

POTTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2023

124 Short Road, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania

ATTENDED BY:

BOARD:

Dick Decker, Chair
Jacob Tanis, III, Vice-Chair
Melvin Dutrow
Dennis Foust
Glenn Roth

STAFF:

Lisa Kroner, Secretary/Treasurer
David Boliek, Public Works Superintendent
Sue Mazza, Date Entry Clerk
Gerald Stover, Zoning Officer

ATTENDEES:

Kimmy Henning, Bonnie Darlington, Mike Clitherow, Halle Kines, Lori Cole, Dean Ball, Kevin James, Mark Terretti, Chris Kunes, Kim Domin, Mary Harter, Kevin & Jenn Long, Tom Kistler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Decker called to order the August 7, 2023, Business Meeting of the Potter Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kimmy Henning provided a sample Fireworks Ordinance for the Board to consider. The ordinance regulates residential fireworks and non-commercial fireworks displays/shows. Her concern is the noise and lighting that affects animals in an adverse manner. The Board will review the sample ordinance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A Power Point presentation was presented by Lori Cole of JMT, the consultant for the State College Area Connector Project. PennDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), conducted a State College Area Connector Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. The PEL study evaluated transportation improvements in southern Centre County, Pennsylvania in a 70 square mile initial study area. The results of the Study identified transportation alternatives to advance into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and preliminary engineering. Three Build Alternative corridors were identified for further study in the NEPA process and a refined study area was developed. More information can be found on the PennDOT District 2 website. This website is intended to facilitate the public outreach efforts undertaken by PennDOT and FHWA during both the PEL and NEPA processes.

Mark Torretti, engineer at Penn Terra Engineering, reviewed a sketch plan for a commercial subdivision. The site is zone General Commercial in Potter Township. The concept proposes 10 commercial lots, an area for SWM for the proposed road and may also include Tax parcel 20-05-59C, current John Deere

dealership. Access will be off of Rt. 45 directly opposite of Homan Lane. The plan shows a series of cul-de sacs but will also utilize the existing access road along the north property line for emergency access. The Township's Planning Commission and Traffic Engineer will review the plan as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dutrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 business meeting and payment vouchers. Mr. Roth seconded the motion. **All motions for Consent Agenda items were carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Planning Commission

- The July 25th Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting being held the same night. The PVRPC July meeting included Penns Valley roadmasters, Supervisors and Planning Commissions discussing common areas of road maintenance and repair

B. Penns Prairie Park

- No new update

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Superintendent –

- The Dirt and Gravel project on Strawberry Hill Road and Blackhawk Road will begin next week.
- Price quotes for a new loader were presented. Mr. Boliek will obtain best Costars pricing, cash sale and non-Costars pricing for comparison.

Secretary / Treasurer –

- The 250th Birthday Planning Committee will meet on September 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Zoning –

- The July Zoning Report was distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foust reported there was no new update on the PV EMS Joint Municipal Agreement. Once the final draft copy is completed the Board will have an opportunity to review.

A cost study was conducted for the Sidewalk Project on SR 144 from the Centre Hall Borough/Potter Township municipal line to the traffic light at Old Fort intersection. The estimated cost is \$472,000.00.

The Board unanimously agreed to not pursue this project due to the cost and potential difficulty obtaining easements.

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD / STAFF OTHER MATTERS (Informational – Review and/or Action, as Needed)

- Penns Valley EMS – Financial Reports – June 2023
- Centre County Recycling & Refuse Monthly Municipality Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Tanis made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Foust. **Vote in favor was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kroner

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Potter Township Board of Supervisors