

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John E. Schroeder • C. William Shaffer • J. Pepper Goslin

Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP MEETING January 31, 2018

The Providence Township Board of Supervisors held a “State of the Township” Meeting in the Township Municipal Office on Thursday, January 31, 2018. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member J. Pepper Goslin, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Road Foreman Jim Grube, Zoning Officer Heidi Martinez and twelve (12) observers.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schroeder at 7:00 P.M followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Anna Hipple had questions regarding abandoned properties on Mt. Airy and Scott Roads. She also expressed concerns over people removing property pins from lot lines.
- John Walton asked for a parks update.
- Kara Kalupson had questions about the inlet at the post office on Main Street.
- Dave Gerhart asked how the road master search is progressing.
- Jim Hess expressed concerns regarding some difficult hearings that have come before the zoning hearing board.
- Greg Hohenwarter expressed his appreciation to the current and former supervisors for the progression of the Enola Low Grade Trail.

At this time, Mr. Schroeder reviewed goals that were mentioned at the 2016 “State of the Township” Meeting. He also asked if the Main Street inlet (at the post office) situation could be repaired this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Following a discussion regarding a dust collection system for the bio-mass boiler, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to accept the Global Designs/Sourcing LLC proposal in the amount of \$11,850. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following discussions regarding the installation of smoke/heat alarm system installation in the offices and maintenance building, the manager was directed to gather a bit more information and be prepared for discussion at the February 5th meeting.
- Mr. Shaffer mentioned the one windmill that is not functioning should be removed. Should a crane be needed for another township project, perhaps we could utilize the same equipment for the removal of the windmill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Following a brief discussion regarding zoning ordinance update workshops, it was decided to wait until March to schedule such workshops.

- Following a brief discussion regarding holding a community picnic on National Night Out, August 7th, the supervisors were in favor of this event with the condition that no more than \$200 of township money is expended.
- Mr. Shaffer solicited public comments regarding PennDOT's proposed improvements to Route 272 from Mt. Airy Road north to Byerland Church Road.
- Mr. Schroeder reviewed recycling requirements the township is to fulfill since we are a mandated township. Heidi Martinez is the recycling officer and is working to achieve the requirements.
- Following a discussion regarding a using a softer approach with our zoning enforcements, the zoning officer was directed to develop a new letter and enforcement notice following examples from other townships.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

John E. Schroeder, Chairman

C. William Shaffer, Vice Chairman

J. Pepper Goslin, Member