

**PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2010 STATE ROUTE 903  
JIM THORPE, PA 18229**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2, 2016**

**The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Penn Forest Township Board of Supervisors is being held at Penn Forest Township Municipal Building, 2010 State Route 903, Jim Thorpe, Pa.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Warren Reiner asked that all in attendance stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Warren Reiner called the meeting to order; Roll Call by Township Secretary:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Warren Reiner, Chairman Philip Shedaker, Vice-Chairman (absent) Judith Knappenberger, Supervisor (by phone) Christine Fazio, Supervisor Scott Lignore, Supervisor</b>
<b>Office Staff:</b>	<b>Susan K. Gibiser---Twp. Secretary</b>
<b>Solicitor:</b>	<b>Thomas S. Nanovic---Solicitor</b>

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Held at 6:22pm to 6:45pm prior to the meeting; Legal issues

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tom Nanovic, township Solicitor stated the following comments to the public. There is a very large crowd here tonight and it appears everyone is here concerning the wind farms. Tom has advised the Board for two (2) legal reasons to allow anyone to state their comments and the Board should listen and do not make any comments addressing the issues and the public should not be upset by not receiving a comment back from the Supervisors. The Board should take each and every public comment seriously as this matter could be in front of the Board in the future. Currently, the wind farm matter is not before the Board of Supervisors, it is before the Zoning Hearing Board. Tom stated to the public that the silence from the Board of Supervisor should be not interputed as for the wind farm or against. The Board of Supervisors are very concerned with this matter and will take each proper step as it comes before the Board, tonight it will be to listen to the public comments.

**Logan Farnell**—stated to the BOS as part of his Eagle Scout project, he would like to build a flag pole area the PFT Recreational Park. Logan submitted a drawing of the project. The Board motioned to accept the offer from Logan (see motion under Park & Recreation section)

**Maria Walker; Allyson Carter; Mr. Biscardi**---Thanked the BOS for everything done on Behrens Road and responding so quickly. The road is so much better with new lighting, new road signs and reflective signs. Allyson has taken notice to many drivers slowing down due to all the new signs and lights. Mr. Biscardi (Richard's father) also thanked the board members for everything that was done to the road to make it safer for other drivers.

There were a total of seventeen (17) public comments concerning the proposed wind farm project. Many people provided their names, some did not, just stated their comments to the BOS.

**Philip Nilsen**---stated he was against the wind farm; property values will go down; the wind farm will destroy the properties near and around this whole area.

**Dan**---stated he is not for the proposed wind farm project; he asked the Board to not allow this project to continue and to try everything possible to stop the project.

**Joe McCormick**---stated several reasons not to have this proposed project built within PFT such as the noise levels of the towers would give people many health problems. He stated he has researched the company and there are several lawsuits pending against the company.

**David Coaches**---stated he is very much against this project since it will destroy the wildlife; state parks will be effected by the towers; Corporate greed is all this company is after with this project.

**Bill Tagie**---stated the wildlife will have a major impact from this wind farm; thousands of birds and bats are killed every year from these towers.

**Marcus Lawrence**---stated he is not for this wind farm project; properties will decrease; no one will buy homes here in PFT in the future. The area here is beautiful, do not destroy it by allowing the wind farm built here.

**Jeanie Nelson**---stated she lives in Hickory Run Forest; the wind farm project is not good for the environment, wildlife and the residents of PFT.

**Phil Woolf**---stated he lives in Beltsville Lake Estates and his property is very wet due to the water run off from the mountains; if this proposed wind farm project would be developed, the properties at the bottom of the mountain would be worse.

**Heather Meckes**---stated the wind farm project would damage homes; will ruin the area for families wanting to live in this type of community; she has started a petition on line and getting signatures in person; will be contacting the local representative, Doyle Heffley.

**Pete Patton**---stated the Turnpike as already impacted this area so much with the quality of life and more people moving within the township and now a wind farm project; this will destroy this area.

**Pamela & Toby George**---stated the wind farm towers will be noticeable by all the lots surrounding it and for many miles; they hope the township supervisors and zoning will help the residents in every way to try to stop the project.

**Cathy Seachrist**---stated this wind farm project will not bring jobs to the township; asked the board if the township will benefit from this project by tax revenue; she has contacted the company and asked a lot of questions such as creation of jobs within the township; benefit the township and residents. The company has stated to her, the township would benefit and the school district.

**Andrea & Joe Miller**---stated they live in Beltsville Lake Estates and moved here from Philadelphia to get away from the city and to live within a beautiful country setting. By allowing this wind farm project to be built would ruin this area.

**Amy Russo**---stated this wind farm project is not good for this area; will destroy the quality of life, wildlife and the health and well being of the residents of PFT.

**Chairman Reiner stated prior to the meeting, the Board received a resignation letter from Vice-Chairman Phil Shedaker effective May 2, 2016.**

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to accept the resignation letter from Supervisor Phil Shedaker, effective May 2, 2016.

**ROLL CALL: CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES MOTION PASSED**

**C. MEETING MINUTES:**

**(1) REGULAR BOS MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2016**

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to approve the BOS Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2016

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**D. SECRETARY:**

**(1) ACKNOWLEDGE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM APRIL 2016**

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**(a) MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY (Statement balance as of 04/30/2016)**

Township General Fund:	\$ 2,523,419.53	State Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$ 311,147.72
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$ 134,373.42	Sanitation Fund:	\$ 722,358.25
Septic Fund:	\$ 250,126.27	Park/Recreation:	\$ 2,079,821.73
<b>SALDO</b>	<b>\$ 9,209.53</b>	<b>Payroll:</b>	<b>\$ 8,355.07</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 6,038,811.52</b>

**(b) PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST (as of 04/30/2016)**

Acct # ending 2021: (Investment/Money Market) \$ 1,021,034.44

**(c) JIM THORPE NEIGHBORHOOD BANK – Certificates of Deposit (As of 04/30/2016)**

Account Ending:	1495	-	\$ 102,479.92
	1710	-	\$ 104,079.46
	0064	-	\$ 101,506.46
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 308,065.84</b>

**TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT: \$ 7,367,911.80**

**1) MOTION** made by Supervisor Fazio, Second by Chairman Reiner to accept Treasurer's Report for April 2016 (Subject to Audit)

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**2) PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR MARCH 2016**

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Fazio, Second by Chairman Reiner to pay the bills for April 2016.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

## **F. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **WARREN REINER, CHAIRMAN**

#### **1) HOLDING TANK AGREEMENT BETWEEN PFT AND GEORGE A. BOLTMAN and KENNETH A. BOLTMAN**

An agreement between Penn Forest Township and George A. Boltman and Kenneth A. Boltman owners of property located at 1398 State Route 903.

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to accept the Holding Tank Agreement between PFT and George A. Boltman and Kenneth A. Boltman

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

#### **2) RESOLUTION #3 of 2016; REPLACE COPY OF EXHIBIT "A"--LIST OF RECORDS**

The BOS to motion to replace Exhibit "A" the list of Records for Disposition/Destruction for Resolution #3 of 2016 with a copy of Township Records with no indication of redaction. Supervisor Knappenberger had a question concerning Exhibit "A" document. The township secretary, Susan Gibiser explained to the Board, the document was not changed, it was only retyped. Tom Nanovic stated the BOS did not have to re-approve or motion on this action since the document did not change. The BOS stated they wanted to do this so there was no confusing with document of Exhibit "A"

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Fazio to replace Exhibit "A" with a clear copy with no indication of redaction of records.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

#### **3) QUOTES RECEIVED FOR SHREDDING/DESTRUCTION OF TOWNSHIP RECORDS**

The township secretary received the following price quotes for shredding/destruction records which will be done on-site at the township office and will receive a certificate.

- A) RRS (Responsible Recycling Services) ----**Total Cost: \$229.59**
- B) Paper Eaters (Prior company from 2012) ---**Cost Range: \$203 to \$261.00**

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Fazio, Second by Chairman Reiner to contact RRS to shred and destroy township records according to Exhibit "A"-Resolution #3 of 2016 for the amount of \$229.59 as quoted.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

#### **4) ROADMASTER REPORT FOR APRIL 2016**

- A) Motion to advertise to accept sealed bids for paving and sealing of (2) township roads. Advertise for 5/19<sup>th</sup> and 5/26<sup>th</sup>; sealed bids will be opened at the BOS meeting on June 6th

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to advertise to accept sealed bids for paving and sealing of two (2) township roads--Meckesville Road and Wargo Road as listed in the advertisement and bid.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**B) DISCUSS ON LINE PAINTING ROADS FOR 2016**

Road master Reiner stated to the Board some of the township roads were not painted last year and asked the Board members their opinion about having all the township roads done this year. The Board members stated to have all the township roads painted, including the roads that did not get done last year.

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to advertise to accept sealed bids for 2016 Line Painting of the township roads as listed in the advertisement and bid.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**CHRISTINE FAZIO, SUPERVISOR**

**1) RATIFY CALL OUT VOTE FOR PURCHASING FILING CABINETS, PRINTER DESK**

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Fazio, Second by Chairman Reiner to ratify the motion of the call out Vote (**all voted—YES**) done by the township secretary to the BOS to purchase filing cabinets and printer desk for the township office at a total cost of \$1,100.00

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**G. PFT PARK AND RECREATION UPDATE**

**1) APPOINTMENT TO THE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JTSD BOARD MEMBERS**

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Fazio to appoint **Richard Tweed** as the representative on behalf of the JTSD for the PFT Park & Recreation Committee  
Tom Nanovic asked the township secretary to send Mr. Tweed a letter of appointment and copy the JTSD.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**2) DISCUSSION AND MOTION FOR FLAG POLE AT THE PARK**

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Lignore, Second by Supervisor Fazio to accept the plan submitted by Logan Farnell for constructing a flag pole area at the PFT Park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-ABSTAINED **MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Fazio, Second by Chairman Reiner to add an additional flag pole with lights at the PFT Park for the state flag

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**H. REPORTS:**

**WARREN REINER, CHAIRMAN**

# **TRANSFER STATION REPORT**

## **A) SOLOMAN RECYCLING AT THE TRANSFER STATION**

Discussion concerning extra pickups for containers.

Chairman Reiner stated to the Board members that township laborer Keith Knappenberger has stated the cardboard recycling containers are being filled up by Saturday and Soloman's doesn't pick up til Monday. Keith feels an additional pick up when needed for recycling materials would help for the summer months.

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to have Keith Knappenberger call Soloman's Recycling for additional pick ups when needed.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

## **B) BULK AMOUNT for April 2016---\$ 968.00 / 2015-2016 Total: \$ 7,464.00**

**TOTAL GARBAGE PERMITS SOLD                      \$272,654.95**

2015-2016 Total Garbage Permits	\$ 247,129.95
2016-2016 Residential Permits	\$ 17,050.00
2016-2017 Limited Permits	\$ 8,475.00

**TOTAL DEPOSITS for Garbage Account    \$ 280,118.95 (Includes Yearly Bulk)**

## **C) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

### **RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUESTS FOR APRIL 2016**

**Administrative & Financial Requests: (See Attached Lists)**

**Submitted: 16 / Responded: 19 / Total Hours: 15 hrs**

**Zoning & Septic Requests: Submitted: 25 / Responded: 25**

## **D) ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**(1) Zoning Officer**---Kathryn Forry submitted the Zoning Report for April 2016  
Moving Permit Report for April 2016  
Memo from Kathryn Forry—Special Exception Applications

### **(2) RITZEL LOT CONSOLIDATION—Conditional Approval**

Joseph Ritzel, 12 Slab Branch Court, Marlton, NJ 08053; Submitted a Request for Waivers from Saldo Section 333.15; 333.31 for Lot Consolidation; Planning Commission recommends to the BOS to grant the waiver and approve the plan with the stated conditions.

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to grant the waivers for SALDO 333.15 and 333.31 for lot consolidation as recommended by the PFT Planning Commission.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to accept the plans as recommended by the PFT Planning Commission.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:20P.M.**

**MOTION** made by Chairman Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to adjourn the meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** CF-YES; JK-YES; SL-YES; WR-YES **MOTION PASSED**

**REMINDERS:**

- 1) The Next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00pm***
- 2) There will be a Zoning Hearing Board hearing on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.***
- 3) The Park & Recreation Committee monthly meeting is on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm***
- 4) The Township office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day Holiday.***

**SUSAN K. GIBISER  
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY**

**WARREN R. REINER  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**