

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 **June 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, June 5, 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 eight (8) 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 May 1, 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify payment of May bills in the amount of \$265,728.06 from the general fund and \$7,739.97 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- There were no comments regarding the budget at this time. Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding several cash disbursements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Linda Murry had questions regarding the cutting of bamboo on her Sawmill Road property.
- Sis Conrad encouraged the supervisors to consider donating to the local EMS providers. She also expressed appreciation for the township survey that was offered to voters at the polls to complete.
- Merv Conrad questioned why things are mentioned in a local newspaper that have not been brought up at a township meeting. He also had questions about the Frogtown Road Project and the township's purchase of a new trailer.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Gerhart stated that the next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion regarding the possibility of making side trails off of the main trail, the supervisors stated they are not interested in creating side trails.

- The supervisors did not approve erecting a “Goff Run Trail” sign at this time.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Gerhart stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Following discussion regarding the zoning ordinance updates, Mrs. Eldridge stated the Lancaster County Planning Commission will review the proposed changes and respond back to us with their comments in June.
- Mr. Newcomer stated he had been in touch with Harry Herr's attorney and he was informed that Robert Work Excavating has been contracted to complete the stormwater work on the Herr Subdivision (Worthington property). Mrs. Eldridge stated she did receive a phone message from a representative with Robert Work Excavating after the office closed today.
- Following discussion regarding the Radcliff Road Bridge vacation, the supervisors agreed to cost share (50% of costs) all expenses associated with bridge vacation not to exceed \$2,200.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gerhart announced the township offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the July supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following a brief discussion regarding leasing the front office in the township municipal building to Kinsley Construction during the construction of the pedestrian bridge on the Enola Low Grade Trail over Beaver Valley Pike, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroder to authorize the Chairman to execute the one year lease. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a discussion regarding how the township is measuring up to the goals presented in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, Mr. Gerhart suggested scheduling a joint meeting with the supervisors, planning commission and zoning hearing board. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to advertise for a joint meeting of the supervisors, planning commission and zoning hearing board on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Shaffer opposed the motion.
- Following discussion regarding establishing rules and regulations for the conduct of public meetings as allowed by the Sunshine Law, the supervisors decided not to change our current meeting format at this time.
- Mr. Schroeder shared the results of the Election Day survey that was available for residents to complete.
- Following a brief discussion on having the roadmaster attend the monthly supervisors meetings, and two motions that were not seconded, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to have the roadmaster attend the monthly supervisors meeting for one hour using compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay to cover the time to attend. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Gerhart was opposed to the use of compensatory time, therefore he opposed the motion.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 3 sewage permits and completed 2 perc and probe tests with a total of \$600.00 remitted to the township for the month of May.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$300,568.58 were recorded in May.

Road Master:

It was a very productive May for the Providence Twp road crew. We received our new tractor and mower and made our first round of mowing for the season. The new AMS chip seal truck was a success. They were able to cover 17 miles of roadway in the township. The truck was far more efficient than our road crew would have been if we had done it by hand. We installed park benches on the trail and finished grading and seeding Fairview Rd 2 parking area. We also installed 2 gates on the access path at the parking area. The road crew repaired a sink hole at our park, removed graffiti on the Quarryville section of the trail, repaired an erosion hole along the stream bridge on Sawmill Rd and repaired a swale at the trail bridge along Sawmill Rd. We also took some time and helped Matt Kofroth from the Conservation District on a stream bank preservation project along the Beaver Creek. The project will earn us credit toward the MS4 permit. On the poor weather days, we prepared inlet boxes to be installed on Truce Rd in preparation for the Truce Rd widening project. Our safety topic this month was lightning safety.

Projects in June:

- Pipe replacement on Truce Rd
- Road widening on Truce Rd to be done the week of June 26th
- Road gutter clean out in maintenance area
- Bank repair, pipe and box installation on Frogtown Rd

ZONING REPORT

- **Subdivision escrow releases:** Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of subdivision escrow in the total amount of \$1,229.50 to the following: Hitchens Fence Co., Inc.: \$200.00, Dannie Fisher: \$225.00, Lancaster Pike LP: \$804.50. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Bull Ridge Fitness, LLC, PT-249FP-17, Waiver of Plan Processing, 47 Lancaster Pike North.** Brent Hershey of Bull Ridge Fitness, Inc. was present to discuss the waiver of plan processing. This plan proposes to utilize a portion of the existing structure for a fitness center. Following review and discussion, the following motion was made: Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to waive the requirements of Article III, Plan Processing, with the condition of compliance with all items in the Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated April 26, 2017 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Galway Bay Corporation:** The performance bond was being held to cover road improvements to Old Road that were necessitated by the improvements to the Quarryville Sewer Authority's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Following discussion and review, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to release performance bond 014057639 in the amount of \$50,000. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Holding Tank Agreement:** Following discussion regarding the holding tank agreement for Quarry Ridge Properties, LLC, 288 Hollow Road not being recorded as of May 30, 2017, Mr. Newcomer stated that sewage permit may be revoked if this agreement is not recorded in a timely fashion.
- **Jacob and Lydia King, Enforcement Notice, 475 Truce Road:** An enforcement notice was sent on May 4, 2017. This notice included all the enforcement issues pertaining to 475 Truce Road. The date for compliance and correction of those violations is June 5, 2017. Following discussion Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the zoning officer to file a civil complaint with the district magistrate. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **William and Tammy Stull, Letter of Credit, 1096 Rawlinsville Road:** The site improvements have been completed. Following discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion second by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the release of Letter of Credit #D006993 from Fulton Bank, in the remaining amount of \$700.00 in the name of William and Tammy Stull. The location of the property is 1096 Rawlinsville Road. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Zoning Hearing Board, June 13, 2017.** Following discussion regarding the variance request of Daniel Lapp to allow a kennel closer than 150 feet to one property line at 656 Hollow Road, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to oppose the granting of this variance. The zoning officer is authorized to convey this information during the hearing. The motion was carried with two favorable votes, Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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