

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

April 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, April 3, 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 and twelve (12) 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.

PRESENTATION

- Sara Brenneman, CPA, with Maher Duessel discussed the township's 2016 DCED audit.

BID AWARDS

Bids were opened by the roadmaster on March 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

- Following discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to award the aggregate bid to Allan Myers PA, Inc. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to award the asphalt materials bid to Pennsy Supply. The motion was carried unanimously. The manager was asked to check around at other asphalt plants to see if these bid prices are comparable since only one bid was received.

MINUTES

- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the March 6, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Shaffer 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 March bills in the amount of \$82,569.84 from the general account and \$103,123.38 from the state account. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Shaffer stated that the real estate transfer tax and earned income tax are higher than anticipated to date. He also asked that the escrow accounts continue to be reviewed and releases made as warranted in a timely fashion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Merv Conrad asked the supervisor's opinion on the Governor's proposed per capita fee that would fund the state police coverage in municipalities that do not have a local police force.
- Pepper Goslin expressed his appreciation for the zoning workshops that have been held. He also stated he would like to see less government control in our daily lives.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Gerhart stated that the next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Eldridge explained that Bart, Sadsbury and Eden Townships are applying for a DCNR Grant to improve the eastern portions of the trail. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to authorize a letter of support be written to be included in the grant application. The motion was carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Gerhart stated that Kara Kalupson of Rettew Associates was present to discuss MS4 permitting and pollutant reductions.
- Mr. Gerhart stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Tim Shrom, Solanco School District Business Manager has been invited to speak.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion continued regarding the Radcliff Road Bridge. Following discussion, the supervisors asked Daniel and Eli Glick to present a survey proposal to the township. The township solicitor is going to talk with Mr. Glick's attorney regarding this process.
- Mrs. Eldridge updated the supervisors on the Willow Street Pike Corridor Study. At this time, a new engineering firm has been contracted to move forward with the concepts that were introduced in 2016.
- Following a brief discussion regarding scheduling a meeting with the legislators to meet with our disaster/rebuilding committee, Daniel Glick stated he has been working with an Amish Steering Committee to schedule this meeting. At this time, the supervisors asked Mr. Glick to inform us of the scheduled meeting date when it is established.
- Following discussion regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendments, the supervisors plan to take more time to review the changes and will revisit the ordinance at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gerhart announced the township will hold woody yard waste collection days for the township residents on Saturday, April 22 and Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to advertise for bids on various quantities of asphalt in place. Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the May 1, 2017 board of supervisors meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify the "Declaration of Disaster" that was declared by the board of supervisors on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. This declaration was due to the serious snowstorm threat. The motion was carried unanimously.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 1 sewage permit and completed 5 perc and probe tests with a total of \$900.00 remitted to the township for the month of March.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$73,322.75 were recorded in March.
- The township has received a pre-approval of the MS4 Waiver. A formal waiver application will be submitted.

Road Master:

The month of March brought the end of the winter season. We had our largest and last snow storm of the season. The nor'easter came on 3/13 and was a 4 day snow event and a 2 day clean up afterwards. The following week we put away our plows and spreaders and prepped our trucks for the spring and summers seasons. Before and after the winter storm we were able to construct the Goff Run Trail between Cinder Road and Truce Road, clean up trees on Snyder Hollow Road from a logging mishap, remove the road bank on Truce Road, replace parking lot lights, remove graffiti on the trail, start removing trees on Frogtown Road and finish staining the boards for the trail benches. Our safety meeting was on "Dust, Fumes and Respirators".

Projects in April will revolve around the wet weather:

- Frogtown Rd tree removal
- Repair pot holes and road edges
- AMS skin patch machine
- Designate areas for skin patch machine
- Rut pave with Paradise Township
- Construct trail benches

ZONING REPORT

- **Advance Auto Parts Store, 475 & 479 W. Fourth Street, Final Subdivision and Lot Add-On Plan:** Mark Magrecki of Penn Terra Engineering and Chris Neill of Primax Properties were present to discuss the Final Subdivision and Lot Add-On Plan. This plan shows the location of an Advance Auto Parts store on these two adjacent properties. Currently, there are dwellings on each property. These dwellings will be removed. Mr. Shaffer discussed the possibility of creating a path for trail users to cross over this property to gain access to Townsedge Shopping Center. Mr. Neill stated they will install sidewalks on their property bordering Fourth Street to the intersection of Oak Bottom Road. Following review and further discussion, the following motions were made:
 - Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 305, requirement for preliminary plan approval. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 602.A.7, Required Right of Way width for Fourth Street, with the condition the applicant submit a deed of dedication to Providence Township in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor. At this time Mr. Newcomer stated he didn't feel the township wanted to own any of this property. Mr. Newcomer suggested that the additional right of way be noted on the plan in the event the township or PennDOT need this additional area to make improvements in the future. At this time Mr. Gerhart and Mr. Schroeder withdrew their motion. After this discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 602.A.7, Required Right of Way width for Fourth Street, with the condition that the additional right of way be noted on the plan; the township is not required to accept the additional right of way; the right of way will be made available at such time as needed by the township or the Commonwealth of PA; and the sidewalks will not be constructed in the right of way. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 602J.4, Minimum Oak Bottom Road Access Drive Radius, subject to a "NO TRUCKS" sign being erected at the Oak Bottom Road access drive. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 603.C.4, Curbing Along a State Highway, based on the justification that PennDot has not required the installation of curbing along 4th Street. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant a Stormwater Management Ordinance waiver of Section 3.02, Volume Controls, subject to compliance with comments of the Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated March 5, 2017 and any subsequent letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder authorize the Township Manager, Vicki Eldridge, to complete Section 8.d. of the DEP sewage planning mailer. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant conditional approval of the Advance Auto Parts Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan, PT-243FP-16, subject to the compliance of the review comments contained within the Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated March 5, 2017 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Hitchens Fence, 467 West Fourth Street, Waiver of Plan Processing:** This plan proposes to place a storage unit on the property, which currently is used as a fencing business. Following review and discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to waive the requirements of Article III, Plan Processing (Land Development Plan), with the condition of compliance with all items in the Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated February 25, 2017 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Storm water escrow releases:** John M. Beiler: \$20,138.80 (492 Snyder Hollow Road) and J. L. Swope Construction: \$7,055.40 (10 Country Lane, infiltration trench for this lot is complete). Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of storm water escrow, in the total amount of \$27,194.20. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Creekside Preliminary Subdivision Plan, PT-175PP-12:** A letter has been received from James R. Holley & Associates, representing Joseph Nadu, authorizing an extension of time for another ninety (90) days for the Board of Supervisors to act on the plan. This would extend the time for action by the Board on the Creekside Preliminary Plan until July 10, 2017.
- **David F. Beiler, Land Development Plan.** Request for extension of time to complete compliance with the conditions of approval of the plan for another 180 days. This would give until October 2, 2017 to complete the conditions and record the plan. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant an extension of time for another 180 days for the completion of compliance of all conditions of the David F. Beiler Land Development Plan PT-150FP-11. This would allow until October 2, 2017 to record the plan. The motion was carried unanimously. Following a brief discussion on a waiver to defer the financial guarantee, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to table any action on the waiver request of the deferral of the improvement guarantee at this time. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 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