glutz Hole Road is renamed, the renumbering should be done at the same time. Mr. Fuller responded that it was the intent of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors to have any renumbering completed by the beginning of 2007.
- Chairman Holman agreed that some renumbering must occur and offered his opinion that the minimum impact would be felt if only the section from Rt. 274 to Dellville Road was renumbered.
- Several residents suggested that a cheaper, easier solution would be to require every residence to display their property address with large numbers on a pole along the road.
- Supervisor Stoner offered that numbers on mailboxes are difficult for EMS drivers to see. He suggested that EMS groups could raise funds through sale of the numbers and stakes to be installed along the road in front of the property.
- Mr. Fuller offered that he would like to have one more joint meeting with Penn Township to enable Wayne Russell, who will do the renumbering, to attend and provide his comments. He added that Mr. Russell would be paid for his services.
- Mr. Fuller stated that odd numbers and even numbers need to be on their own side of the road and that the section in the area of Glutz Hole Road needs to be re-numbered. He added that Glutz Hole Road needs to be renamed Linton Hill Road from Rt. 274 to Dellville Road.
- Chairman Holman requested that Wheatfield Township Supervisors indicate their intentions for renumbering prior to the Penn Township Supervisors meeting on August 30, 2006, after which one more joint meeting will be scheduled.

At this time, Supervisor Shaffer left the meeting.

DEP STREAM ACCESS

After discussion, it was the consensus to have Max Shradley, Penn Township Engineer, draw up the required plans to submit with the SEP Stream Access permit for Haas Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, there was then a Holman/Stoner motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the PTS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Long