

# 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 6, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, June 6, 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.

Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the May 2, 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 May bills in the amount of \$176,251.06 from the general account and \$42,821.06 from the state account. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- Mrs. Eldridge stated that the earned income tax is tracking about \$40,000 over our budgeted amount year to date.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Cynthia Worthington expressed concerns about a swale that is eroding on her property. Her property is part of the Harry Herr subdivision.
- Mervin Conrad asked why Route 272 was being surveyed. He also asked if zoning violations are complaint driven.
- Daniel Glick had questions about the Radcliff Road Bridge.

### **PARKS/RECREATION REPORT**

- There was no parks/recreation report given. Mr. Gerhart stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the development of the Fairview Road Parking Area, the supervisors agreed to begin this project in late summer/early fall.

## **SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

- The Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council met on May, 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. State representative Brian Cutler was the featured speaker. The main item of discussion was the budget process at the state level.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Shaffer updated the supervisors on Pequea Township's proposed resolution to the Radcliff Road Bridge closure. Following a brief discussion, the board directed the manager to schedule a meeting with the fire companies that draft from the bridge.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that the bridge on Route 222, between the Main Street intersections is scheduled to be replaced this summer. PennDOT plans to signalize the highway allowing one lane of traffic through at a time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Gerhart announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that the July supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that the township will hold a zoning workshop on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to appoint Albert Warfel as a member of the township zoning hearing board to complete the current term of Ralph Dubree. Mr. Dubree is moving out of the township. Mr. Schroeder asked the supervisors to consider Pepper Goslin for this appointment. The motion was carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to appoint Brent Musser as an alternate member of the township planning commission. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner completed 1 perc and probe test, issued 2 sewage permits and reviewed 1 planning module with a total of \$525.00 remitted to the township for the month of May.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **Secretary:**

- Receipts totaling \$261,973.35 were recorded in May.
- The new dump truck has been delivered.

#### **Road Master:**

The month of April brought a transition from winter to spring. We put away our winter equipment and converted to our spring equipment. We tried to be out on our roads doing something every day, weather permitting. That included:

- First round of road bank mowing
- Truce Road bank removal
- Shenks Woods Court swale improvement project
- Buck Heights Road tree and stump removal
- Brick was repointed in the tunnel under the trail near Sawmill Road
- Fairview Road Flexamat project
- Fairview Road Railroad Bridge Flexamat project
- Mt. Hope School Road Flexamat project

MS 4 Update:

- Staff Meeting/Training – “When It Rains, It Drains”
- Road crew continues to monitor and manage all inlets and outlets throughout the township

Safety Training:

- Lyme Disease – utilized PSAT article

Road Counter: (24 hour totals)

- Pennsy Rd (Between Township Line/Rawlinsville Rd): 1181
- Pennsy Rd (Between Rawlinsville Rd/Kreider Rd): 827
- Pennsy Rd (Between Kreider Rd/Rte 272): 2286
- Frogtown Rd: 699
- Miller Rd: 697
- Snyder Hollow Rd (Between Schoolhouse/Miller): 129
- Woods Dr: 279
- Good Rd: 197
- Truce Rd (Between Hollow Rd/Mt Airy Rd): 998
- Truce Rd (Between Main St/Fairview Rd): 997
- Pennsy Rd (Between Refton Rd/ Amish Schoolhouse): 677

For the month of June, the road crew schedule is as follows:

- Continue road bank mowing
- Hollow Road pipe replacement
- Prep work on Buck Heights Road for blacktop
- Gutter clean out on trail
- Document storm water inlet and outlets
- First Responder Safety Training

**ZONING REPORT:**

- **Storm water escrow releases:** John Glick: \$3,773.00 and Elam Esh/Country Value: \$23,599.11. Motion was made by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the release of storm water escrow in the total amount of \$27,372.11. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Killian/Evans enforcement notice, 138 Schoolhouse Road:** Mr. Newcomer sent a letter to the property owners noting the township’s appreciation of the clean-up efforts so far, but stating more needs to be done to correct the violation.
- **Jacob L. & Lydia B. King, enforcement notice for 475 Truce Road, follow up:** The violations have not be corrected. After discussion, Mr. Newcomer was directed to write a letter to the Kings concerning the violations cited in the enforcement notice. Those violations are pertaining to the keeping of non-farm livestock and the construction/placement of structures for shelter of the animals, without first obtaining the proper permits. It was also noted during the discussion that an unlicensed vehicle is on the property currently.
- **Benuel Beiler, 123 Lancaster Pike property, enforcement issue:** This issue was re-visited since the violations on site were to be all corrected by May 31, 2016. It was noted that the air tanks are still on the property and have been placed within a hoop greenhouse type structure. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Newcomer and Mrs. Peiffer are to discuss the violations that still exist and to re-visit the issue in July.
- **Creekside Preliminary Plan, PT-175PP-12:** A letter was received from Pat Devery, representing the developer, Joseph Nadu, granting another ninety (90) day extension of time for the Board to act on the plan. The Board acknowledged the extension of time. This extends the time for the Board to take action on the Creekside Preliminary Plan until October 10, 2016.

- **Jacob Stoltzfus, 2 Oak Bottom Road, enforcement issue:** After discussion, it was agreed upon by the Board to give Mr. Stoltzfus until September 6, 2016 to submit a plan to the township for review. This plan would address earth disturbance and storm water management issues pertaining to the location of three agricultural structures on the property without the proper permits.

Mr. Shaffer shared a letter he received from a Main Street resident regarding speeding on Main Street.

Mr. Schroeder shared a packet of information he received from Elam Esh regarding a possible zoning map change.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At approximately 9:32 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 9:40 p.m., Mr. Gerhart made a motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer to exit the executive. The motion was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 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