

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
100 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020-1100

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The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building to discuss general business and the 2007 budget. Chairman Henry Holman, Jr., Vice-Chairman Charles Stoner, and Supervisor Robert E. Shaffer, Sr. were in attendance. Other personnel present were Helen Klinepeter (Secretary), Susan Long (Treasurer), and Police Chief Alan Houck. The meeting was recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes. A list of visitors is on file in the Township Office.

VISITORS

Joe Roberts

Mr. Roberts was present to discuss the parking situation at Tubby's on Inn Road. He stated that he has been preparing for the large crowd expected on November 17, 2006. He reported that Tubby's has a seating capacity of 235 and that he hopes to have two or three persons arriving per vehicle. He said that his lot will accommodate 130 vehicles, that Maguire's Ford will allow parking on its lot, and that Duncannon Borough will allow parking in the area of the recycling center. Mr. Roberts said that a shuttle van will be available and that he has hired a parking attendant.

Mr. Stoner asked if dinners were served at Tubby's, with Mr. Roberts replying that only finger food is available. Mr. Shaffer asked if the agreement with the Penn Township Municipal Authority (Authority) and Mr. Roberts concerning regulation of his grease trap has been executed. Mr. Roberts responded that he has signed it and forwarded it to the Authority. Mr. Roberts stated that he collects his grease in barrels for disposal.

Chairman Holman asked if the access through Inn Road will be kept open on November 17th. Chief Houck reported that the Inn Road cartway is 23 feet wide, with a 33-foot right-of-way (ROW). He stated that he was informed by the property owner on the river side of the ROW that he does not want parking allowed on his property. Chief Houck asked if the PTS could pass a resolution to erect "No Parking" signs along both sides of Inn Road from Shermans Creek Bridge to Mr. Roberts' property line. Mr. Shaffer noted that an ordinance is required for "No Parking" signs, and while erection of the signs might act as a deterrent, they would not be enforceable. Chief Houck requested that the PTS consider an ordinance in the future if the attendance at Tubby's maintains its present level.

Mr. Roberts asked if the PTS had considered leasing the section of Inn Road from Tubby's to the southern terminus, and the status of the lease agreement. Mr. Shaffer offered that he thought the PTS was waiting for a sketch plan from Mr. Roberts showing what he wanted to lease. The Secretary reported that Mr. Roberts' lawyer had been in contact with Township Solicitor Rich Wagner (Solicitor).

Chairman Holman reported that he had talked to the Solicitor about leasing part of Inn Road to Mr. Roberts. He offered his concern about leasing Inn Road and losing control of access on the property. He relayed the Solicitor's opinion that access should be maintained for emergency services and that the PTS should not lease that section of Inn Road for liability reasons. Mr. Roberts countered that, if that section of Inn Road was leased to him, he would assume the liability. Chairman Holman stated that the issue would be further discussed at the November 29, 2006 PTS meeting. Mr. Roberts stated that he would like to lease that section of Inn Road in order to better maintain it than has been done in the past, and that he would not change the parking patterns.

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Mr. Shaffer stated that he would still like to see on paper Mr. Roberts' ideas of how he envisions the space being used. He asked Mr. Roberts if he could provide details for the November 29th meeting.

Mr. Shaffer asked if the problems with signage had been resolved. The Secretary replied that the Alternate Zoning Officer (ZO) had denied Mr. Roberts' sign permit application. She suggested that Mr. Roberts stop by the Township office the next afternoon to discuss it with the ZO.

Jodi Rissinger and Shade Reidlinger, Perdix Fire Company (PFC)

Ms. Rissinger stated that she has forwarded copies of the PFC 2006 Budget to the PTS for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Dollar General Citation Hearing

Mr. Shaffer noted a letter sent by the Secretary to Jerry Wagner, PennDOT, asking for attendance at the hearing on the citation for Dollar General. The Secretary reported that the hearing would be held on November 29, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. and that Mr. Wagner was going to try to attend.

The Secretary asked if the PTS would like Township engineer Max Shradley (Engineer) to attend the hearing. After discussion, and upon a Shaffer/Stoner motion, the PTS voted unanimously to authorize the Engineer to attend the Dollar General citation hearing on November 29, 2006.

