

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, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Wednesday, July 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, Roadmaster Jason McClune and ten (10) 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 June 5, 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. Shaffer to ratify payment of June bills in the amount of \$57,163.11 from the general fund and \$1,344.76 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

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

ROADMASTER REPORT

- The month of June was all about prepping for the Truce Road widening project between Hollow Road and Main Street with a few small projects mixed in. The road crew developed a storm water runoff plan by adding 5 inlet boxes and replacing metal drainage pipe going across the road with corrugated plastic pipe. We added drain tile along the side of the road to the middle inlet box to help with saturated soil. We installed a 4" PVC pipe, purchased by Menno Esch, to allow his water hose to cross the road without interfering with our drainage pipe at 185 Truce Road. The road crew cleaned gutters, trimmed trees and bushes and removed stumps along the Truce Road project area. We removed the guide rail and filled in the drop off across from 114 Truce Road. The week of June 26th, Highway Materials completed the widening project by milling out the outer 4' on both sides of the roadway and widening the road to 22'. They installed 8" of 2A stone and 4" of 25mm blacktop. The project took 4 days to complete. Other projects the road crew completed: removed the debris from the Groff parking lot area, trimmed trees along route 222 in front of Beaver Valley Mobile Home Park, repaired the road bank for Ms. Murry at 137 Sawmill Road,

removed graffiti along the trail between Sawmill Road and Hollow Road and repaired pot holes along Clearfield Road. The road crew took a day to attend the 811 Safety Days at the York Expo Center.

- Projects in July: Second round of road bank mowing; prep work for Frogtown Road Project; install flexamat, 3 inlet boxes and 80' of drainage pipe

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Pat Stahlman is concerned with crime in Providence Township. She is particularly concerned with the trail parking areas and Main Street.
- Sis Conrad encouraged residents to call the state police to report crime.
- Merv Conrad had questions regarding a paving permit, the proposed Frogtown Road Project and the township's new trailer purchase.
- George Hitchens expressed concerns with the costs of permits, etc. involved in moving his commercial business to the township.

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.
- Mrs. Eldridge gave an update of the trail progress, the Route 222 pedestrian bridge, surfacing in Martic and Conestoga Townships and the grant awarded for the easternmost portions of the trail.
- Mrs. Eldridge also stated she plans to schedule a meeting with the members of the Solanco Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss and share the great business/revenue potential that the trail will bring to the southern end businesses.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Gerhart stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Senator Scott Martin was invited to be the speaker for the evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Following discussion regarding the zoning ordinance updates, Mrs. Eldridge stated the Providence Township Planning Commission will review the proposed changes at their July meeting.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated the storm water work involved with the Harry Herr Subdivision should be started in about two weeks. Robert Work Excavating has ordered an inlet to complete the work.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the Radcliff Road Bridge, Mr. Newcomer stated he has talked with the Pequea Township Solicitor about this process. The Pequea Township Solicitor is drafting an Intermunicipal Agreement for review which will allow both township to work together to vacate the bridge.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Following a brief discussion, the supervisors agreed to hold an Appreciation Dinner this year.
- Following a brief discussion, the supervisors agreed to have our road crew staff build park benches for Martic Township. These benches would be made in the winter months. Martic Township would be responsible for the cost of materials and township labor.
- Follow a brief discussion regarding our 2018 zoning/planning needs, it was decided that we would continue to use Solanco Engineering for all subdivision and land development planning issues. All zoning related activities would be completed by township administrative staff with consults to the township engineer and solicitor as necessary.

- Following a brief discussion regarding a fall intern to work with MS4 data and an intern to work in the office scanning plans into Laserfiche, the supervisors agreed to seek students to fill these internships. These internships would be unpaid.
- Following a discussion regarding purchasing a large print scanner/copier, the supervisors agreed to the purchase through the Costars contract.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 3 sewage permits and completed 5 perc and probe tests with a total of \$1,500.00 remitted to the township for the month of June.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$95,043.29 were recorded in the month of June.

ZONING REPORT

- **Creekside Preliminary Plan:** The supervisors acknowledge and note the extension of time for an additional ninety (90) days for the Board to take action on the plan. This would extend the time until October 9, 2017. Following discussion regarding private vs. public streets, the supervisors directed the manager to consult with the township engineer to see what, if any, improvements on the plan could be eliminated if the streets would remain private. This will be discussed at the August board of supervisors meeting. Following discussion involving two stream crossings within the development, the supervisors feel that eliminating the one crossing would create a safety concern in the event of an emergency so they wish to express the need for two stream crossings to PA DEP.
- **Jacob Stoltzfus, Stormwater Management Plan Extension:** Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant an additional seventy (70) days for the Jacob Stoltzfus Stormwater Plan to be recorded. This would extend the time until September 18, 2017. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J. Pepper and Diane Goslin, Lot Add-On Plan Extension:** The supervisors acknowledge and note the extension of time for an additional ninety (90) days for the Board to take action on the plan. This would extend the time for the Board to act on the plan until November 6, 2017.
- **Elam H. Esh, request for zoning map change:** A request has been submitted by Elam Esh to rezone two parcels he owns, adjacent to 2302 Beaver Valley Pike. Following a brief discussion and explanation from the solicitor, Mr. Esh was asked to make his request more definitive and forward the amended request to the township for consideration. Mr. Esh is required to include current legal descriptions for all properties he wishes to have rezoned as well.
- **Omar Miller, 340 Hollow Road, release financial guarantee:** Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to release the remaining stormwater escrow, in the amount of \$3,960.00 to Omar Miller for the completion of improvements at 340 Hollow Road. The motion was carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Shaffer asked questions regarding the comments made by Mr. Hitchens about fees, etc. charged for doing business in Providence Township. Mr. Gerhart suggested as issues arise, the supervisors should meet with township staff to clearly understand both sides of the issues before making any decisions. Mr. Schroeder expressed concern and disagreed with the assessment of an ordinance violation on Mr. Hitchens business.

Mr. Shaffer also noted that the township has a difficult time stretching our funds to repair our roads currently. It will be even harder to care for more roads if we should take dedication of the roads in the Creekside Subdivision.

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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