

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 **October 7, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, October 7, 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 eleven (11) 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.

At this time Mr. Schroeder announced that on Monday, September 30, 2019 at approximately 9:00 p.m. the supervisors held an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the September 9, 2019 supervisors meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the September 23, 2019 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 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 September bills in the amount of \$180,112.17 from the general fund and \$115,588.85 from the state fund. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Goslin asked if we will receive additional real estate taxes for the remainder of 2019.
- Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding expenditure to Guaranteed Carpet Services. He also questioned the balance in the Community Event Fund. Mrs. Eldridge stated she would verify this amount and make the necessary transfer.
- There were no other comments on the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Linford Stoltzfus had questions regarding issues he is having with his drain field. He questioned the supervisors about the idea of boring under Pennsy Road to locate his drain field on a neighbor's property.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Jim Fry, Roadmaster reported on the following:

In September the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Mowed road banks and rail trail;
- Combined efforts with Eden Township to clean side gutters in both townships;
- Blacktopped cross pipes on Fairview Road;
- Prepared the road surface and trimmed trees on Mt. Hope School Road, from Rawlinsville Road to the dead end, in preparation for pavement;
- Repaired sunken area on rail trail;
- Placed a drainage box and pipe on Woodland Drive; and
- Held a safety meeting, September 26, 2019, topic: "Operation of Zero Turn Mowers".

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

- Placing drainage pipe and inlet boxes along Pennsy Road;
- Finish mowing road banks and rail trail;
- Finish installing drain tile on Fairview Road in preparation for shoulder repair and paving;
- Start tree trimming throughout the township as needed.

Mr. Goslin asked when the road bank mowing would be completed. Mr. Fry stated that there is currently a maintenance issue with the mower; however, mowing is still expected to wrap up in October.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the Parks/Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the use of electric bikes and e-bikes on the trail, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to permit electric-assisted (e-bikes) on the trail. The motion carried with two favorable votes, Mr. Shaffer opposed the motion.

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 Township Drumore Office. Bob May of Lancaster EMS will be the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder asked if the "Road Damage" policy was completed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder announced a zoning workshop will be held on 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 Monday, 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 Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced the township will host woody yard waste collection days for township residents from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, October 29th. Only woody yard waste will be accepted. Grass clippings and leaves will not be accepted. This drop-off is limited to Providence Township Residents.

- Mr. Goslin announced that due to Election Day preparations, the November 4, 2019 board of supervisors meeting will be held in the conference room.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 1 sewage permit and completed 1 perc and probe test with a total of \$300 remitted for the month of September.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated that we have received a request for an agency hearing from Jonas Esch regarding his property located on Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Esch believes that Marvin Stoner had no reason to revoke the sewage permit for this property. The supervisors scheduled this hearing for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$127,658.75 were recorded in the month of September.

ZONING REPORT

- **Stormwater escrow release:** David Glick: \$900.00. Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to authorize the release of stormwater escrow in the total amount of \$900.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Chris and Ruth Miller, Well Isolation Request, 1055 Rawlinsville Road:** A request to locate a new drainfield within 100' from the existing well at 1055 Rawlinsville Road. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to allow the new drainfield to be within 100' of the well on 1055 Rawlinsville Road, with the following conditions: the new drainfield shall be no closer than 40' from the existing well on site and 100' or more from any other property owner's well; 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; the agreement shall be recorded prior to the issuance of a sewage permit by the sewage enforcement officer; and 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.
- **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. Supervisors requested the township engineer visit the site at the August 5, 2019 meeting. Township engineer was contacted and responded with the attached email. Board of Supervisors gave until October 7, 2019 to correct violation. Following discussion, Mr. Beiler was instructed to have a status report prepared by his engineer to the supervisors no later than October 28th. The supervisors advised David Beiler, Daniel's brother, that an as-built plan must be submitted to the township no later than December 16, 2019 or legal action will be taken on December 17, 2019.
- **Enforcement Notice, Jonas Stoltzfus, 623 Lancaster Pike:** A front porch entrance was constructed on the property without first obtaining a permit. Jonas Stoltzfus submitted permit applications on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Permits are ready to be picked up. Spoke to and emailed Jonas on September 23, 2019. No further contact from Mr. Stoltzfus. The supervisors agreed to give Mr. Stoltzfus until November 4, 2019 to obtain the necessary permits for these improvements. If permits are not obtained, legal action will be taken on November 5, 2019.

Mr. Schroeder asked if the board wished to take a position on any of the zoning hearing board hearings involving signs. Following a brief discussion, the supervisors agreed not to take a position on any of the hearings.

Tony Nardella asked if the township will face Stormwater costs like West Lampeter Township is facing. He said those residents may have to be taxed. Mr. Goslin stated those costs are associated with the MS4 program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to enter into an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:38 p.m., Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to come out of an Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 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

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