

POTTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2020
124 Short Road, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania

ATTENDED BY:

BOARD: Dick Decker, Chair
Jake Tanis, Vice-Chair
Dennis Foust
Karl Eysenbach
Melvin Dutrow

STAFF: Anne Sanger, Admin Secretarial and Zoning Assistant
David Boliek, Public Works Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Decker called to order the November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Potter Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Alan Decker commented about the LST (Local Services Tax). He wanted to know if any research had been done; whose idea it was to implement the tax. He also stated that not all residents were contributing and it would be more fair if everyone did.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mark Teretti of Penn Terra gave a presentation of the minor subdivision for Kathleen Zimmerman. The Sewage Facilities Planning Module was approved by the Planning Commission and SEO Stan Wallace. Municipal Response Request to Centre County Planning will include two comments: (1) They will accept money in lieu of a dedicated park; and (2) the future driveway will be east of Egg Hill Road. A motion was made by Mr. Foust to accept the Fee In-Lieu of Parkland Dedication, and was seconded by Mr. Eysenbach. **Vote in favor 4-0. Mr. Foust recused himself from vote.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Foust made a motion to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes. Mr. Tanis seconded the motion. Mr. Foust made a motion to accept the October 2020 Financial Report as presented and the payment vouchers and check reports. Mr. Tanis seconded the motion. **All motions for Consent Agenda items were carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – John Smith, Chair, is requesting Hannah Wentworth be appointed as a new member on the Parks & Rec Board. Mr. Foust made a motion to appoint Hannah Wentworth to the Parks & Recreation Board for a two-year term, which was seconded by Mr. Tanis. **Vote in favor was unanimous 5-0.**

Penns Valley EMS – Cindy Ross was re-elected Chief; Heather Zimmerman Asst Chief; Clarise and Margie will be their reps to the Board; Melissa Homan is Secretary. Memberships total \$102,720 to date, of which \$20,128 is donation.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The **Resolution R-2020-08** - Establishing a Ban on Open Burning was presented. Mr. Foust made a motion to accept. Mr. Decker seconded. **Vote in favor was unanimous 5-0. This resolution rescinds Resolution R-2020-07.**

POTTER TOWNSHIP CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POTTER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A BAN ON OPEN BURNING

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors are desirous of providing for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Potter Township; and

WHEREAS, at times the Township experiences record low stream levels, very low ground water levels, and drier than normal temperatures; and

WHEREAS, due to periods of minimal rainfall, the Township may experience an increase in brushfires, thereby keeping the wildfire potential very high throughout Potter Township; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief, on behalf of the Centre Hall Fire Company, notifies the Township of concerns when fire potential poses a serious and imminent threat to the life and property within Potter Township; and

WHEREAS, emergency measures are required to reduce the severity of this danger in order to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property of the residents of Potter Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A burn ban shall go into effect upon notification to the Township from the Center Hall Fire Company Fire Chief of the need for a burn ban. The Township will take such measures as it deems necessary to notify the public of the burn ban. The ban is on any and all open burning which is hereby defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing or any sort of debris) out-of-doors either in a burn barrel (screened or unscreened) or on the ground. The use of propane or gas stoves, charcoal briquette grills, or the use of tobacco in any form is not covered under this resolution. Campfire, in designated licensed campgrounds, are allowed in fire rings that confine and contain the campfire.
2. Duration – The ban shall continue until the Fire Chief notifies the Township that it is safe to burn. The Township will take such measures as it deems necessary to notify the public of termination of the burn ban.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Superintendent –

Preparation for snow removal has begun. David requested permission to hire a temporary worker if necessary for snow removal. Mr. Decker made a motion to approve advertising for a Snow Plow Operator (On-Call) at the pay rate of \$17.50 per hour. This was seconded by Mr. Tanis.

Construction continues on the storage building/bathroom at Potter Mills sewer facility. Electric and water are connected.

David went over the Liquid Fuels Budget.

A list of roads, their mileage, and work that was done on them for the past 9 years was distributed.

Admin Secretary and Zoning Assistant --

A report was given on *Express Messaging* with cost and pros and cons. The Board agreed not to pursue it at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Bloom Road Sewer project will start on the 24th of November.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anne informed the Board that an application for proposal for an Agricultural Security Area was submitted by Mark and Amy Sharer (Parcel # 20-006-,034). Mr. Foust offered a motion to acknowledge receipt of the application for an Agricultural Security Area submitted by Mark and Amy Sharer. Mr. Tanis seconded the motion. **Vote in favor was unanimous 5-0.**

A Legal Notice regarding the Application will run in the CDT on Wednesday, November 18,2020 as required by law. Public notices were posted by Zoning Officer, Stanley Wallace.

Jersey Shore State Bank (JSSB) is requesting authorization for signers on the lease for the John Deere 6110 M Series Tractor with Tiger Mower package. Mr. Dutrow offered a motion to approve for Dick Decker and Jake Tanis to be signers on the lease in the amount of \$160,695.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eysenbach. **Vote in favor was unanimous 5-0.**

Mr. Tanis mentioned Allegheny Forest & Consulting regarding whether to log or develop as a recreation area. David will call them and ask about the price and what it includes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Foust made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanis. **Vote in favor was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sanger

Administrative Secretary and Zoning Assistant
For the Board of Supervisors