

# PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John E. Schroeder • J. Pepper Goslin • Lori L. Crossen

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



## **SUPERVISORS MEETING** **May 11, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Member Lori Crossen, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Manager Vicki Eldridge and Zoning Officer Heidi Martinez.

Township Engineer Mark Deimler attended the meeting virtually through Webex. Ten (10) observers joined the meeting virtually as well.

This meeting was held during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Thomas Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth issued a "Stay-at-Home" order for Lancaster County. In order to allow public participation in this meeting we offered a virtual meeting process through Webex. Information to join the meeting via Webex was posted on the township office door, on the township website and Facebook pages.

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 April 6, 2020 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.

### **BID AWARDS**

Bids were received by PennBid until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the seal coat bid to the lowest bidder Hammaker East, Ltd. in the amount of \$66,951.16. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the chip seal bid to the lowest bidder Asphalt Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$10,500.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the Scheller Road Project to Long's Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$111,226.10. The motion was carried unanimously.

Following discussions regarding proceeding with road work during the coronavirus pandemic, the supervisors agreed to move forward with road projects that can be funded with liquid fuels funds.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to ratify the payment of April bills in the amount of \$79,956.00 from the general fund. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- There were no comments on the budget at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bill Musser stated he was just listening at this time. He had no other comments.

### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

Vicki Eldridge, Township Manager, reported the following:

In April, the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Screened wood chips for winter heat.
- Removed trees along Trail as needed, Fairview #1 area;
- Mowed shop area and parks each week;
- Quarryville parking lot area, we removed trees then hauled fill and topsoil for new grass area;
- Repaired wash outs as needed with rip rap or cold patch after heavy rain on 4/13. Areas repaired along Clearfield Road, Pennsy Road, Byerland Church Road and Sawmill Road and
- Held a safety meeting on 4/16. Topic was Excavation and Trenching Safety.

In May, the road crew will or have worked on the following projects:

- We have mowed the shop area and parks. We will continue to do so each week;
- Sprayed guide rails throughout the Twp.;
- Removed more trees along the trail, Fairview #1 area;
- Placing pipe and inlet boxes along Pennsy Road and Sawmill Road;
- Mowing road banks and
- Edge repair along Pennsy Road with blacktop.

Mrs. Eldridge gave an update on the sale of the CAT Loader. Our old CAT Loader was sold and was to be delivered in March. Due to the pandemic, the loader has still not be delivered. I am in contact with the purchaser to continue to work out delivery details.

### **PARKS/RECREATION REPORT**

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the next Parks/Recreation Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Mr. Goslin stated the May meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the East Drumore Township Office.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Following discussions regarding the property markers that were damaged and removed along the trail between Sawmill Road and Truce Road, the supervisors agreed to ask Menno Esch (property owner) to join in covering the costs associated with replacing the damaged markers and the cost of the surveyor. Mr. Goslin agreed to talk with Menno Esch. At this time, we will not have the pins marked. The property will be pinned sometime in the future. Bill Musser commented that it is illegal to remove property markers.
- The supervisors discussed the possibility of permitting horseback riding on the Enola Low Grade Trail. Mr. Goslin gave a brief history of the conveyance of the trail to the township stating that the horse community supported the acquisition of the trail and when the regulations were drafted, the horse community was denied access to the trail. Mr. Goslin feels equestrians should not be denied use on the perimeter of the trail. Mr. Goslin stated he does not feel horseback riding increases liability any more than someone riding too fast on a bicycle. Mr. Schroeder stated he conducted a survey at the polls in 2017 and 57% of those taking the survey were in favor of allowing horseback riding on the trail. Mr. Schroeder feels the equestrian community will use common sense and respect other trail users as well. Mr. Schroeder stated we may have to address issues as they arise. Mrs. Crossen says she is in favor of allowing equestrians on the trail but feels we need rules. Mrs. Crossen is concerned with surface damage. She would like to see the equestrians use the side of the trail. Bill Musser stated that the equestrian use on the trail was vetted thoroughly before the trail was opened. Mr. Musser feels that horseback riding cannot be controlled on the trail. Ken Harnish feels allowing horses on the trail is not a good mix. He feels the liability to the township will increase with horses on the trail. He is concerned for the safety of the children. Mr. Harnish also feels the horses will destroy the surface. Following this discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to allow horseback riding on the Enola Low Grade Trail. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Newcomer stated that a new resolution should be adopted to update the park regulations. The supervisors plan to adopt such a resolution at the June meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Schroeder announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in celebration of Memorial Day.
- Mr. Schroeder announced the LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion the supervisors scheduled an additional zoning workshop for Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion regarding a grant letter of support for the Quarryville Fire Company's grant application to Homeland Security for new pagers, the supervisors authorized the township manager to send a support letter.
- Following a brief discussion regarding adding cyber insurance to the township's insurance portfolio, the supervisors agreed to move forward with this insurance which was recommended by the township auditors and insurance agent.

## **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner issued 2 sewage permits and completed 3 perc and probe tests with a total of \$700 remitted for the month of April.

## MONTHLY REPORTS

### Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$129,642.86 were recorded in the month of April.

## ZONING REPORT

- **Creekside Subdivision Final Plan Phase 1, Letter of Credit Reduction, 470 Fairview Road:** The original letter of credit was \$2,496,642.23. The Letter of Credit was reduced at the April 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting to \$2,054,647.68. Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC performed letter of credit reduction inspection on April 24, 2020 and submitted a review letter dated April 24, 2020. The recommendation per the review letter is to reduce the letter of credit by \$107,400.00 and establish the new amount of \$1,947,247.68. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to reduce the Letter of Credit No. STB223 from Fulton Bank from by \$107,400.00 and establish the new amount of \$1,947,247.68. The Letter of Credit is in the name of Joseph G. Nadu, Jr. for the completion of Creekside Phase 1, PT-271FP-19. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Providence Building Supply, PT-217SWM-15, 796 Lancaster Pike:** Mr. Esh would like to have the blacktop removed from the plan on the rear of the property and just have stone as it has been installed and remove that estimate from the cost estimate. Mr. Esh explained his request to the supervisors. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to allow the stone surface (highlighted on the plan) to remain as shown instead of requiring bituminous paving and to allow the cost of such pavement to be deducted from the storm water improvement cost estimate. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Tamarack/Spread Eagle Final Land Development Plan, Extension of time:** Email submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors to take action on the Tamarack/Spread Eagle Final Land Development Plan for an additional 120 days until September 15, 2020. The board of supervisors acknowledges this extension.
- **Enforcement Notice, Johnathan R Dull, 5201874800000 Buck Heights Road:** Timber harvesting occurred on the property without a zoning permit. *Compliance Date: April 9, 2020.* Following discussion, Mr. Newcomer was directed to write a letter to the property owner regarding this violation.
- **Enforcement Notice, Carl E Killian and Janet J Evans, 138 Schoolhouse Road:** There is parking of unlicensed and/or uninspected vehicles or trailers stored on the property. The unlicensed and uninspected vehicle must be operable and may not have wheels or substantial parts removed. *Compliance Date: May 7, 2020.* Following discussion, Mr. Newcomer was directed to write a letter to the property owner regarding this violation.
- **Enforcement Notice, DFB Property Management LLC, 722 Truce Road:** A stone area (impervious) was added to the property without a stormwater permit. *Compliance Date: April 9, 2020.* Ms. Martinez stated that Strausser Surveying and Engineering is currently working on storm water management plan for this location. Following discussion, the board tabled any action on this plan until the June 1 meeting.

- **Enforcement Notice, Frederick W Steudler Jr. and Steven and Tabetha Voss, 405 Dogwood Lane:** An addition was installed to the manufactured home without a permit. *Compliance date: May 7, 2020.* No permit applications received. Following discussion, Mr. Newcomer was directed to write a letter to the property owner regarding this violation.
- **Review Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment.** Following a brief discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to forward the proposed ordinance to the Providence Township Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission for review and comments.
- **Review Proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendment.** Following a brief discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to forward the proposed ordinance to the Providence Township Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission for review and comments.
- **Review Proposed Driveway Ordinance.** Following a brief discussion, the supervisors tabled this discussion. The ordinance will be discussed at the zoning workshop on May 28, 2020.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- At approximately 8:40 p.m., Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to enter into an executive session to discuss possible litigation. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:59 p.m., Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to come out of 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 9:02 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

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John E. Schroeder, Chairman

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J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman

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Lori L. Crossen, Member