

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 **August 7, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, August 7, 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 fifteen (15) 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 July 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 July bills in the amount of \$82,114.69 from the general fund and \$118,680.94 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 road crew was busy in July performing road maintenance. We started and completed our 2nd round of road bank mowing, cleaned out gutters and swept several of our roads. Several summer storms rolled through in July which required multiple days of clean up. We spent time prepping for the Frogtown Road Project which is scheduled to start August 23rd. The municipal building grounds were mulched and weeded. There were 12 vacation days used in the month of July by the road crew. Chiropractor Dr. Greg Bedesem from George's Chiropractic office discussed personal health for our safety meeting this month. We rented a belt loader from Salisbury Township for the gutter cleanout project and Eden Township Road Crew helped perform the work. Martic Township borrowed our crack sealer for a week.
- Projects in August: Frogtown Road Project; install inlet boxes, storm water pipe and flexamat, continue gutter clean out and prep for pipe replacement on Schoolhouse Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Richard Long expressed concern over the drainage ditch in front of his property.
- Karen Butler expressed concern regarding stormwater issues on her property.
- Kerrick Nettke expressed concern about speeding on Main Street. He also is concerned with the noise created from neighbors operating 4-wheelers.
- Tracey Nettke has concerns over noise on Main Street. She also is concerned with speeding on Main Street.
- Susan Barry expressed concern over speeding on Main Street. She also is concerned with big truck trucks using Main Street.
- Amos Esh and Dave Zerbe asked for relief of the zoning permit fees associated with the Providence Building Supply Project. Following discussions, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to offer relief of the zoning permit fees to Mr. Amos Esh. The zoning permit fee associated with this project will be \$0.25/square foot. The motion was carried unanimously. The township manager will do some fee research with neighboring townships.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Gerhart stated that the next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- The township will give a presentation to the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 14, 2017.
- Mr. Shaffer gave a trail presentation to the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce on July 25, 2017. Mr. Shaffer said many of the members had visited the trail. When asked what could be improved, perhaps more portable toilets and the addition of a water station.
- Mrs. Eldridge gave an update of the Route 222 pedestrian bridge construction project.

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, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to advertise for the adoption of the ordinance. The motion was carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Gerhart opposed the motion. Mr. Gerhart is concerned with safety issues relating to the sign regulations.
- Following discussion regarding vacating the Radcliff Road Bridge, the township manager was directed to make contact with PennDot and PADEP to check regulations regarding bridge vacation.
- Mrs. Eldridge gave an update to the status of the non-functioning windmill. At this time, due to costs involved, nothing will be done to repair the windmill. Other generator options will be researched.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gerhart announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the September supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion regarding scheduling budget workshops, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to advertise for the budget workshops to be held on the following Mondays: September 25, October 16, October 23 and November 13. These workshops will begin at 7:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Following discussion regarding having a community blood drive, it was suggested to check with the Lancaster General Blood Bank instead of the Central PA Blood Bank.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to renew our Winter Municipal Snow Removal Contract with PennDOT. This is a simple renewal letter within the original 5 year contract, dated May 30, 2014, which we complete each year during the contract. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Gerhart announced that the Lancaster County SPCA has closed its doors. The last day that animals were accepted was July 25, 2017.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 2 sewage permits and completed 1 perc and probe test with a total of \$400.00 remitted to the township for the month of July.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$49,889.33 were recorded in the month of July.

ZONING REPORT

- **New Providence Church of God, PT-250FP-17, Land Development Plan, 269 Cinder Road:** This plan proposes a 12,125 sq. ft. addition to the church facility. Following a brief discussion, the following motions were made:
 - Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant a waiver of Section 305, Preliminary Plan Requirements. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to grant a waiver of Section 403.E.3.b, Traffic Evaluation Study Requirements. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to grant a waiver of Section 602.A.7, Additional Right of Way Requirements for Fairview Road. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of the Stormwater Management Ordinance, Section 3.02, Volume Controls. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize chairman, David Gerhart, to sign the letter from M.L. Saxinger & Associates, Inc. dated July 17, 2017, indicating no DEP planning is necessary. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant approval of the Final Land Development Plan for New Providence Church of God subject to the review comments contained within Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated July 12, 2017 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **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, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to accept zoning change request, as submitted, and passing the request along to Mark Deimler, the township planning commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Creekside Preliminary Plan: public vs. private streets:** Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to not accept dedication of the roads within the Creekside Subdivision. The roads within the development are to remain private. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **JJB Associates, Well Isolation Request, 92 Good Road:** A request to locate a new drainfield within 15' of existing well at 92 Good Road and at least 100' from neighbor's well. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to allow the new drainfield to be within 100' of the well on 92 Good Road, with the following conditions: 1) the new drainfield shall be no closer than 15' from the existing well on site and 100' or more from any other property owner's well; 2) the property owner(s) must enter into a satisfactory, recorded indemnification agreement with the township, holding the township harmless of any claim or liability from the granting of this waiver and 3) the agreement shall be recorded prior to the issuance of a sewage permit by the sewage enforcement officer; and 4) the property owner is responsible for any legal fees incurred in the preparation of the agreement and the recording of the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At approximately 9:02 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation and a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 9:50 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to come out of the executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 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