

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

David J. Gerhart • C. William Shaffer • John Schroeder

Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



SUPERVISORS MEETING **October 2, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman David Gerhart, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member John Schroeder, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Roadmaster Jason McClune and eleven (11) observers.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerhart at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Gerhart offered prayer.

MINUTES

- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the September 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the September 25, 2017 Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop. Mr. Schroeder asked that it be noted in the minutes that the township health insurance renewal will have a premium increase. With that change noted in the minutes, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify payment of September bills in the amount of \$307,027.03 from the general fund and \$110,994.06 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- There were no comments pertaining to the budget at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- James Beideman had questions pertaining to the stormwater runoff affecting his property.
- Jeff Nickel had questions pertaining to the stormwater runoff affecting his property
- Pepper Goslin expressed his appreciation to the board for continuing to review the township's fee schedule.

ROADMASTER REPORT

In the month of September the Providence Township road crew was able to put the finishing touches on the Frogtown Road project, work on several storm water projects and start extending our trail head parking area. The storm water projects included installing 2 inlet boxes, storm water pipe, headwall and 8' of flexamat at 66 Cinder Road. We dug out the swale at 559 Pennsy Road to allow the storm water to flow freely. The road crew started work on the trail head parking lot to double its size in preparation for the walking bridge across route 222. We expect to have the parking lot finished in the spring of 2018. We excavated a swale along the trail at Sawmill Road (E) Bridge to allow water to exit the trail. We drug the trail surface to remove the imperfections from the water runoff. The road crew finished the landing area across the trail from Fairview 2 parking lot. We installed signs at the 4 parking lots and replaced several signs in the township due to damage. We finished the woodchip screening. On September 28 we were audited by DEP. The safety meeting this month was on the proper storage of our solvents, oils and chemical we use in the shop. Projects in October include Smithville Road bank removal and swale improvement; finish road bank mowing; and finish all road work in preparation for winter.

Following a discussion regarding the dissatisfaction with the Pennsy Supply Crew that completed the Frogtown Road Project, the supervisors directed the roadmaster to itemize the hours spent by the township crew on the job, the dollar amount for the township aggregates that were used on the job and deduct the total amount from payment to Pennsy Supply.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Gerhart stated that the next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that Route 222 will be closed beginning Friday, October 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. until Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. for the installation of the pedestrian bridge girders.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Gerhart stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The Lancaster County Planning Commission will be the guest speaker. He encouraged the public to attend to have input into the County's Comprehensive Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Following a brief discussion regarding the Radcliff Road Bridge, the manager was asked to schedule a public meeting with Pequea Township and the adjacent property owners (to the bridge).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gerhart announced the budget workshops will be held on the following Mondays at 7:00 p.m.: October 16, October 23 and November 13.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the township will hold woody waste collection days for township residents on Saturday, October 14 and Saturday, October 28, from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Only woody-yard waste will be accepted. Grass and leaves will not be accepted. The drop-off is limited to Providence Township residents.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the township will conduct an informative public workshop related to the MS4 program on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that Trick-or-Treat Night will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that due to Election Day preparations, the November 6, 2017 board of supervisors meeting will be held in the conference room.

- Following discussion regarding a request from Martin's Appliance about the possibility of obtaining public sewer service from the Quarryville Borough Sewer Authority, the manager was directed to send a letter to the Authority requesting the Authority sell two (2) EDUs directly to Martin's Appliance. Elam Esh from Country Value Woodworks was in attendance and asked the township to request one EDU from Authority to service his property which is directly north of Martin's Appliance. The manager was asked to include this request in the letter to the Authority as well.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that the week of October 7 through October 14 is Agricultural Week in Lancaster County. There are activities around the county including Landis Valley Farm Museum and local farm tours. The PA Department of Agriculture is offering an apprentice program for individuals to learn how to service equipment used in the agricultural industry.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued three (3) sewage permits with a total of \$300.00 remitted to the township for the month of September.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$328,522.59 were recorded in the month of September.

ZONING REPORT

- **Harbor Engineering, Inc., Storm Water Management Plan, PT-254SWM-17, 41 Earl Drive:** This is a storm water plan for 41 Earl Drive, for a new dwelling. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 4.05.F.2 of the PTSWMO (required fifty (50) foot isolation distance between the proposed infiltration facility and the proposed on-lot sewage disposal system), as recommended in the Solanco Engineering review letter dated September 15, 2017. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Harry Herr Tract, Letter of Credit:** The Township received a letter from BB&T Bank stating that they do not intend to renew Mr. Herr's Letter of Credit as of November 5, 2017. Remaining letter of credit amount is \$8,240.10. The actual site improvements have been done. However, in order to release the escrow referenced in the Letter of Credit, as-built drawings would need to be submitted. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to collect on the letter of credit if the as-built drawings have not been submitted and reviewed and the site inspected by the township engineer by October 23, 2017. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **New Providence Church of God, Storm Water Easement:** Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize Chairman David Gerhart to sign the stormwater easement associated with the New Providence Church of God Plan.
- **Elam Esh, Beaver Valley Pike Properties, Rezoning Request:** Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to advertise for the hearing on the rezoning request for the Elam Esh, Beaver Valley Pike Properties, to be held on December 4, 2017. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J. Pepper Goslin Jr., Final Subdivision and Lot Add-On Plan, PT-251FP-17, Snyder Hollow Road:** Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying and Engineering, Inc. was here to discuss this plan. This plan received conditional final plan approval in September. However, one of the conditions, as per comment #6 under "Zoning Ordinance" in the Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC review letter dated, September 22, 2017, the shared or common driveway on the plan must be addressed. With the zoning ordinance amendments enacted on September 18, 2017, the BOS may waive this requirement. Following discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant a waiver of the common driveway provision, Section 303.10.1 of the amended Zoning Ordinance and Section 602.I.2 of the SALDO, with the condition of an approved access and maintenance agreement being recorded. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **Creekside Preliminary Plan, Extension of time:** The supervisors acknowledged the extension of time for the supervisors to take action on the Creekside Preliminary Plan for an additional 90 days or until the January 2018 Supervisors meeting.
- **Robert Weaver, Planning Module:** The module for the Robert Weaver Lot Add On Plan has been reviewed by the township engineer. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the completion of the planning module, adopt the module with Resolution No. 17-05 and forward the module on to the DEP for final approval. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Zoning Hearing Board, October 10, 2017:** The decision will be rendered for the request of Jesse Esch: Special Exception for a kennel at 121 Pennsy Road. Due to an error with the date advertised for the other hearings, the zoning hearing board will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following hearings: DIG Family Business, LLC: Use variance to allow a warehouse and office space at 332 Snyder Hollow Road; and David Greek: Variance request for screening requirements at 848 Lancaster Pike.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At approximately 8:15 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation and a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:40 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to come out of the executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

David J. Gerhart, Chairman

C. William Shaffer, Vice Chairman

John E. Schroeder, Member