

Pequea Township Board of Supervisors Meeting January 18, 2012

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pequea Township Municipal Building, 1028 Millwood Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

Present at the meeting were:

Board of Supervisors
Robert L. Porterfield, Chairman
Jay Reynolds, Vice-Chairman
Harry Lehman, Supervisor

Others present:

Connie Kauffman, Twp. Secretary
Matthew Creme, Twp. Solicitor
Robert Porterfield, Road Master
Sign in Sheet Attached

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Supervisor Porterfield introduced the new Township Solicitor Matthew J. Creme, Nikolaus & Hohenadel, LLP.
- Supervisor Porterfield announced the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 to consult with the Township Solicitor and gained advice on threatened legal matters.
- Supervisor Reynolds stated he will be donating his supervisory wage back to the township.
- Supervisor Lehman gave an update on Friends of the Force raising money for a new four-wheel drive vehicle. He said their goal was \$30,000.00 and \$24,000.00 was raised to date and if anyone is interested in helping in or contributing to this matter, please see Supervisor Lehman or Cynthia Evans-Herr.
- Supervisor Porterfield announced he will not be accepting any pay as Township Supervisor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Supervisor Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2011 as printed. Supervisor Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed. Supervisor Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held January 3, 2012 as printed. Supervisor Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Supervisor Porterfield moved to approve checks #7743 through #7754 of the General Fund, and checks #2226 through #2227 of the Recreation Fund. Supervisor Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Items not on the agenda:

Tina Virgil asked the Solicitor about conflicts of interest. Attorney Creme said in those circumstances he will step aside and the township will use a referral counsel.

Nate Pipitone said he is a resident of Pequea Township and as a land developer is forced by ethics to give up the relationship he had with Matthew Creme's law firm and he will not use that law firm for anything dealing in Pequea Township from here forward.

Bruce Groff acknowledged Barry Acker for his many years of service and said we should thank Mr. Acker when we get a chance.

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Dr. Dan Mast made a comment about two volunteers Jeff Frey and Bob Heckrote and their fifteen years each on the Planning Commission.

Tina Virgil made a statement about a man who served the township for twenty-three years on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Rob Reidenbach read a statement he and Fred Witmer of the Planning Commission jointly prepared about the way the Planning Commission operates and the long service of Mr. Heckrote and Mr. Frey.

Cynthia Evans-Herr questioned the appointment of the Chairman of the Vacancy Committee and asked if that would have posed a breach of ethics. Supervisor Porterfield responded that it would not.

John Hickey mentioned that Mr. Huegel resigned by his own decision.

Tim Weaver stated he served on the Zoning Hearing Board twenty-three years and recognized Jeff Frey's service on the Planning Commission.

Items on the agenda: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2006 Peterbilt Truck – Roadmaster Porterfield gave an update that the 2006 Peterbilt Truck was a hazard and a liability issue. He got some prices on plows and suspension on the truck and will table that decision until February.

Supervisor Porterfield made a motion that we utilize the 2006 Peterbilt, if needed to spread salt during icy conditions with no plow mounted to the front of it. Supervisor Reynolds seconded it. All voted in favor none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Porterfield will price out changing the locks in the Township Municipal Building and in the interim he will change the combination locks.

2. Supervisor Porterfield tabled the appointment of an Administrative Assistant until February.

3. Supervisor Reynolds requested separate itemized invoices from Attorney Creme.

4. Supervisor Porterfield moved to accept the resignation of Phil Chmiel from Park and Recreation Board. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

5. Supervisor Porterfield moved to accept the resignation of Darren Huegel from the Park and Recreation Board. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

6. Supervisor Porterfield moved to appoint Steve Gogoj to the Park and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Darren Huegel until January 2015. Supervisor Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

7. Supervisor Lehman moved that we install two Deer Crossing Signs on Leaman Road. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

8. Supervisor Lehman moved that Pequea Township make a contribution of \$150.00 to assist P.R.O.P. to continue in its recycling education programs. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

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ADDENDUM:

1. Supervisor Porterfield moved to appoint Bill Crosswell, special counsel to represent the Township in the Bitts Zoning Appeal for the extent of the proceeding before the Township to be compensated for his professional services at the same hourly rate as he was paid as Solicitor for calendar year 2011. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.
2. Supervisor Porterfield moved to appoint Jim Hindes as a contracted consultant of the Township authorized to and for purposes of providing testimony in the Bitts Zoning Appeal as to his actions, etc. as Pequea Township Zoning Officer during calendar year 2011 to be compensated for his time appearing before the Township Zoning Hearing Board at an hourly rate of \$50.00. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.
3. Supervisor Porterfield moved to reappoint all Inspection Agencies for the year 2012. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Road Crew – Report on file.

Zoning/Code Officer – Report on file.

Southern Regional Police Department – December Monthly report is on the table. Officer Berger gave the report.

Southern Regional Police Commission – December minutes are on the table.

Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council – Supervisor Reynolds said the minutes should be ready for next month's meeting. The SLCIMC secretary passed away.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Supervisor Porterfield said letters were sent to New Danville and West Willow Fire Companies and we are taking applications and resumes until January 31, 2012.

ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS:

Pequea Township Planning Commission – Reorganization Meeting held January 5, 2012. Supervisor Lehman said in the December 21, 2011 meeting minutes New Business #5, we instructed the Planning Commission to have a recommendation to us in forty-five days and we need to give them more time. Attorney Creme recommended we do not place any time limitation on the Planning Commission other than what is sensible and allow him to come back with a recommendation on a time frame they think is reasonable.

Supervisor Lehman moved that we revoke the forty-five day requirement from the Pequea Township Planning Commission in regards to reviewing the Proposed Zoning Ordinance and to have the said matter reviewed by our Solicitor and have him give us proper recommendations. Supervisor Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board – Reorganization Meeting held January 9, 2012.

Pequea Township Park & Recreation Board – Reorganization Meeting held January 11, 2012. Minutes are on the table.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Supervisor Reynolds stated this township needs to move forward with proper planning and zoning. Supervisor Lehman said the Proposed Zoning Ordinance was written to make it simpler.

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Ms. Virgil requested copies of prior meeting minutes. Supervisor Porterfield advised her to fill out a Right to Know Request.

Ms. Evans-Herr asked why our former Zoning Officer did not know we had a Property Maintenance Code. Supervisor Porterfield said no one knew we had adopted a Property Maintenance Code.

Township meetings are recorded. Anyone can obtain a copy by completing the Right to Know form.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Kauffman, Township Secretary

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Robert Rendenbach

Allyson

Clyde Thomas

Clair Jones

Mark a Diane Meyer

Rob Birge SRPD

Joe 9th

Den Murphy

Bruce Duff

MayAnn Roberts

Adam Gill

John Miller

Donna

Dennis

Dan West

Patti Lehman

John + Helen Miller

Jean Butts

Shelma Hodson

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Robert J. Bagg

Jane Gynnes

Ed Kelly

John a Hickey

Roni Haines

James

John

Jakki Johns

Phil Haeserich

Dill Schall

Bruce Sitewh

Chuck Haines

Pat Messer Tim Allen

Tim Vogel