

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 **February 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member Lori Crossen, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Roadmaster Jim Fry and one (1) observer.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- At this time, Mr. Goslin stated this is the time and place that has been advertised to conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt of Providence Township, by a general obligation note in the maximum authorized aggregate principal amount of up to \$957,000.00 (the "2021 Note") issued for the purpose of providing financing for the costs of (I) the current refunding of the township's outstanding general obligation note, Series of 2014, and (II) paying costs of issuance incurred with the 2021 Note; approving the refunding of the 2014 note; accepting a note purchase agreement for purchase of such note at private sale by negotiation, approving the form of the 2021 note; fixing the date; interest and maturity of the note; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of required documents; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof and other necessary action. Following a brief discussion about the interest rate and the necessity of budgeting additional principal reductions each year, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adopt Ordinance No. 21-01 authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt of Providence Township, by the issuance of up to \$957,000.00 aggregate principal amount general obligation note, series of 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the January 4, 2021 board of supervisors meeting as presented. Mr. Goslin 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. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to ratify the payment of January bills in the amount of \$87,756.71 from the general fund and \$7,552.19 from the state account. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Goslin stated the booming real estate market has helped our budget. Mr. Schroeder had questions about two invoices presented for payment. He wants to see detailed invoices for all bills paid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Beiler had questions about the requirements for a stormwater maintenance fund. Mr. Goslin asked that this topic be added to the zoning workshop. His questions revolved about the term of the agreement as well as the amount estimated.

ROADMASTER REPORT

- Jim Fry presented information on the purchase a new or used truck to replace the Ford F150 with a blown engine. Following discussions, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to purchase a new Ford F250 from Whitmoyer Auto Group in the amount of \$29,895.00. Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion because he feels a cheaper used vehicle could be purchased for a flagger vehicle. The motion passed with two favorable votes.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize Vicki Eldridge, Township Manager to execute all documents involved with the truck purchase. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion.

Jim Fry, Township Roadmaster, reported the following:

In January the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Treated roads five different days for ice;
- Trimmed trees on Mt Hope School Road and the Trail area;
- Hauled fill material from access road behind Walter and Jackson;
- Placed cold patch in potholes and repaired a couple road edges, Fairview, Sigman, Clearfield and Pennsy Roads;
- Cleaned up trash on the trail; and
- Held a safety meeting on 1/26, topic was "How to use a cut off saw safely".

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

- Tree trimming; (will be our main focus).
- Skin patch to repair road edges, weather permitting;
- Gutter cleaning along trail;
- Place pipe across our access road to the trail at Sawmill; (used pipe) and
- Be ready for winter weather.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Goslin announced that the parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion related to safety concerns, liability issues and the Quarryville Borough regulations, the supervisors agreed to continue to address the concerns of the residents. Mr. Goslin asked Mr. Newcomer to follow up with Quarryville Borough to review any regulations that would limit trail uses. Mr. Goslin asked the roadmaster to review the fencing concerns at Church Street. Mrs. Crossen feels that the supervisors have alienated the parks/recreation committee members. She feels that by approving horse use the supervisors are going against the opinions of the majority.
- Mr. Goslin stated that no action would be taken towards the approval of an ordinance to allow horse use on the trail at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Goslin asked the supervisors if they have any interest in once again allowing a six month permit extension without the requirement to ask for such an extension during this pandemic. We had offered this to residents between March 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020. Mr. Newcomer stated that you cannot extend the life of a permit since that is a regulation in the zoning ordinance. If you wanted to make that change, an update to the zoning ordinance would be required. Mr. Goslin called for a motion on this subject, no motion was made; therefore, six month extensions will continue to be granted upon request.
- Mr. Schroeder asked what is happening with the inspection reports for the bridge. He had questions regarding the warranty period. Mrs. Eldridge was directed to research emails, minutes and warranty issues and report to the supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Goslin announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in honor of President's Day.
- Mr. Goslin announced that due to the President's Day Holiday, the Providence Township Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced the zoning workshop will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, February 16 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adopt Resolution No. 21-02 accepting a commitment letter from Univest Bank and Trust Company for refinancing for a principal amount not to exceed \$957,000 to refinance financing previously issued for the construction of a municipal office building and maintenance building. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize Mr. Goslin and Mrs. Eldridge to execute all documents involved in the refinance. The motion was carried unanimously.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner submitted his 2020 year-end audit report.
- Mr. Goslin asked if there are any issues with Mr. Stoner's invoices.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$22,549.42 were recorded in the month of January.
- Maher Duessel has completed the 2020 audit with no major findings to date.
- All mandatory forms and reports, including liquid fuels usage report, survey of financial condition and report of elected and appointed officials have been completed and filed with the state.

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 last reduced at the October 7, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting to \$1,235,255.68. Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC performed a letter of credit reduction inspection and submitted a review letter dated January 26, 2021. The recommendation per the review letter is to reduce the letter of credit by \$388,267.00 and establish the new amount of \$846,988.68. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by

Mrs. Crossen to reduce the Letter of Credit No. STB223 from Fulton Bank from \$1,235,255.68 by \$388,267.00 and establish the new amount of \$846,988.68. The Letter of Credit is in the name of Joseph G. Nadu, Jr. for the completion of Creekside Phase 1, PT-271FP-19.

- **DFB Property Management LLC Storm Water Management Plan, Extension of time:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors or Designee to take action on the DFB Property Management LLC Storm Water Management Plan for an additional ninety (90) days until May 3, 2021. The supervisors acknowledged the extension and noted it for the record.
- **Samuel Lapp Storm Water Management Plan, Extension of time:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors or Designee to take action on the Samuel Lapp Storm Water Management Plan for an additional ninety (90) days until May 3, 2021. The supervisors acknowledged the extension and noted it for the record.
- **J Pepper Goslin LLC Storm Water Management Plan, Extension of time:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors or Designee to take action on the J Pepper Goslin LLC Storm Water Management Plan for an additional ninety (90) days until May 3, 2021. The supervisors acknowledged the extension and noted it for the record.
- **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 March 30, 2021 to complete the conditions and record the plan. Mr. Goslin 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 March 30, 2021 to record the plan. The motion was carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

J. Pepper Goslin, Chairman

John E. Schroeder, Vice Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Member