

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 **September 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, September 9, 2019 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 nineteen (19) 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

At this time, Mr. Schroeder turned the meeting over to Mr. Newcomer to conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution of Providence Township in contemplation of continuation and renewal of an agricultural security area which was originally recorded on July 21, 1994 and August 21, 1994, according to the Agricultural Area Security Law. Mr. Newcomer stated this is the time and place to hold the hearing as advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers on August 13, 2019. During this seven (7) year review period, there were no modifications received. The LCPC and Providence Township ASA Committee recommended the removal of 35.90 acres of land owned by Chesterfield Corporation, Corinna Bitterman and David Nathaniel Bitterman. The Bitterman's have been notified and are fine being removed from the ASA. Mr. Newcomer asked for public comments at this time. With no public comments, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to adopt Resolution No. 19-08, declaring and accepting the continuation and modification of the Agricultural Security Area for Providence Township. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the August 5, 2019 supervisors meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to ratify the payment of August bills in the amount of \$260,402.12 from the general fund. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Shaffer noted that the budgeted line item for salt in our liquid fuels account is low. He did note that at this time the salt shed is full. There were no other comments on the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Biscardi, President of the Friends of the Quarryville Library urged the supervisors to rethink the library contribution this year.
- Jane Moyer asked the supervisors to reconsider their library contribution this year.
- Dave Moyer stated the library brings valuable resources to families and businesses. He also asked the supervisors to increase their contribution to the library.
- Chris Waite, Chairman of the Quarryville Library Art Committee asked the board to consider an increase in its library contribution.
- Dennis Blevins, Treasurer of the Quarryville Library explained how efficient the library is run and that the volunteers serve over 6,000 hours per year. He stated the library is running in a deficit since Providence Township reduced its contribution.
- Merv Conrad thanked the road crew for the line painting.
- Bruce Wiley asked to have fees refunded to the Clearfield United Methodist Church for the replacement of the steps. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to return all township fees associated with the church's zoning permit. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Larry Reiter thanked the board for refunding the funds to Clearfield UMC.
- Ron Pennington expressed gratitude to the supervisors for refunding the funds to Clearfield UMC.
- Glen Henry questioned the need for permits when replacing an existing concrete patio. He also had questions regarding paving permits.
- Deborah Waite asked the board to consider increasing the contribution to the Quarryville Library.
- Dave Gerhart expressed his appreciation to the road crew for the great job completing the Hollow Road Bridge. He also expressed his support of a regional comprehensive plan for the township. He expressed his desire to keep the rural characteristics of the township. He also expressed issues related to a zoning hearing board hearing of which he was an adjoining neighbor. He was disgusted how the hearing was conducted with the lies stated while under oath and the name calling.
- Elam Esh stated his appreciation to the supervisors for their conservative fiscal approach; however he would like to see the contributions to the library increased. He stated that a considerable amount of the plain community uses the resources of the library.

At this time, Mr. Schroeder encouraged all township residents to contribute to the Quarryville Library if they feel so moved. In regards to Mr. Gerhart's comments, Mr. Schroeder stated that in his opinion it is the responsibility of the zoning hearing board chairman to control outbursts, name calling and any other disruptions. Mr. Schroeder stated he will address this will the zoning hearing board.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Jim Fry, Roadmaster reported on the following:

In August the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Mowed road banks.
- The road crew had a great opportunity to be involved in National Night Out. We assisted in many ways including setting up and tearing down.
- We joined forces with Paradise Township paving horse ruts in both townships.
- Twelve roads were seal coated.

- Mt Airy Lumber, Providence Township and Pequea Township all worked together to unplug the bridge on Byerland Church Road. We removed trees that were jammed under the bridge.
- On August 15th, we hosted about 30 township workers for a safety meeting presented by LTAP on Work Zone Safety.

In September the road crew will work on the following projects:

- Mow road banks on the trail.
- Repair sunken area on the trail.
- Repair rough areas on the trail.
- Place drain tile on Fairview Road.
- Start trimming trees as needed throughout the township.
- Prepare for a paving project on Mt. Hope School Road from Rawlinsville Road to the dead end.

Following a brief discussion regarding farming practices that cause damage to the roads, the township manager was directed to develop a written policy as to how the township will handle such damage.

At this time Mr. Goslin responded to Mr. Gerhart’s concerns about the way zoning hearing board hearings are handled. Mr. Goslin stated that when a hearing takes place and emotions run high, the zoning hearing board has to sort through the emotions of those taking oaths and offering testimony. This is not always an easy task. He feels the zoning hearing board members should promote positive attitudes.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the Parks/Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following a brief discussion of electric bikes and e-bikes being used on the trail, the board directed the township manager to gather more information on these types of bikes.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Shaffer stated the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Office.
- Mr. Shaffer stated that at the last meeting the Lancaster County Planning Commission did not make a presentation; they simply polled those in attendance to see their interest in completing regional comprehensive plans.

OLD BUSINESS

- Following a brief discussion regarding the Quarryville Library, the supervisors invited library representatives to attend the budget workshops for further discussions.
- Following discussions regarding the Route 272 project, the supervisors agreed to delete the electronic “School Bus Stop Ahead” signage on Route 272 North. PennDot has scheduled the next meeting for township officials on Friday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder announced the zoning workshops will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 and Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to continue reviewing possible changes to the zoning ordinance.

