

# 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** **September 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Wednesday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman David Gerhart, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member John Schroeder, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Zoning Officer Connie Peiffer, 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.

### **PRESENTATION**

- Mr. Dale Hamby, President of the Quarryville Library, presented the Quarryville Library 2018 proposed initiatives. The initiatives include opening on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., new patron computers and new LED lighting. Mr. Hamby talked about multiple activities available at the library.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

- At 7:12 p.m., Mr. Newcomer announced the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance of the Township of Providence, amending the Providence Township Zoning Ordinance of 2014. At this time Mr. Newcomer opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Gerhart, Mr. Shaffer and J. Pepper Goslin made comments about the amendments. Following the discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion to adopt ordinance 17-02, amending the Providence Township Zoning Ordinance of 2014, seconded by Mr. Shaffer. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Gerhart opposed the motion.

### **MINUTES**

- Mr. Gerhart explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the August 7, 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**

- Connie Peiffer read the financial report.

- Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to ratify payment of August bills in the amount of \$158,986.89 from the general fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- Mr. Shaffer stated it is on track and suggested applying additional principal to the mortgage and possible considering a reduction in taxes in 2018. Mr. Newcomer mentioned needing to readjust millage due to the reassessment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Merv Conrad asked what the township did about the purchase of the trailer. The trailer was not purchased and the township is dealing with the manufacturer.
- J. Pepper Goslin is concerned about the steep slope conservation easement in the sensitive environmental features overlay in the zoning ordinance.
- Joe Nadu asked for the Board of Supervisors to reconsider dedication of streets if he made a donation. The forty (40) year road plan for Creekside was presented by Mr. McClune. Mr. McClune is waiting on the liquid fuels figure from Vicki Eldridge, township manager. Mr. Shaffer stated there is not enough money to maintain the roads we have now. Mr. Newcomer suggested the new information be reviewed and revisit the discussion at a later time. Mr. McClune will follow up with Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Eldridge will follow up with Mr. Nadu.
- Jim Beideman is concerned about storm water on his property at 224 Good Road. The existing storm water problem has increased because of the neighboring property owner's location of a new storage building. Mrs. Peiffer will review the location of the new storage building.
- Susan Barry is concerned about trucks and speed on Main Street. Is there anything being done to alleviate the issue?
- Tracy Nettke is concerned about speed, wagons and shaking of her house on Main Street. Mrs. Nettke is also concerned about the absence of the reflector over the culvert. Mrs. Nettke is concerned about adopting a noise ordinance.

### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

- The month of August the road crew completed the Frogtown Road project and performed various road maintenance projects. Projects included tree trimming at the intersection of Pennsy Road and Smithville Road and creating a swale for stormwater runoff at 535 Pennsy Road. Line painting was completed on the 2017 road maintenance roads. The roadmaster informed the supervisors that the Frogtown Road project was not completed without challenges we faced with the contractor, Pennsy Supply. The concerns are as follows: work was to be done before school started (Penn Manor started school on Wednesday and work was completed on Friday); lack of communication with entire crew, including foreman; incompetent workers; truck driver got truck stuck in field; paving crew did not know how to install a swale at driveway; paving crew had to be supervised by our road crew in order for the job to be done correctly; paving crew was using old equipment which caused breakdowns; and borrowed triaxle load of 2A stone and has not returned it. Information on three (3) solutions to the dust problems in the maintenance building was gathered. The employee training required for the MS4 permit was on stormwater runoff. The safety meeting topic for August was how to handle the extreme heat. September projects include Cinder Road and Schoolhouse Road pipe replacement, gutter cleanout, final road bank mowing and prepare for DEP audit.

### **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 September meeting is cancelled.
- Mr. Gerhart stated that there will be a presentation to the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 14, 2017.

- Mr. Gerhart announced that the Enola Low Grade Trail has been voted 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Hiking/Jogging Trail Category of the Lancaster County Magazine.

