

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, September 19, 2022. President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Allison, Berlingo, Elksnis, Heiland and Brown. Also present were Solicitor Hovis, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Lank 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 Brown announced that there was an executive session held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, following the Health and Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters. He also 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 August 15, 2022, and September 6, 2022, Board of Commissioners meetings were approved as submitted.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

There were none.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Commissioner Elksnis:

Commissioners Elksnis/Heiland moved to approve a request dated August 4, 2022, from the Hanover Area Jaycees to hold the Annual Halloween parade on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioners Elksnis/Berlingo moved to set the date for Trick-or-Treat for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Motion carried.

Commissioners Elksnis/Heiland moved to approve the Annual SPCA Agreement for 2023. Motion carried.

Public Works & Recreation – Commissioner Heiland:

Engineer Bortner reported a change to his August report. He stated that SL22-03-Panther Cat LLC was recommended for approval, the bond was not received, therefore, the Land Development Plan is not ready for approval.

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

Commissioners Heiland/Berlingo moved to approve an agreement with Hanover Land Services, Inc. for Stormwater services. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heiland/Elksnis moved to adopt Resolution No. 988 – Acquiring permanent and temporary construction easements on property located at 2 Daugherty Drive, for the purpose of construction and providing roadway and stormwater improvements. Motion carried.

Commissioners Heiland/Berlingo moved to authorize C.S. Davidson to advertise the bidding documents for Park Heights Boulevard Realignment Phase One. Motion carried.

Planning – Commissioner Heiland:

Commissioners Heiland/Berlingo moved to set the bond amount for Panther Cat, LLC at \$46,766.50. Motion carried.

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

There were no Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted for formal filing.

Commissioners Heiland/Elksnis moved to approve the following Subdivision and Land Development Plans:

SL21-01 Stonewicke V
SL22-02 Self Storage Plus
Motion carried.

Commissioners Heiland/Elksnis moved to approve the following extension requests set to expire December 19, 2022:

SL20-09 Pero Farms Hanover Facility LLC
SL22-07 Carroll County Christian Center

SL22-10 934 Baltimore Street-Cody Bentzel
SL22-11 Liberty Restoration & Construction LLC
Motion carried.

Personnel – Commissioner Heiland:

Commissioners Heiland/Elksnis moved for the appointment of Ryan James Robeson as a Probationary Firefighter for Penn Township effective September 13, 2022. Motion carried

Finance – Commissioner Allison:

Commissioners Allison/Berlingo moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$2,239,892.59. Motion carried.

Commissioners Allison/Berlingo moved to adopt the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Penn Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$205,972.91, the Penn Township Firefighter’s Pension Plan in the amount of \$211,783.39, and the Penn Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$306,433.73. Motion carried.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Berlingo:

On Thursday, September 15, 2022, the following bids were opened and publicly read aloud by Manager Rodgers for the Demolition of 841 Hershey Heights Road bid:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H&H General Excavating, Inc. 660 Old Hanover Road Spring Grove, PA 17362	\$43,170.00
Conewago Enterprises 660 Edgegrove Road PO Box 407 Hanover, PA 17331	\$57,075.00

Commissioners Berlingo/Heiland moved to award the Demolition of 841 Hershey Heights Road Bid to H&H General Excavating, Inc., 660 Old Hanover Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362, for a bid price of forty-three thousand, one hundred seventy dollars (\$43,170.00). Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Heiland announced that the Grand Opening of the Penn Township Community Park's new Creative Playground at Kid's Kingdom will be held this Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He invited everyone to bring their families and come out and join the celebration.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Leonard Rice, 125 Hirtland Avenue, asked the Board why Penn Township does not have more options of high-speed internet. Commissioner Heiland stated that a company was to come in two years ago, they canceled and have not made any effort to reschedule with the Township.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioners Heiland/Berlingo moved for adjournment at approximately 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary