

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, January 18, 2021, via an online meeting. President Heiland called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, Heiland, and Van de Castle. Also present were Solicitor Hovis, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF SILENT MEDITATION:

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which was followed by a period of silent meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Heiland read a summary of the Video Conferencing Guidelines.

Commissioner Heiland announced that after the public meeting this evening the Board of Commissioners would convene in an executive session with the Solicitor to discuss personnel, and other legal matters involving attorney/client privilege.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 21, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting were approved as submitted.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Nate Owens, 348 High Rock Road, stated he is interested in becoming active within the community and expressed interest in running for a position within the Township. Commissioner Brown requested Mr. Owens to contact him.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Van de Castle moved to continue the March 16, 2020 Disaster Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the period of December 29, 2020 through January 25, 2021, thus ratifying the extension of the original declaration. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Recreation – Commissioner Van de Castle:

There were no additions or changes to the Engineer's Report.

The MS4/Stormwater Inspector is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm to answer any questions.

Planning – Commissioner Van de Castle:

Commissioners Van de Castle/Elksnis moved to accept the final inspection for Mustang Heights, thus releasing the Performance Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Van de Castle/Elksnis moved to accept the final inspection for Meadow Springs, thus releasing the Maintenance Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Van de Castle/Brown moved to accept the final inspection for Brookside Heights – Phase I, thus releasing the Maintenance Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Van de Castle/Brown moved to accept the final inspection for Brookside Heights – Phase II, thus releasing the Maintenance Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Van de Castle/Elksnis moved to approve a request dated December 23, 2020, from GHI Engineers and Surveyors on behalf of AquaPhoenix Scientific for a waiver of Sections 404 and 605 of the Penn Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Van de Castle/Brown moved to approve a request dated December 23, 2020, from GHI Engineers and Surveyors on behalf of Pero Farms Hanover Facility, LLC for a waiver of Section 404 of the Penn Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no additions or changes to the Zoning Officer's Report.

There were no Subdivision and Land Development plans formally filed.

There were no Subdivision and Land Development plans for approval.

There were no extension requests.

Finance – Commissioner Cromer:

Commissioners Cromer/Brown moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$1,642,574.46. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Van de Castle moved for the appointment of Police Officer David Irvin from probationary patrol officer to regular status. Motion carried unanimously.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Elksnis:

Commissioners Elksnis/Van de Castle moved to adopt Resolution 965, Authorizing the condemnation of certain parcels of real estate. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

There were no additions or changes to the Manager’s Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Van de Castle/Elksnis moved for the destruction of the recording of this meeting following the approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Brown/Van de Castle moved for adjournment at approximately 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary