

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisors** met on **March 1, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David Gemmill (Chair), Michael Kahl (Vice Chair) and Andrew Jarvis.

Sammy McConnell requested an amendment to the February minutes to add “of Supervisors” after, Zoning Hearing Board handbook be provided to the board.

- **Motion** to accept the minutes as amended was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Public Comment

Don Eckert, 83 Hilltop Road, continued complaint for the last 2 years concerning the Townships ordinance prohibiting the use of off road vehicles. The vehicles originate from 13 Heidi and 85 Hilltop Roads and others. There is constant use of multiple dirt bikes and 4-wheelers on local roads, private property, regular daily use and an all weekend occurrence.

SPCC Zoning Officer informed that all the addresses noted were sent general warning letters. Identity of the riders was unavailable.

Susan Prichard, also from Hilltop Road, has video of riders without helmets that can be identified.

Supervisor Gemmill has been in the area and knows there is a problem. He communicated with the State Police and will request their help if needed.

The Attorney noted that we many need to rely on the resident/complainant as witnesses to the violation in a civil hearing.

Supervisor Gemmill stated that a written complaint identifying the complainants contact information needs to be provided the SPCC, but will be kept confidential.

Zoning Officer Report

Zoning violations were listed and 1 UCC Permit was issued in February. The Zoning Officer was asked to enter a resident’s property to view vehicles on a neighbor’s property. The Attorney informed that he could enter the property of the permissioned complainant.

New Business

2023 Yearly Mowing Contract

Bids were accepted for the seasonal contract of Lawn/Field Maintenance for the Peach Bottom Township Municipal Park, Recreation Center, Municipal Complex, Cold Cabin Park and the Traffic Circle. per cutting bids

- Koermer Services - \$806.00
- Langrehr Property Services - \$789.00
- A&J Cochran Enterprises - \$1,010.00

Last year’s mowing performance was discussed.

- **Motion** to award the 2023 Mowing Contract to Koermer Services was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Burning Ordinance

Mike Smith, representing the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company, has been getting calls concerning residents allowing their fires to smolder for hours. Using the Township's Burning Ordinance, he asked how involved the fire company should be.

The attorney recommended, if he informs the resident and it happens again to contact the Township, so a letter can be sent to the violating party.

Chip Diamond reminded of an ordinance enacted by the Township, "Extraordinary Expenses" which enables the Township to bill for expenses incurred due to extraordinary occurrences.

Volunteer Service Credit Program

Supervisor Gemmill talked to several volunteers on this subject, currently Peach Bottom Township gives earned income tax credits across the line to Whiteford Emergency Volunteers who meet the criteria. Harford County does offer a pension for those volunteers. He feels giving the credit to Whiteford is taking away from the local fire company and is not a good incentive to a young person. He has no problem if they want to run with both fire companies, but they need to get the points in Pennsylvania.

Supervisor Jarvis noted that 10 to 12 volunteers that run with Whiteford and live in Peach Bottom Township show up on the same calls just a different color truck. We need everyone that is willing to come out to an emergency. To qualify for the Harford County pension they need 25 years of service, how many of the new recruits would stick it out for the full 25 years.

Mike Smith informed that York County is looking into a real estate tax credit that is only for York County Volunteer organizations.

Richard Williams, 1956 Atom Rd, volunteers with both Delta-Cardiff and Whiteford fire companies. He informed that none of the Whiteford members, if the tax credit is taken away will volunteer in Delta. This has nothing to do with what they are getting; this is something more than that, a personal thing, instead of taking from those that volunteer, create a pension plan for Delta-Cardiff.

Sammy McConnell, Sharon Kahl, Dee Higgins and Chip Diamond also discussed points, incentives and pensions.

- **Motion** to amend the existing ordinance to keep the tax credit in the state of Pennsylvania, those who volunteer for Delta-Cardiff and Citizens Fire Companies and Southern York County Emergency Medical Services, was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 2/1 Jarvis

Large Item Drop-Off

The event will be held on Saturday, April 1st between the hours of 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

- **Motion** to bid 2023 yearly stone, asphalt and seal coat road maintenance to be opened at the April Supervisors meeting was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

Supervisor Jarvis informed that the most recent inspection of Bair Road Bridge requires maintenance. He would like to work with the Township engineer for permitting and bidding out the work, which can be funded by the American Rescue Funds.

Old Business

Tona Evans – Pikes Peak & Delta Roads

Informed that the mound of dirt on Pikes Peak Road, across from her house, should be taken out so cars have adequate turning spaces before someone gets killed, you cannot see, you cannot turn and the stop sign is in the wrong position. She is waiting for someone to do something about it.

Sharon Kahl and Dave Thompson stated that the bank is not the problem; it is when vehicles disappear into the dip on Delta Road.

Subdivisions & Land Development Plans

Walther, Benjamin – Common Ownership Merger, Map 2 Parcels 236 & 237

YCPC comments and amended plan were reviewed.

- **Motion** to approve the plan to combine Map 2 Parcels 236 & 237 was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

Constellation Sewage Treatment Plant, Land Development Plan

Jason Wolfe & John Rea from of C.S. Davidson engineering presented the plan including flood study and lighting plan. DEP is permitting the plant for 15,000 gallons a day, adequate capacity for pre-Covid personnel level. The only modification, since the Planning Commission approval, was parking space size adjustment. .

Constellation is requesting conditional approval.

The Board will wait to approve the plan when all conditions, including the road agreement have been reviewed and ready are for final approval.

Reports

Solicitor

- ARS Realty, 517 Aubel Road – letter was sent, no response, will be removed from list
- Volunteer Service Criteria Resolution. – The county has adopted their real estate tax credit, with a different point system. Delta Borough does not want to amend their criteria; it is more favorable toward fundraising activities. To be revisited next month.
- McCullom/Magnifico Subdivision Plan - Agreement to renovate and restore the barn within 3 years, the 3 years has expired,
 - **Motion** authorizing the attorney to send a letter requesting an update on the project was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl vote 3/0.
- Municipal Night at the Ballpark is Friday May 4th

Manager/Treasurer

- General Fund - \$1,751,076.93
- Liquid Fuels Fund - \$289,555.87
- Sewage Fund - \$22,849.96
- Recreation Fund- \$5,057.59

- **Motion** authorizing the payment of reviewed bills was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

2022 Citizens Volunteer Fire Company Tax Credit

- **Motion** to approve the tax credit for Volunteer Brown and conditional on Volunteer Gibbons when completed paperwork is submitted was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

Public Works

For the past month, they have been assessing roads and compiling figures for 2023 roadwork. Reviewing the Constellation road agreement, cleaning pipes, patching holes, worked-up the ball fields and put 3 loads of Diamondtex between fields 3 & 4

Equipment

The 9 year-old, John Deere Backhoe has the same number of hours as the previous 17 year-old backhoe.

Supervisor Jarvis presented a contract through the State Costars purchasing program to purchase a 430 Caterpillar, which will give them the lift capacity needed to install road boxes, with trade the cost will be \$139,000.00. Delivery may not be until the beginning of 2024.

- **Motion** to order the 430 Caterpillar Backhoe was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 3/0.

Steve Strohmer informed that the new Recreation Center Gym lights are great.

- **Motion** to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.