

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 **March 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, March 7, 2016. Present were Chairman David Gerhart, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member John Schroeder, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Manager Vicki Eldridge, and fourteen (14) 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

- Mr. Newcomer announced that this is the time and place that has been advertised to consider the adoption of an ordinance of Providence Township to establish comprehensive floodplain management regulations. J. Pepper Goslin asked what the changes were and asked if the ordinance is available for viewing. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion; seconded by Mr. Schroeder to continue the public hearing on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the February 1, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Schroeder asked that the minutes be changed since he did not make an affirmative vote on the Ephraim Fisher zoning issue. Mr. Shaffer made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gerhart to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gerhart explained that each supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the February 4, 2016 Board of Supervisors Public 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 February bills in the amount of \$96,907.21 from the general account and \$12,949.65 from the state account. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- There were no comments regarding the budget at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ida "Sis" Conrad asked the township solicitor to explain the sunshine law.

- Merv Conrad asked if the township's Beaver Valley Pike property was sold at auction.
- Lawrence Stoltzfus had questions regarding timbering in the township particularly relating to the required 50' foot buffer strip requirement in the zoning ordinance.
- Don Hess asked where a copy of the flood plain ordinance could be viewed.
- Dan Siegrist had questions about constructing a retaining wall on his property.
- Pepper Goslin asked if the zoning reports could be projected on the screen during the meetings. He also asked the supervisors to be sensitive to how more regulations create more restrictions.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- There was no parks/recreation report given. Mr. Gerhart stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- The Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council met on March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Craig Steadman, Lancaster County District Attorney will share information about the drug task force.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The supervisors agreed to offer several dates to Pequea Township to schedule a meeting with those residents bordering the Radcliff Road Bridge.
- Following a brief discussion, the supervisors directed the manager to place information in the township newsletter asking for volunteers to serve as alternate members of the township planning commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gerhart announced there will be a zoning workshop on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The discussion will be centered on possible changes to the zoning ordinance.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to advertise for bids on various quantities of stone, oil and asphalt (pick-up). Bids will be opened on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the April 4, 2016 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize Hanover Engineering to prepare the 2016 Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan and the 2016 MS4 Annual Report at a cost of \$9,750.00. The township roadmaster is to look closely at these reports to see what parts, if any, the township would be able to complete next year. The motion was carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Schroeder opposed.
- Mr. Shaffer asked everyone to take time to attend one of the regional Lancaster County Planning Commission meetings.
- Mr. Shaffer asked if any of the supervisors would be able to attend the boy scout breakfast on March 30, 2016.
- Mr. Shaffer asked if any dates have been scheduled to allow residents to drop off woody waste. The scheduled dates are Saturday, April 16, 2016 and Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Mr. Shaffer asked the township manager how the new roadmaster is adjusting to his new position.
- The township manager expressed a desire to have the township join the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium. The annual fee is \$500 and they offer education and grants relating to stormwater and MS4 issues. The supervisors agreed to join at this time.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner did not remit any receipts for the month of February

ZONING REPORT:

- **Ephraim Fisher, 12 Main Street, vehicles in violation:** Mr. Fisher was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Fisher stated the tenant who was living on the property, has been evicted. The vehicles and now, most recently, the “junk” on the property, belong to this tenant. After discussion with Mr. Fisher, a motion was made by Mr. Schroeder to allow Mr. Fisher a continuance of time to clean up the property until the next Supervisors meeting on April 4, 2016. Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- **Cecil H. Neff III, 166 Lancaster Pike South, Enforcement Notice, compliance date 1/28/2016:** There are currently two vehicles on the property, without current license and/or current inspection stickers. The vehicles do not appear to be labeled “For Sale” anymore. Mr. Neff has made no contact with the township. After discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion to authorize Mr. Newcomer to write a letter to Mr. Neff concerning the existing violations on the property at 166 Lancaster Pike South. The motion was not seconded, so the motion died. After discussion, the Board directed the zoning officer to make contact with Mr. Neff to discuss the situation of the vehicles on the property.
- **Jacob L. & Lydia B. King, 475 Truce Road, Enforcement Notice, correction date: 2/8/2016:** This enforcement issue, concerning the keeping of livestock and an unpermitted structure, has not been resolved. There also is an unlicensed truck on the property currently. The erosion and the parking at this property was also discussed. After discussion, it was decided the zoning officer should write a letter to the Kings, encouraging them to attend the public workshop on March 16, 2016.

Mr. Schroeder asked for public comment from the audience. Lawrence Stoltzfus had several comments on the roles of government and the law. J. Pepper Goslin stated he appreciated the efforts of the Board to make revisions to the zoning ordinance as issues are presented. Mr. Schroeder expressed his opinion in favor of revising the zoning ordinance on certain issues. Mr. Shaffer encouraged attendance at the public workshop on March 16th by anyone with concerns on the current zoning ordinance.

- **Zoning Hearing Board, March 8, 2016:** There is one hearing for a variance request of Ron Felpel, to allow an existing driveway at 659 Lancaster Pike to be extended and shared (common driveway) as access to the adjacent property, 653 Lancaster Pike. This is a variance request of Section 303.10.1 of the 2014 Zoning Ordinance.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$139,668.07 were recorded in February.

Road Master:

For the month of February and the first week of March, there were several weather events. The road crew was dispatched 15 different times to treat roads for ice or snow. The worst storm was on February 9th when we received 8 inches of snow. On Wednesday February 24th, heavy rains and wind overspread the area with a tornado directly to our east. The road crew spent the next two days cleaning up from the storm. There were several trees down, banks washed out onto the road and many inlets clogged due to the storm.

The road crew was able to work on several projects in between storms:

- Repaired the air compressor on the boiler

- Continue marking inlets and outlets for the MS 4 permit
- Installed 2 gates at the Sigman Road parking area for the trail
- Shaped the trail by taking a drag from Sigman Road to Fairview Road
- Picked up trash on the trail
- Replaced all filters in the shop, greased all hinges on garage doors

The first full week of March brings spring like weather. This will allow us to get a jump start on skin patching, gutter clean out work and ditch repair. March will transition from winter to spring. We will store away our winter equipment and get our spring equipment. All mowers, trimmers and saws will be ready for action when the grass starts to grow.

MS 4 update. Road crew received training on oil absorbent materials and there uses, the proper way to dispose of the material once used and the locations where it is stored. Connie Peiffer and I went to East Lampeter for a 2 hour training session. Much work to be done to be compliant for the permit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At approximately 8:50 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 9:17 p.m., Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart 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 9:18 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