

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.



SUPERVISORS MEETING **November 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member J. Pepper Goslin, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Roadmaster Jim Fry and seventeen (17) observers.

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

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the September 24, 2018 Zoning Workshop. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 1, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 22, 2018 Zoning Workshop. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to ratify the payment of October bills in the amount of \$108,592.79 from the general account. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- At this time there were no comments regarding the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Fred Steudler had comments regarding the questions that were raised at last month's rezoning hearing for his property located on Route 272 North.
- John Pogue of Landvision addressed concerns regarding the Steudler rezoning request.
- Larry Miller of Miller and Sons addressed concerns related to water in Tamarack and Spread Eagle Mobile Home Parks.
- Rick Sauder shared his concerns with the Steudler rezoning request.

- Steve Mitchell shared his concerns regarding the Steudler rezoing request.
- Karen Butler expressed concerns related to stormwater issues on her property located on Mt. Hope School Road.
- Harry Messerschmidt expressed concern over the erosion on the Butler property located on Mt. Hope School Road.
- Sis Conrad expressed gratitude to the road crew for the nice condition of the trail.
- Merv Conrad had questions regarding the 2019 budget contributions. He stated he is not in favor of using taxpayer money to contribute to the library and SECA.
- Tony Nardella had questions regarding the proposed easement for a public sewer easement under the trail.
- Dave Gerhart thanked all township staff, road crew and supervisors for the quick reopening of Hollow Road following the bridge being damaged.
- David Beiler expressed gratitude for the quick reopening of Hollow Road.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Jim Fry, Roadmaster reported on the following:

October Road Projects:

- Reopening of Hollow Road Bridge
- Mowed road banks
- Paved storm water area on Pennsy Road
- Rubbered cracks on several roads
- Held safety meeting on October 29, 2018

November Road Projects:

- Complete several pipe jobs
- Mow road banks and trail
- Complete installation of the holding tank on the township property
- Prepare trucks and equipment for snow
- Trim trees

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the Parks/Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussions regarding pinning the trail property boundaries between Truce and Sawmill Road, the supervisors agreed to place substantial posts on the township's property line.
- Following discussion regarding holding a 5K/10K run in April/May of 2019 on the trail, the supervisors approved the staff to move forward with planning this event.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at the East Drumore Township Office. Mr. Shaffer reported that the last meeting was used to discuss the importance of meeting with fire company officials to determine what capital expenditures are planned.

OLD BUSINESS

- Following a brief discussion regarding the proposed sewer easement under the trail property for the Creekside Development, Mr. Newcomer was directed to contact the Borough's Solicitor to discuss additional language to be added to the easement assuring that the trail surface would never be disturbed for repairs.
- Mrs. Eldridge gave an update on the Radcliff Road Bridge. PennDOT is looking at avenues to help with the bridge however they will not be making this bridge a part of the Route 272

construction project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder announced that tomorrow is Election Day. Please remember to vote.
- Mr. Schroeder announced that the December board of supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder announced that the township offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 in honor of Veterans Day and Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving. Merv Conrad thanked the supervisors for honoring Veterans Day.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to adopt Resolution No. 18-10 appointing Maher Duessel as the certified public accounting firm to audit the account of Providence Township and the Providence Township Officers for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise for zoning workshops to be held on the following Mondays: February 25, March 25, April 22, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23 and October 28 at 7:00 p.m. May was skipped due to Memorial Day. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise the proposed 2019 budget. The budget will be available for inspection beginning Tuesday, November 6 until its final adoption at the December 10, 2018 board of supervisors meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder announced that the November 19, 2018 budget workshop has been cancelled.
- Following a brief discussion, the supervisors agreed to request the assistance of the Quarryville Fire Company Fire Police at Martin's Appliance on December 21 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. for their Midnight Gladness Sale.
- Following a brief discussion regarding appointments to the planning commission and zoning hearing board, Mr. Shaffer agreed to contact those whose terms are coming to a close to see if they are still willing to serve.
- At this time, Mr. Shaffer spoke about the budget. He wanted taxpayers to know that we will not have a tax increase this year. The last three years we were able to reduce taxes. This year however we have a bridge replacement that is necessary due to flood damages so that has made our budget extremely lean this year. We will not be receiving FEMA help since there were not enough damages in Lancaster County to qualify. He also said if possible we plan to continue decreasing the debt of the township next year by making additional principal payments on the debt.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 3 sewage permits and completed 3 perc and probe test for a total of \$900.00 remitted to the township for the month of October.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$60,089.99 were recorded in October.
- All haulers, mobile home park and junk yard licenses have been mailed.
- Fireman's Relief and Pension Aid have been received from the auditor general's office and distributed accordingly.

ZONING REPORT

- **Subdivision escrow release:** Diane Goslin: \$450.00, Robert Weaver: \$200.00, Beiler Engine Service: \$1,250.00. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to authorize the release of subdivision escrow in the total amount of \$1,900.00. The motion carried with two votes. Mr. Goslin recused himself since the one release was to his spouse.
- **Stormwater escrow release:** Nick Care: \$2,029.50. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of stormwater escrow in the total amount of \$2,029.50. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Maynard R. and Alice H. Shirk, request for zoning map change:** A request has been submitted by Maynard Shirk to rezone the Northern Tract of a parcel of land along Schoolhouse Road at the intersection of Barr Road owned by Maynard R. and Alice H. Shirk. Mr. Newcomer had questions as to whether the Giffings and Plastinos were going to join in this request. At this time, Mr. Newcomer was asked to follow up with Mr. Shirk's attorney for this information. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to accept this request, subject to clarifying the Giffing/Plastino issue and pass the request along to Mark Deimler, Township Engineer, the Township Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **New Providence Church of God, Escrow Reduction, 269 Cinder Road:** The original escrow amount is \$92,655.11. Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC performed site inspections as required during various phases of construction as required by the approved inspection schedule. The financial security reduction inspection was conducted on November 1, 2018. The recommendation per the review letter dated November 2, 2018 is to reduce the escrow by \$74,111.92 and establish the new amount equal to \$18,543.19 which includes the 10% contingency factor. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to reduce the escrow by \$74,111.92 and establish the new amount equal to \$18,543.19 for New Providence Church of God, 269 Cinder Road. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Enforcement Notice, Jeffrey A and Georgia A Nickel, 216 Good Road:** An above ground pool was permitted on June 27, 2017 for the referenced address. A Certificate of Use and Occupancy permit has never been issued for the above ground pool. The date of compliance and correction of this violation was October 11, 2018. Pete Kingsley, Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, building inspector completed inspection, deck on pool not permitted. Mr. Nickel was informed that we need permit applications submitted for pool deck. Permit application mailed October 9, 2018, no permits have been received. Following discussion, the supervisors directed the solicitor to write a letter to these residents if permits are not obtained by December 1, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At approximately 8:23 p.m., Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:53 p.m., Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to exit the executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 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