

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 **July 5, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Present were Chairman David Gerhart, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member John Schroeder, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Manager Vicki Eldridge, and three (3) 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 June 6, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. 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. 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

- Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding several of the expenditures. He also asked if a more detailed cash disbursement report was available. Mr. Gerhart proceeded to give an update of the budget since we are at mid-year. Mr. Gerhart expressed appreciation to the manager and road master for holding the line on spending. Mr. Gerhart asked those in attendance to pass on to others that there is an opportunity for local businesses to advertise in the Providence Township Patriot. There is a small fee for the advertisement which helps offset the costs to publish the newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sis Conrad had questions regarding what appears to favoritism towards the plain people in regards to following regulations and the permitting processes.
- Merv Conrad had questions regarding spending. He also asked if a decision was made to use salt brine on the roads.

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.

- Mrs. Eldridge stated that Wilson and Associates is pleased with the speed of Amtrak's review of the ELGT bridge design.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- The Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council will meet on July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The county commissioners will be in attendance. The public is invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Eldridge is attempting to schedule a meeting with West Willow and Willow Street Fire Company representatives and the Pequea Township Supervisors to discuss drafting issues at the Radcliff Road Bridge.
- Following a discussion regarding the speed bumps on Main Street, it was decided to table this issue and follow up as needed.
- Following a discussion regarding the salt brine mixer and road treatment program the road master had discussed at the June meeting, the supervisors decided not to move forward with this idea for the winter of 2015-2016. The supervisors would like to have the roadmaster do more research on the topic and perhaps see the equipment in action this winter. This topic will be revisited in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gerhart announced that due to a scheduling conflict, the August supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following a discussion regarding the reimbursement of expenses for supervisors when attending the state supervisors' convention, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize reimbursement of lost wages to supervisors for attending the state supervisors convention in a maximum amount of \$200.00 per day. Supervisors will be required to provide proof of their wages. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Gerhart opposed the vote.
- Following a discussion about cooperative equipment purchasing with other local municipalities, the supervisors directed the chairman to discuss this topic at the next Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council meeting.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to authorize the chairman and vice chairman of the board of supervisors to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lancaster County Planning Commission to work cooperatively to implement Article V, Section 501 and 502(b) of the MPC. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the township manager to execute the Winter Services Agreement No. 3900037219 with PennDOT. This is year 3 of the 5 year agreement. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following discussion regarding the 2016 Appreciation Dinner for those serving on the various township boards, committees and commissions, the supervisors directed the township manager to schedule a dinner in later September.
- Mr. Shaffer informed the board that PennDOT is getting ready to pave Fairview Road. There are concerns of springs and the continued flooding at the bridge near Route 222. This is a road that the state had offered to us years ago in the turnback program.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner completed 2 perc and probe tests and issued 2 sewage permits with a total of \$700.00 remitted to the township for the month of June.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$99,988.98 were recorded in the month of June.

- Due to the demands of the MS4 requirements on the township, the roadmaster and manager are planning to apply for an intern from Millersville University to help with the MS4 program mapping. This would be an unpaid internship.

Road Master:

The month of June was productive. The road crew was able to work on several projects:

- Start of the second round of road bank mowing
- Prep for Buck Heights Road paving project
- Cinder Road Bridge at railroad swale clean up
- Hollow Road inlet box and pipe installation
- Hollow Road Inlet box and pipe replacement
- Remove graffiti from Hollow Road Tunnel
- Update on flexamat projects
- Pennsy Road manure spill 6/25/16 @ 505 Pennsy Road
- Shop work
- Safety Training (Safety Days @ York Expo Center, safe driving practices, incident reporting, electric hazards, trench rescue). All five members of the road crew attended

Road Counter (May)

• Sigman Rd	196
• Stump Rd	348
• Oak Bottom Rd (222/Groffdale Dr)	733
• Mt Hope School Rd (272/Radcliff Rd)	610
• Clearfield Rd (Rawlinsville Rd/Truce)	379
• Hopkins Mill Rd	379
• Hollow Rd (372/Barr Rd)	512
• Barr Rd	90
• Byerland Church Rd (272/Pequea Creek)	278
• Byerland Church Rd (272/Smithville Rd)	666
• Smithville Rd (Byerland Church/Pennsy Rd)	137
• Smithville Rd (Byerland Church/Refton Rd)	421
• Krantz Mill Rd	423
• Refton Rd (Pennsy Rd/Krantz Mill Rd)	649

Projects to be completed in July

- Finish second round of road bank mowing
- Prep work on Buck Heights Road for blacktop
- Install warning signs on Byerland Church Rd and Truce Rd for hidden driveways.
- Install 4 inlet boxes, drain tile and cross pipes on Cinder Road
- Document storm water inlet and outlets
- First Responder Safety Training

ZONING REPORT:

- **Subdivision escrow releases:** Beiler Engine Service: \$1,000.00, David Fite Realty: \$400.00, Estate of Mildred Walton: \$275.00, Robert & Joyce Zercher: \$250.00, Omar & Esther Smoker: \$2,300.00, CADvisers: \$200.00, Estate of Mary Boyd: \$475.00. A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. Gerhart to authorize the release of subdivision escrow in the total amount of \$4,900.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Storm water escrow releases:** Wood Fabricators: \$8,228.00 and Stoney Ridge Contractors: \$3,822.00. A motion was made by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of storm water escrow, in the total amount of \$12,050.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **Jacob L. & Lydia B. King, enforcement notice for 475 Truce Road, follow up:** After a brief discussion regarding the continuing zoning violations at the property of 475 Truce Road, owned by Jacob & Lydia King, the Board authorized Mr. Newcomer to write a letter to the Kings requesting their cooperation in the correction of the violations.
- **Zoning Ordinance Revision:** After further discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, to authorize the solicitor to develop language that can be added to the zoning ordinance that may restrict future permitting on a property that has outstanding zoning enforcement issues. This language will be reviewed by the board and added to the zoning ordinance updates currently being drafted. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Schroeder voted in opposition to the motion.
- **Benuel Beiler, 123 Lancaster Pike property, enforcement issue:** Mr. Newcomer explained that after review with the zoning officer, it was determined the storage tanks located on the property at 123 Lancaster Pike, owned by Benuel Beiler, have been placed into a structure and, as such, are no longer in violation. Mr. Newcomer did explain to David Beiler, who was present at the meeting, that prior to starting any business activities on this property, the Beilers should contact the township zoning officer to verify that the use is permitted.
- **J. Pepper & Diane Goslin, PT-190LAO-13, Lot Add-On Plan:** The Board recognized the extension letter from Register Associates, on behalf of J. Pepper & Diane Goslin, giving the Board an additional 180 days to take action on the plan. This will give the Board of Supervisors until February 6, 2017 to act on the J. Pepper and Diane Goslin Lot Add-On Plan, PT-190LAO-13.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 9:07 p.m., Mr. Shaffer made a motion seconded by Mr. Gerhart to enter into an executive session to discuss a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.

At approximately 9:33 p.m., Mr. Gerhart made a motion seconded by Mr. Schroeder to exit the executive. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 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