

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 **October 5, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, October 5, 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 ten (10) 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 14, 2020 board of supervisors meeting as presented. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen 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 30, 2020 budget workshop as presented. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify the payment of September bills in the amount of \$128,778.57 from the general fund and \$9,669.23 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- The supervisors had no budget comments or questions at this time. Ron Munro had questions regarding the earned income tax and realty transfer tax line items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Merv Conrad questioned who is responsible for the lighting at the Pennsy Road/Route 272 intersection.
- Ron Munro shared information he had gathered from a retired Lancaster City mounted policeman who feels that having horses utilize the trail would not be safe.
- Dan Siegrist asked when the pedestrian bridge on the trail was to be closed. He also asked why this project could not be completed during the off season.
- Laurie Siegrist stated she feels it is a poor idea to allow horses on the trail. She is concerned with the costs to make the repairs. She said as the trail becomes more active and known, the trail should generate revenues for our communities.
- David Beiler expressed concerns regarding the placement of jersey barriers and stone piles that are being used to close Esh Road.

- Sam Blank had questions regarding a resident that has to go before zoning hearing board to have a small structure to sell fruits and vegetables.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Vicki Eldridge, Township Manager, reported the following:

In September the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Mowed road banks;
- Placed gabion baskets on Mt Hope School Road to stabilize bank;
- Finished placing inlet boxes and pipe for edge repair on Scheller Road;
- Sanded and stained 15 benches on the trail;
- Started to rubber cracks on Mt Airy Road;
- Back filled edges on Scheller Road after edge repair work; and
- Held a safety meeting on 9/30, topic was "Chain Saw Safety and Wedge Placement".

In October the road crew will be working on the following projects:

- Finish mowing road banks;
- Place pipe and inlet box on Snyder Hollow Road (grant money);
- Finish crack repair on Mt Airy Road and start on Truce Road;
- Skin patch road edges, as needed throughout the township;
- Start tree trimming; and
- Mow rail trail.

Mrs. Eldridge asked for permission from the supervisors to make some road material purchases, within our budget parameters this fall to begin some road construction projects. The board agreed to allow up to \$33,500 to be expended to purchase rubber, pipes and inlets and complete rut paving.

Mrs. Eldridge stated a road inspection will be conducted on Tuesday, October 13 with the roadmaster and road foreman.

Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding the staining of the trail benches.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the parks/recreation committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion regarding marking the property lines between Truce Road and Sawmill Road along the ELGT, Mr. Goslin said he will visit Mr. Esch to discuss the costs and his willingness to contribute to the cost.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the East Drumore Township Office at 7:00 p.m.
- Ron Munroe asked if this is a public meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Eldridge gave an update on the Radcliff Road Bridge. Mrs. Eldridge stated that several years ago a design cost estimate was to be about \$18,000. Pequea Township is still willing to pay ½ of that cost. There is an issue with a guardrail on the bridge that has been mentioned on each bridge inspection. If PennDOT requires the guardrail to be installed Pequea Township is most likely not willing to agree to maintain the bridge. The guardrails are destroyed when the bridge floods and they are very costly to replace. Currently, the design engineer is attempting to get the guard rail question answered by PennDOT.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder announced that Trick-or-Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Providence Township.
- Mr. Schroeder announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder announced the next zoning workshop will be held on Monday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Goslin had several topics of concern.
- Mrs. Crossen announced the budget workshops will be held on the following Wednesdays: October 7, October 28, November 4, November 18 and November 25. These workshops will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen announced the township will host a woody yard waste collection day for township residents from 8:00 a.m. to noon on October 24th. Only woody yard waste will be accepted. Grass clippings, leaves and hardscape items will not be accepted. This drop-off is limited to Providence Township Residents.
- Mrs. Crossen announced that due to Election Day preparations, the November 2, 2020 board of supervisors meeting will be held in the conference room.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 1 sewage permit with a total of \$100 remitted to the township for the month of September.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$67,012.95 were recorded in the month of September.

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 May 11, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting to \$1,947,247.68. The Letter of Credit was last reduced at the June 1, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting to \$1,480,405.68. Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC performed a letter of credit reduction inspection and submitted a review letter dated October 5, 2020. The recommendation per the review letter is to reduce the letter of credit by \$245,150.00 and establish the new amount of \$1,235,255.68. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to reduce the Letter of Credit No. STB223 from Fulton Bank from \$1,480,405.68 by \$245,150.00 and establish the new amount of \$1,235,255.68. 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.

- Cherie L Bachman, Well Isolation Request, 1052 Rawlinsville Road:** A request to locate a new drainfield within 100' from the existing well at 1052 Rawlinsville Road. Ms. Bachman was in attendance and agreed to the proposed conditions. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to allow the new drainfield to be within the 100' of the well on 1052 Rawlinsville Road, with the following conditions: the new drainfield shall be no closer than 44' from the existing well on the 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. Ron Munroe asked if this agreement is recorded to give notice to future buyers.
- Ross Land Development Plan, PT-274FP-19, 2328 Beaver Valley Pike:** Request for extension of time to complete compliance with the conditions of the approval of the plan for another 60 days. This would give until November 30, 2020 to complete the conditions and record the plan. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to grant an extension of time for another 60 days for the completion of the compliance of all conditions for the Ross Land Development Plan, PT-274FP-19, 2328 Beaver Valley Pike. This would give until November 30, 2020 to record the plan. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

John E. Schroeder, Chairman

J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Member