

West Penn Township Board of Supervisors

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Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2020

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman

Paul Datte – Solicitor(phone)

Glenn Hummel – Supervisor

Ed Wenger – Lehigh Engineering (phone)

Karen Wittig – Treasurer

Ralph Hummel – Lehigh (phone)

I. General

A. Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions at 10:03AM. Meeting was a conference call for the public. Ted Rosen was the only one on the call. Chairman did ask if anyone else dialed in & there was no response.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve the bills. Tim Houser made the motion. Glen Hummel seconded the motion. All I favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items - NONE

III. Land Use

A. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Oliver Subdivision. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

B. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Oliver's request to use 1 steel pin instead of a concrete monument. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

C. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to conditionally approve the Oliver's Subdivision contingent upon DEP's approval & satisfying any DEP comments. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

D. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to conditionally approve Portfolio Trust Subdivision contingent upon DEP's approval & satisfying any DEP comments. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. 3-0

IV. Old Business

A. Recycling – Chairman said the County Recycling Program is ending at the end of the month. The Twp. asked the West Penn Twp. Fire Company if they would allow the Twp. to set up a recycling bin by their building. The Fire Company did deny our request. The Twp. is still looking at other options for recycling for our Twp. The County will be removing the Township's recycling bin the week of January 11, 2021.

B. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 26 declaring Ordinance #2 of 2020 is invalid because of the 10 Year vesting period. Attorney Datte said because Act 600 is interpreted by our pension, it is mandating a 12 year vesting period which will mean Ordinance # 2 of 2020 would be declared invalid. Tim Houser made the motion to declare Ordinance # 2 of 2020 invalid & adopt Resolution # 26 of 2020. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

V. New Business

A. Federal Surplus – Chairman asked the BOS if they would like to participate in the Federal Surplus Program. Tim Houser asked if there is a cost to be enrolled in it. Chairman asked the secretary if there are any costs involved. Secretary stated there are rules you have to follow. If you purchase something you have to have it in use within 12 months. Chairman said you have to keep it for so long and the only way to get rid of it is to give it to another municipality. Tim Houser asked if the Soccer or Baseball Associations would be entitled to purchase restaurant equipment for their concession stands. Chairman

asked the BOS if it was ok to have the secretary enroll the Twp. in the program as long as there were no costs involved. The BOS agreed to move forward.

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. Tim Houser said the Twp. received a letter from a Jen Clinton asking the BOS to use the Municipal Parking Lot for a Christmas Function. BOS agreed that it would not be a problem to allow them to use the parking lot.

B. Glenn Hummel asked the Chief of Police about the outcome of the Police Dept.'s Toy Drive. The Chief stated he will be distributing the toys a few days before Christmas. The Department was able to help 15 families and about 50 kids. Glenn Hummel said the successful Toy Drive shows the Police Dept.'s commitment to the community.

C. Chief Johnson asked the BOS to allow him to clear out his lot of the Impounded Cars they accumulated. The Chief asked the BOS to approve the bid of the hauler that will take the cars. There are 19 cars that need to be removed by a license hauler. There were two bids one from Hazleton Scrap for \$5,225 & one from Zaprazney's for \$6,650 both include removal of the cars at no extra charge. Glenn Hummel made the motion to go with Zaprazney's which was the highest bidder @ \$6,650. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

D. Tim Houser asked Paul Datte if the property they talked about at last meeting would fall under the new Act 101 of 2020 SP940. Attorney Datte said he will look into it. Attorney Datte said it may help put a lien on the property but he does not feel it would help with the demolition of the property. Attorney Datte said he has been in contact with the mortgage company and we may be able to condemn the property. If we post the property properly & engage a contractor to take it down legally then we will be able to put a lien on the property which would supersede the mortgage company.

VII. Correspondence

A. Chairman said as a reminder, The West Penn Twp. Reorganization meeting will be on Monday, January 4, 2021 @ 5:30PM.

B. Chairman and the BOS agreed that the Road Department did a great job plowing snow and taking care of the Roads during the snow storm.

C. Road Master was asked by a resident to put a speed limit sign on her road. Road Master said to the BOS he doesn't believe her road qualifies for a speed limit sign. The BOS asked the Police Chief to check it out.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items

A. Ralph Hummel from Lehigh Engineering said that the County Conservation District was contacted for the property on Mush Dahl Rd. & they will be following up on that situation.

IX. Anything Else from the Board

X. Executive Session – Chairman called for an executive session for possible litigation & personnel issues at 10:25AM. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman called the meeting back to order @ 11:00AM.

Treasurer set the date to approve the budget on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 @ 10AM.

XI. Adjournment – Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 11:04AM. Tim Houser made the motion.

Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By:

Katie Orlick, West Penn Township Secretary