

# 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** **November 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman David Gerhart, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member John Schroeder, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Manager Vicki Eldridge, and twenty (24) 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Mr. Gerhart announced that the supervisors held an executive session on Wednesday, October 17, 2016 to discuss a personnel matter.

### **ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTER**

- Following a brief discussion regarding the zoning hearing board application for Amos Esh for the properties located at 796 Lancaster Pike and 748 Truce Road, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to rescind the supervisors opposition to the granting of the following variances: 205.6.4: Residential Buffer Strip; 205.12: Landscaping; 310.6.2: Illumination Levels and 312.3: Surfacing. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION**

- Sherry Wertz, President of the Quarryville Volunteer Fire Company gave an update of the company's building project. She also expressed her appreciation to the board for their contribution.

### **MINUTES**

- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 3, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 24, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder 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. Shaffer to ratify payment of October bills in the amount of \$167,126.94 from the general account. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- At this time, Mr. Gerhart stated that the township has received reimbursement for the blizzard we faced in 2016.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Elam Beiler asked the board to consider lowering and/or waiving the zoning permit fee that is required to rebuild his sawmill that was destroyed by fire. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to waive the entire zoning permit fee (for the exterior shell of the sawmill structure) for Elam Beiler's property located at 921 Lancaster Pike. The motion passed with two favorable votes. Mr. Gerhart opposed the motion.
- Barbara Halsey expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- David Halsey expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Amos Beiler expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- David Beiler expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Isaac Petersheim expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Elmer Stoltzfoos expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Lester Wiker expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Elam Beiler expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Abe Stoltzfoos expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Merv Conrad asked when the 2017 budget would be available for viewing.
- Daniel Glick expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Eli Glick expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Ben Esch expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Aaron Smucker expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Jonas Esh expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Ken Wiker expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Samuel Lapp expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.
- Frank Peiffer expressed appreciation to the board for waiving the fee for Mr. Beiler.

Following discussion regarding the hardships involved in permitting when a fire/natural disaster destroys buildings, Mr. Shaffer suggested that we establish a committee of plain folks and English folks to gather ideas to help make these processes work better. Mr. Shaffer asked those in attendance that were willing to serve on such a committee to sign up on the sheet of paper being passed.

## **PARKS/RECREATION REPORT**

- Mr. Gerhart stated that the next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m..
- Mrs. Eldridge gave an update on the progress of the installation of the Route 222 pedestrian bridge. She also gave an update on the bench sponsorships for the trail.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that a lot of people are using the trail. He also shared that horses are not allowed on the trail and violators may face a \$300 fine.
- Mr. Gerhart shared that the Hollow Road tunnel was once again sprayed with graffiti. The township has involved the police in this matter.

## **SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

- The Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 to reorganize. The Lancaster County Conservation District made a presentation at the last meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adopt Resolution No. 16-10 adopting a flood plain permit fee in Providence Township. The permit fee is \$75.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer stated he has not heard any updates from the Lancaster County Planning Commission with regards to the Radcliff Road Bridge. Daniel Glick asked to sit down with everyone to create a plan for the Amish to take ownership of the bridge. Mr. Shaffer suggested waiting a little longer to see if the county is able to find available funding.
- Following a brief discussion regarding setting a date for a final zoning workshop to finalize the changes to the zoning ordinance, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to advertise for the workshop. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Eldridge will verify this date with Mark Deimler, the township engineer.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Gerhart announced tomorrow is Election Day. Please remember to vote.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. Mr. Shaffer asked if there any veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service.
- Following a brief discussion regarding future budget workshops, Mr. Schroeder asked to have one more workshop to get answers to some questions he has. The workshop will be held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The workshop scheduled for Monday, November 21 will be cancelled.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adopt Resolution No. 16-11 appointing Maher Duessel as the certified public accounting firm to audit the accounts of Providence Township and the Providence Township Officers for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a discussion regarding the agreement between Quarryville Borough and Providence Township related to the request for the Solanco School District Resource Officer, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise the ordinance to adopt the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner completed 4 perc and probe test and issued 5 sewage permits with a total of \$1,300.00 remitted to the township for the month of October.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **Secretary:**

- Receipts totaling \$68,543.43 were recorded in the month of October.
- All haulers, mobile home park and junk yard licenses have been sent.
- Firemen's Relief and Pension Aid have been received from the auditor general's office and distributed accordingly.

### **Road Master:**

The month of October saw a wide range of work performed by our road crew. The final mowing period was finished on the trail, storm water pipe work was completed on Scott Road, trees and bank removed on Pennsy Road and swale created, finished the Hollow Road swale project started over the summer, enhanced the appearance at the entrance to the Fairview Road trailhead and started excavating the parking lot for Fairview Road 2 parking area. At the beginning of the month we toured the Manor Township portion of the trail and the Hellam Township maintenance shed. The road crew also spent a half of day on Safe Driver Training presented by LTAP.

Projects to be completed in November

- Complete Fairview Rd 2 Parking Lot
- Prepare Equipment for Winter Season
- Rubber Patch Summer Projects
- Clean Swales and Inlet boxes
- Continue to document storm water system
- Safety meeting on Plowing Snow

### **ZONING REPORT:**

- **Storm water escrow release:** Roy C. Probst Trust: \$16,171.54 and Amos Beiler: \$6,978.40. A motion was made by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the release of storm water escrow in the total amount of \$23,149.94. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Jacob L. & Lydia B. King, enforcement notice for 475 Truce Road:** A civil complaint was filed with the District Magistrate's office on October 20, 2016. The default date for response by Mr. King is November 21, 2016
- **Quarry Ridge Builders, 288 Hollow Road:** Mrs. Eldridge informed the supervisors that a submittal was received in the mail today. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart suggested that we move forward with the next step in enforcement. Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Schroeder were in agreement to allow Mr. Blank have until December 5, 2016 to have the issues resolved. Mr. Newcomer suggested that Mr. Blank should be notified that we would be looking for a more concrete definition on the resolution to the items in the Solanco Engineering review letter.
- **Enck Brothers Drywall, 510 W. Fourth Street, request for waiver of land development plan requirements:** Brian Masterson, from Register Associates, was present to discuss this request, pertaining to the construction of a storage structure for the drywall business. There was discussion of the recommendation letter from Solanco Engineering, in particular the existing parking area on land owned by Providence Township, was discussed. After discussion, it was determined the township will issue a letter giving a license to Enck Brothers to continue to use the portion of the township property involved with this plan. Mr. Newcomer will draft the letter. At the conclusion, a motion was made by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant conditional approval of a waiver of the requirement for land development plan approval (Section 202.51 of the SALDO) to Enck Brothers Drywall, 510 W. Fourth Street, as pertaining to the construction of a storage building, with the condition of compliance of all conditions as outlined in the Solanco Engineering letter, dated September 21, 2016, and any subsequent letters, with an additional condition added of the issuance of a letter from the township licensing use of the township property, as shown on the plan, by Enck Brothers. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Shaffer encouraged residents to attend the budget workshop on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- At approximately 8:33 p.m., Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to enter into an executive session to discuss a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:43 p.m., Mr. Shaffer 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. Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

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David J. Gerhart, Chairman

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C. William Shaffer, Vice Chairman

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John E. Schroeder, Member