- Mr. Schroeder announced the budget workshops will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following Mondays: September 16, 2019, September 30, 2019, October 21, 2019 and Thursday, November 14, 2019.
- Mr. Schroeder announced that LGHealth/Penn Medicine will be holding a blood drive at the township on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder announced the township will host woody yard waste collection days for township residents from 8:00 a.m. until noon on the following Saturdays: October 5 and October 29. Only wood yard waste will be accepted. Grass clippings and leaves will not be accepted. This drop-off is limited to Providence Township Residents.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the 2019 audit, Mr. Schroeder made a motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer to advertise the intent to appoint Maher Duessel as the certified public accounting firm to audit the accounts of Providence Township for 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 6 sewage permits, completed 2 perc and probe tests and performed one holding tank inspection with a total of \$1,150 remitted for the month of August.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$161,336.13 were recorded in the month of August.
- The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2020 is \$33,602.

ZONING REPORT

- **Subdivision escrow release:** Creekside: \$5,600.00. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of subdivision escrow in the total amount of \$5,600.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Stormwater escrow release:** Lancaster Pike LP: \$18,916.70. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the release of stormwater escrow in the total amount of \$18,916.70. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **New Providence Church of God, Escrow Reduction, 269 Cinder Road:** The original escrow amount was \$92,655.11. A reduction of \$74,111.92 was approved on November 5, 2018. Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC performed a site inspection on August 22, 2019 and reviewed the revised as-built plan. The recommendation per the review letter dated August 22, 2019 is to reduce the remaining escrow by \$16,043.19 and establish the new amount equal to \$2,500 for the swale repair/stabilization and rip rap replacement. Following discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to reduce the escrow by \$16,043.19 and establish the new amount equal to \$2,500.00 for New Providence Church of God, 269 Cinder Road. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Creekside Subdivision Phase 1 Final Plan, PT-271FP-19, Fairview Road:** request for extension of time to record the Creekside Subdivision Phase 1 Final Plan for an additional ninety (90) days (from the date of September 30, 2019). Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant an extension of time for an additional ninety (90) days to record the Creekside Subdivision Phase 1 Final Plan (December 30, 2019). The motion was carried unanimously.

- **Frederick Steudler, Lot Add-On Plan, PT-270LAO-19, Lancaster Pike:** request for extension of time to record the Frederick Steudler Lot Add-On Plan until October 30, 2019. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to grant an extension of time until October 30, 2019 to record the Frederick Steudler Lot Add-On Plan until October 30, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Enforcement Notice, Daniel F, Arie S and Mary S Beiler, 232 Pennsy Road:** The as-built plan shall be recorded upon resolution of all remaining issues noted on the Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC review letter dated November 14, 2017. The level spreader appears to have breached and flow has eroded a low spot along the berm. This area shall be restored to its original approved condition, required as part of the Storm Water Permit #2642. The permit is now expired so a new permit must be issued and the storm water facilities must be completed. Daniel Beiler called on June 27, 2019 and stated that it will cost more to complete than what is left in the escrow. Compliance date was 7/22/2019. Following discussion the supervisors agreed to extend the time to complete as-built plans until October 7, 2019.
- **Enforcement Notice, David F and Elizabeth Glick, 65 Archery Road:** The as-built plan shall be recorded upon resolution of all remaining issues noted on the Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC review letter dated January 2, 2018. A small area adjacent to the infiltration basin is not stabilized, as required as part of the Storm Water Permit #5080. The permit is now expired so a new permit must be issued and the storm water facilities must be completed. Brian Masterson, Regester Associates, surveyed the basin and it is undersized. Mr. Masterson is working with the excavator to increase the berm to get it corrected. Supervisors granted additional time at the August 5, 2019 meeting to correct the violation by September 5, 2019. Brian Masterson, Regester Associates, called on August 6, 2019 the basin is undersized so it was modified, but it is still undersized. They are working with an excavator. Brian called September 4, 2019 the basin is fixed will get a revised as-built to the township. Compliance date was 7/22/2019. Following discussion, the supervisors agreed to extend the time to complete as-built plans until October 7, 2019.
- **Enforcement Notice, John F and Verna K Stoltzfus, 793 Lancaster Pike:** A banner with lettering is located on the property. John Stoltzfus called, mailed Zoning Hearing Board application and information on July 30, 2019. Compliance date was 8/22/2019. Following discussion, Mr. Newcomer was authorized to write a letter to John F. and Verna K. Stoltzfus indicating the need for compliance to avoid further legal action.
- **Enforcement Notice, J Realty LLC, 797 Lancaster Pike:** Banners with lettering are located on the property. Received email on July 25, 2019 from John Esh in regards to notice. Mr. Esh will speak to the General Manager. Compliance date was 8/22/2019. Following discussion, Mr. Newcomer was authorized to write a letter to J Realty LLC indicating the need for compliance to avoid further legal action.
- **Enforcement Notice, David E and Sara Ann Stoltzfus, 801 Lancaster Pike:** Banners with lettering are located on the property. Compliance date was 8/22/2019. Following discussion, Mr. Newcomer was authorized to write a letter to David E. and Sara Ann Stoltzfus indicating the need for compliance to avoid further legal action.

- **Enforcement Notice, Truce Road Property LLC, 796 Lancaster Pike:** Banners with lettering are located on the property. Property owner called will be submitting Zoning Hearing Board application. Compliance date was 8/22/2019. Mr. Esh has submitted a zoning hearing board application to remedy this violation.
- **Enforcement Notice, DFB Property Management LLC, 722 Truce Road:** A temporary freestanding sign exists on the property that was never permitted. Mr. Beiler called on July 29, 2019, sign will be removed. Email from Victor Ressler, Rawlinsville Fire Co. replied to email regarding sign, confirming the removal of the sign. Compliance date was 8/22/2019. David Beiler indicated to the supervisors that the sign will be removed this week. The zoning officer will follow up to verify the removal.

Mr. Schroeder stated that the library representatives should plan to attend the Budget Workshop on Monday, September 16 to discuss the library contributions. Mr. Shaffer stated he appreciates the efforts of those in attendance tonight that support the library.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 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