

# 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** **December 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, December 11, 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 seventeen (17) 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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

At this time, Mr. Gerhart turned the meeting over to Melvin Newcomer, township solicitor, to conduct the public hearing. Mr. Newcomer stated now is the time and place that has been advertised to consider the adoption of an ordinance of Providence Township rezoning approximately 41 acres of land owned by Elam Esh and located adjacent to 2302 Beaver Valley Pike from agricultural to industrial and amending the zoning map. Mr. Newcomer opened the floor for public comments. Tracy Nettke asked why this was being considered. Pepper Goslin agreed with the rezoning request since the industrial zone within the township had been reduced through the zoning ordinance update. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adopt Ordinance 17-03 rezoning approximately 41 acres of land owned by Elam Esh and located adjacent to 2302 Beaver Valley Pike from Agricultural to Industrial and amending the zoning map. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the November 6, 2017 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 November 13, 2017 Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop. 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.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify payment of November bills in the amount of \$216,840.21 from the general fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- Mr. Shaffer stated that we are ending the year with a surplus. Mr. Gerhart explained that we were very conservative when budgeting our 2017 revenues and we have exceeded our budgeted amounts in several income categories.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Elam Esh thanked Mr. Gerhart for his service to the township.
- Sis Conrad thanked Mr. Gerhart for his service to the township.
- Merv Conrad thanked Mr. Gerhart for his service to the township.
- Pepper Goslin thanked Mr. Gerhart for his service to the township.
- Tracy Nettke asked for an update to the culvert issues she feels is dangerous on Main Street. She also had other questions regarding speed bump on Main Street. She thanked Mr. Gerhart for his service.

## **ROADMASTER REPORT**

The month of November brought the end to our road projects for the season. We finished our last major project of the year on Radcliff Road. We continued to do road maintenance work as well as trail work. We have the majority of our rubber patching done and will finish in December. We started our fall/winter trail mowing. There was an oil spill on Route 272 that needed cleaned up. The majority of our time was spent completing the Radcliff Rd project. The project took several days to prep for, several days to complete and a day or two to clean up and touch up. We widened the intersection by moving the guiderail closer to Mt Hope School Road and cutting away the road bank. We installed: barriers to support the road bank, stormwater boxes to collect the rain water and help with the snow melt, 2" curb to help curtail the trucks from driving onto the residents property and then paved the intersection. The Eden Township road crew helped with the project, in exchange for us boom mowing their trail. The November safety meeting was Eye Protection. We performed inspections on our stormwater boxes and outfalls as required by the MS-4 permit.

During the month of December the road crew will finish rubber patching; finish trail mowing; prep all equipment for snow; begin tree trimming; update our old signs in our maintenance area per our "Sign Replacement Program"

## **PARKS/RECREATION REPORT**

- Mr. Gerhart stated that the parks/recreation committee will resume meetings in February 2018.

## **SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Gerhart stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. Eldridge shared that the surveying for the vacation of the Radcliff Road Bridge may be completed this week.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Gerhart announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas and Monday, January 1 for the New Year Holiday.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adopt Resolution No. 17-08, Establishing the tax-neutral millage rate for real property located within Providence Township pursuant to 53 PA.C.S.A. Section 8823. Mr. Newcomer stated this is necessary due to the countywide reassessment. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adopt Resolution No. 17-09 establishing a tax millage rate of 0.381 mills for real estate property within the Township of Providence. The 2017 rate was 0.63 mills. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to adopt Resolution No. 17-10 adopting a budget for calendar year 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to adopt Resolution No. 17-11, prohibiting the location of a Category 4 Licensed Gambling Facility within Providence Township. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to award the 2018 electricity contract to Direct Energy at a fixed rate of \$0.0799 for 12 months. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to open business credit cards at Univest Bank and close the business credit card accounts at BB&T. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to advertise for the 2018 Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and for the 2018 Elected Auditors Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to close the books for fiscal year 2017 on December 31, 2017 and to dedicate a page in the minute book to the service of Dave Gerhart. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner issued one sewage permit and completed three perc and probe tests for the month of November with a total of \$1,600 remitted to the township in November.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

##### **Secretary:**

- Receipts totaling \$257,339.77 were recorded in the month of November.
- Maher Duessel will begin our 2017 audit on January 16, 2018.

#### **ZONING REPORT**

- **Stormwater Escrow Release:** Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of stormwater escrow in the amount of \$9,658.25 to Beiler Engine Service, \$990.00 to James R. Grube, Jr. and \$19,572.00 to Bottom Line Contracting, Inc. for a total of \$30,130.25. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J. Kenneth Wiker, Parcel from Martic Township, 1033 Truce Road:** A request was made to Martic Township to have this parcel moved to the Providence Township tax district. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to accept the parcel located at 1033 Truce Road (430-45004-0-0000) into the Providence Township Tax District. Any costs associated with this change will be paid by the Wiker's. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J. Pepper Goslin, Planning Module:** The module for the J. Pepper Goslin, Jr. final subdivision and lot add-on plan has been reviewed by the township engineer and was denied by DEP because two (2) probe sites were incorrectly located on the plan. The module needs to be re-adopted. Mr. Schroder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the completion of the planning module, and re-adoption of the module with Resolution No. 17-12 and forward the module on to the DEP for final approval. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **J. Pepper Goslin, Lot Add-On, PT-190LAO-13:** After discussion of review comments from the Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC letter dated November 2, 2017: Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant a waiver of Section 402.A.1, Plan Requirements, The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 402.C, Existing Features within 200'. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant conditional approval of the lot add-on plan for J. Pepper Goslin based on compliance of all comments contained within the Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC review letter dated November 2, 2017 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Creekside Preliminary Plan, Extension of time:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors to take action on the Creekside Preliminary Plan for an additional 90 days or until April 2018 Supervisors meeting. The extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- At approximately 8:08 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to enter into an executive session to discuss a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:33 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to come out of the executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

At this time brief discussions were held concerning a dust collection system for the maintenance building, fire and smoke alarm systems for both township buildings, inspections by Commonwealth Code Inspectors and the Byerland Church Road Bridge.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 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