### **SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Gerhart stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Following a brief discussion regarding the Radcliff Road Bridge, DEP is involved and the township is currently on a holding pattern.
- Commercial permit fees for other townships were reviewed and will be discussed at a later time when the Board of Supervisors has time to look over them.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Gerhart announced the budget workshops will be held on the following Mondays at 7:00 p.m.: September 25, October 16, October 23 and November 13.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the township will hold woody waste collection days for township residents on Saturday, October 14 and Saturday, October 28, from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Only woody-yard waste will be accepted. Grass and leaves will not be accepted. The drop-off is limited to Providence Township residents.
- Mr. Gerhart announced the township will conduct an informative public workshop related to the MS4 program on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.
- After a brief discussion regarding holding a community blood drive for Lancaster General Hospital. The Board of Supervisors requested more information be emailed to them.
- After discussion regarding the 2017 audit, a motion was made by Mr. Gerhart to ask for a quote from Maher Duessel and to advertise the intent to appoint Maher Duessel as the certified public accounting firm to audit the accounts of Providence Township for 2017. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.
- After discussion regarding a request from Rawlinsville Camp Meeting seeking approval to close a portion of Pennsy and Clearfield Road for their annual 5k run on October 14, 2017 from 7:30-8:30 a.m., the Board of Supervisors had no objection to the request.
- After discussion regarding the name change for one of the building inspectors. Associated Building Inspections, Inc. was sold and the new name is Associated Building Inspections LLC. Mr. Gerhart made a motion to appoint Associated Building Inspections LLC as an approved third party inspection agency within Providence Township under the exact same terms, conditions and fees as the original appointment of Associated Building Inspections, Inc. Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer shared information regarding PennDot holding a meeting on November 21, 2017 for townships that have PennDot projects.

### **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner completed one (1) perc and probe test and issued three (3) sewage permits with a total of \$500.00 remitted to the township for the month of August.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **Secretary:**

- Receipts totaling \$172,261.01 were recorded in the month of August.
- The 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pension plan is \$37,573.

### **ZONING REPORT**

- **Storm water escrow releases:** Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of storm water escrow in the total amount of \$3,218.00 to the following: Breneman Construction: \$1,540.00, Roger Leed: \$1,678.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Subdivision escrow releases:** Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the release of subdivision escrow in the total amount of \$2,664.00 to the following: Primax Properties LLC: \$1,150.00, Investors Property Management LLC: \$1,314.00, Roger Leed: \$200.00. The motion carried unanimously.
- **David Beiler, Land Development Plan, PT-150FP-11:** Following a brief discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder for an extension of time for the completion of the conditions of approval and record the David Beiler Land Development Plan for 180 days. This would extend the time until April 2, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
- **J. Pepper Goslin, Jr., Final Subdivision and Lot Add-on Plan, PT-251FP-17, Snyder Hollow Road:** Craig Williams from Strausser Surveying and Engineering, Inc. was here to discuss the J. Pepper Goslin, Jr. plan. The plan proposes a subdivision so J. Pepper Goslin, III can build a dwelling in the future on one of the lots created. The lot add-on plan is adjusting lot lines. The subdivision plan proposes no new improvements at this time. Mr. Williams requested an additional ninety (90) days to record the plan. After discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant conditional approval of the final subdivision and lot add-on plan for J. Pepper Goslin, Jr., subject to the compliance of the review comments contained within the Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated July 18, 2017 and any subsequent review letters and grant the additional ninety (90) day extension request for a total of 180 days from the above meeting date to record the plan. This would extend the time until March 12, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Andrew Goslin, 55 Snyder Hollow Road:** Following a discussion regarding the storm water management ordinance enforcement notice dated July 26, 2017, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the immediate release of the storm water escrow, in the amount of \$2,623.00, upon the installation and inspection of the trench and the seeding and matting of all areas of disturbed earth. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Jacob Stoltzfus, 2 Oak Bottom Road:** Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to grant an additional ninety (90) days for the Jacob Stoltzfus Stormwater Plan to be recorded. This would extend the time until December 18, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Elam Beiler, Beiler's Sawmill LLC, 921 Lancaster Pike:** Following a discussion, Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to send an enforcement notice to Elam Beiler for violations. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Zoning Hearing Board, September 12, 2017:** Following discussion regarding the special exception request of Jesse Esch to allow a kennel at 121 Pennsy Road, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerhart to oppose the special exception request that will come before the zoning hearing board to allow for a kennel on the property of Jesse Esch at 121 Pennsy Road. The zoning hearing board will have the final determination in regards to granting the special exception to allow the kennel. The zoning officer was authorized to state the board of supervisors' opposition to the approval of the special exception request. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- At approximately 10:55 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation and a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 11:12 p.m. Mr. Gerhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer 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. Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 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