Sign Permit Spreadsheet

Mr. Shaffer noted the spreadsheet provided by the Secretary comparing existing signs with issued sign permits. The Secretary reported that the ZO has sent letters to those property owners who have installed signs without permits. Discussion was then held on the signs at Farmer Boy, with the Secretary relaying that the ZO considers them as being grandfathered in. Mr. Shaffer noted that new signs have been erected on that property since the adoption of the sign ordinance and asked her to verify the legality of the new signs. He offered his concern over the visual distraction that can result from the number of signs on Farmer Boy's property.

A discussion was then held on the possible need for amendment of the sign ordinance. As a first step, Chairman Holman volunteered to review the ordinance and offer his comments on what should be changed to make the ordinance more flexible.

Township Website

The Secretary reported that the person who volunteered to update the website has been unavailable. Mr. Shaffer stated that he will try to find someone to perform that job.

NEW BUSINESS

John Edkin Property on State Road

The Secretary reported that John Edkin had installed a trench to divert his rainwater into PennDOT's stormwater system and that PennDOT notified her that they were reviewing the situation.

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Jason Gehman, Holman Drive

The Secretary reported that Mr. Gehman notified her that the shoulders in his area of Holman Drive needed to be filled with stone and that the road surface is "bubbling". She stated that she asked Highway Foreman Chris Deiter to make a site visit. Chairman Holman reported that the Township highway crew had previously opened up the drainage ditches to divert runoff from Holman Drive. He stated that the "bubbling" of the road surface is probably due to the Sylvester's Services truck accessing the Gehman property. He offered that, if the Township were to fill in the drainage ditches, it would allow stormwater run-off to wash across Holman Drive. He stated that further deterioration of the road could be prevented by not allowing Sylvester's Services vehicles onto Holman Drive.

A discussion was then held on a proposed subdivision of Mr. Gehman's property and the fact that it does not include provision for snowplows and large vehicles to turn around. After discussion, it was the consensus that the PTS would visit the site and review the road situation for the November 29th meeting.

Forrer Dodge Excavation Work, State Road

Mr. Shaffer offered his concern about the extent of the work being done to prepare the lot for Forrer Dodge and noted the lack of a silt fence and the amount of mud being tracked onto Rt. 11/15 by the excavation equipment. He offered his understanding that Mr. Forrer was only going to be adding stone to the property and that he did not realize that Mr. Forrer would be removing large amounts of dirt. Mr. Stoner explained that, to make a solid base, dirt had to be removed, shale had to be added, with stone put on as a top layer.

Mr. Shaffer stated that he had voted not to require a land development plan because the property across the highway was not required to file one, and he thought this was a similar situation. He continued that he understood that Mr. Forrer's intent was to only lay stone on which to place a modular office.

Chairman Holman reported that he had contacted Mr. Forrer, who explained that was his intent, but was told that he would have to stabilize the ground first. Chairman Holman offered his opinion that Mr. Forrer did not misspeak his intentions to the PTS. Mr. Shaffer stated that he was concerned that the PTS may have set a precedent for a future property developer by not requiring the land development plan.

MIXAPP Training

Chief Houck recommended that the PTS authorize Officer Bob Goerner to attend MIXAPP training to learn how to inspect trucks. He explained that training would take two weeks, that there would be no fee, and that the PTS would need to pay Officer Goerner's wages for the two week period. He added that Officer Goerner would then be certified to do truck inspections without the current involvement of PUC representatives and would be allowed to inspect the driver's log books. After discussion, and upon a Shaffer/Stoner motion, the PTS voted unanimously to authorize Officer Goerner to attend MIXAPP training for truck inspection certification. The PTS will pay Officer Goerner's wages during the training period.

2007 Budget

The 2007 budget was then discussed. Revenues and expenditures were reviewed, with changes made to several categories. Included in the changes was an increase to each fire company in the amount of \$2,500 as an offset to their higher fuel costs and a \$1,000 increase to the EMS. It was also the consensus to include \$90,000 in the Liquid Fuels budget for paving of Rohrer Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

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With all business concluded, there was a Holman/Shaffer motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the PTS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Long
Recording Secretary