

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, April 19, 2021, via an online meeting. President Heiland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Black, Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Solicitor Hovis, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Public Works Supervisor Ortman, 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 there was an executive session held on April 6, 2021 following the Health & Sanitation to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Heiland further 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.

Commissioner Heiland announced that the Township meetings will be returning to in person meetings in May.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 15, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting were approved as submitted.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Commissioner Heiland read the proclamation recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Irene Braido. "Proclamation, In Recognition of "Mrs. Irene Braido on the occasion of her 100<sup>TH</sup> birthday, Whereas, on April 20, 1921, Irene was born in Wind Gap, PA then moved to Hanover in 2008 and resides with her daughter and son in law; and Whereas, Irene and her husband Joseph lovingly raised three children to adulthood and her family

is now blessed with two daughters and one son, eight grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren; and Whereas, she is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Whereas, when she first moved to Hanover she volunteered with the Hanover VNA and Pink Out, Inc., and Whereas, this remarkable lady has been a devout wife, loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother always putting her family first. Now therefore be it proclaimed, that the Penn Township Board of Commissioners is inspired by her long life and offer her sincere best wishes for continual good health, happiness, and overflowing abundance of love and joy; and be it further proclaimed, that the Board of Commissioners, together with Irene's family and friends and the entire community, hereby joyfully celebrates the April 20, 2021, one-hundredth birthday of Irene Braido. Proclaimed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021. Justin J Heiland, President".

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Public Safety – Commissioner Brown:**

Commissioners Brown/Elksnis moved to continue the March 16, 2020 Disaster Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the period of March 23, 2021 through April 26, 2021, thus ratifying the extension of the original declaration. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Brown/Black moved to approve the Hanover Public School District Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works & Recreation – Commissioner Black:**

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.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to approve an agreement with William Hoekstra and Phyllis S. Hoekstra for the permanent right-of-way and sanitary sewer and stormwater easement for the repair of the Beck Mill Road Culvert replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to approve an agreement with Wandalee L. Gerber for the permanent stormwater easement and temporary construction easement for the repair of the Beck Mill Road Culvert replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to deny a request dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, from James R. Holley and Associates, requesting a waiver to Section 506.e (Distance Between Intersections); Section 508 (Blocks); and Section 509.a (Lot Layout

in a Development) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Mustang Pointe. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Cromer abstaining.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to deny a request dated November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, from James R. Holley and Associates, requesting a waiver to Section 509.a (Lot Layout in a Development) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Mustang Pointe. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Cromer abstaining.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to deny a request dated February 22, 2021, from Group Hanover Inc., for a waiver of Section 303 Volume Controls of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to approve a request dated April 1, 2021, from Cub Scout Pack 105, requesting use of Young's Woods to hold their Pine Wood Derby. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to approve an agreement with Hanover Land Services, Inc., for Engineering and Project Management for the Stormwater Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Commissioner Black:

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to set the bond amount for Campbells Snacks Flour Receiving Building at \$19,946.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to set the bond amount for Stonewicke V at \$741,013.90. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following Subdivision and Land Development plan was submitted for formal filing:

SL21-04      Jennifer Swartz & Russ Rill

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to approve the following Subdivision and Land Development plans:

SL21-02      Campbells Snacks Flouring Receiving Addition  
SL20-08      Apple Honda of Hanover

There were no plan extension requests submitted for approval.

Finance – Commissioner Cromer:

Commissioners Cromer/Black moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$901,887.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Cromer/Brown moved to deny a request dated March 2, 2021, from Hanover Wesleyan Church requesting a settlement payment for tax debt. Motion carried unanimously.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Elksnis:

Commissioners Elksnis/Black moved to approve the Bulk Sewer Agreement with York Water Company. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioners Brown/Cromer 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:** Mr. John Rolar, 4 Scott Street, was in attendance to request leniency of the Board for the recent condemnation of his property. Mr. Rolar stated that he has health issues and has been in and out of the hospital for some time, and has been trying his best to obtain help to clean up the property. He added that he is trying to get medical help for his hoarding disease. Commissioner Elksnis stated that the township has been trying to work with him and offer help for four years. There are large rats running around the property and for the health and safety of the surrounding residents, the township will proceed with the condemnation process. Commissioner Brown added that Mr. Rolar has resisted, and obstructed all warnings in the last four years. Commissioner Heiland thanked Mr. Rolar for his comments, and stated the Board is unwilling to change their decision and encouraged Mr. Rolar to continue to clean up the property.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Elksnis/Brown moved for adjournment at approximately 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary