

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 April 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member Lori Crossen, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Roadmaster Jim Fry and twelve (12) observers.

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.

PRESENTATION

- Jim Herr, Solanco Regional EMA Coordinator presented information regarding the 2021 EMA Excelon Drill for the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant. He also shared information about the Quarryville Fire Company and how they fared over the last year due to the Coronavirus.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the March 1, 2021 board of supervisors meeting as presented. Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the March 22, 2021 zoning workshop as presented. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

BID AWARDS

Sale of 2005 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck: Bids were received by Municibid until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the sale of the 2005 F-150 Ford Pickup Truck to the highest bidder Juan Tapia in the amount of \$1,850.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

Road Materials: Bids were received by PennBid until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the aggregate bid to the highest bidder, Penn/MD, a division of H & K Group in the amount of \$62,115.50. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the asphalt (FOB) bid to the highest bidder, Allan Myers in the amount of \$110,976.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin announced there were no bids received for RC-250 Road Oil. Mr. Fry stated we are able to purchase the RC-250 Road Oil off of CoStars.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify the payment of March bills in the amount of \$78,690.84 from the general fund and \$7,558.35 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Schroeder had a question regarding the audit costs for 2021. Mr. Goslin noted the realty transfer tax and earned income tax are exceeding the budgeted amounts for the first quarter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ron Munro asked how much stimulus money the township received. He feels it is a great idea to give these funds back to the fire companies. He also asked how much money the township is to receive in the second round of funding. He had questions regarding horse use on the trail. The Chairman asked him to hold the trail questions until we get to the parks/recreation committee report. Mr. Munro asked the board the process for getting a referendum on the ballot to have a board of five supervisors instead of three. Mr. Newcomer explained that process.
- Warren Walter thanked the office staff and road crew for the fine job they do for the township. He also had questions regarding horse use on the trail. He asked to be allowed to comment later in the meeting with those concerns.
- William McFalls asked for the supervisors help in dealing with stormwater runoff from a neighboring property. The supervisors directed the road master and zoning officer to visit the site to see if there is anything the township could do to assist with this issue.
- Dan Siegrist asked what is going to be done with the piles of dirt on the trail near the Fairview 2 parking area.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Jim Fry, Township Roadmaster, reported the following for the roadmaster:

In March the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Treated icy spots on 3/2 and 3/3;
- Trimmed trees and/or removed trees, Byerland Church, Clearfield and Hollow Roads, above the 272 tunnels also along the trail and Quarry Ridge area;
- Skin patched, Byerland Church Road, Penny Road, started Schoolhouse Road and patched spots on Pennsy, Apache and Sawmill Roads;
- Dragged the trail to make it smooth.
- Shop work- placed light bar on the F-250 and made a new device to drag the trail; and
- Held a safety meeting on 3/31, topic was "Flagger Training". We hosted the training class which was conducted by LTAP. Crews from other townships also attended.

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

- Continue with skin patching- Schoolhouse Road, Truce Road edge repair, Pennsy Road edge repair and other areas as needed;
- Rubber cracks on Truce Road and lateral cracks on Schoolhouse Road;
- Clean out pipes using the backhoe- Mt Airy, Pennsy, Radcliff, Sigman and Snyder Hollow Roads;
- Start mowing office area and parks.

Mr. Fry announced that the Esh Road Bridge Replacement project will begin on Thursday, April 8. The project is expected to take a month to complete.

Mr. Schroeder thanked the roadmaster for managing the road crew's overtime and the road budget.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Goslin announced that the parks/recreation committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021 has been cancelled. The next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion regarding the trail property between Truce Road and Sawmill Road, the supervisors directed the manager to contact the surveyor to firm up his estimate for pinning the property boundaries in this area. The manager was to get a quote that includes marking the property boundaries along the trail on the south side of Truce Road and at the concrete plant on Church Street in Quarryville.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the completion of the pedestrian bridge paint repairs, Mr. Goslin and Mrs. Crossen agreed that the extended warranty of 36 months is acceptable and the construction project can be closed out. Mr. Schroeder asked that the minutes reflect that in Mr. Schroeder's opinion, DM Coatings and Kinsley Construction have not provided the sufficient information to the township at this time to close out the project. Mr. Schroeder feels that this issue may affect future dealings with the township for these contractors.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated that for ease of access the road crew plans to install a metal gate at the Fairview 1 Trailhead. The supervisors were in agreement.
- Mr. Goslin introduced the idea of creating a survey for the election polls and/or to include in the township newsletter to survey tax payers regarding horseback riding on the trail. Mr. Schroeder asked how you would deal with several people in the same household if they only receive one newsletter. Mr. Goslin stated he is sensitive to the position of the residents. He stated he feels the supervisors have done their due diligence, but it never seems to be enough. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, the public made the following comments:
 - Warren Walter stated he has recent pictures to show with horse damage and manure near Fairview 1.
 - Laurie Siegrist told the supervisors it is time to make a decision on this matter. She stated that horses will destroy the trail. She asked how a horseback rider is to know when to ride, how long must they wait after a rain event.
 - Dan Siegrist stated that even now, you can see human shoe prints in the surface. A horse will destroy the surface. He asked if any of the supervisors have listed the pros and cons of horse usage on the trail. He asked Mr. Goslin and Mr. Schroeder why they insist on having horses when it is so apparent the taxpayers do not want to see horse use on the trail.
- At this time, Mrs. Crossen stated she has listed the pros and cons of horseback riding on the trail. She stated she would love to have a trail for horseback riding as well as ATVs. She stated there is not enough room on the trail to accommodate all uses. Mrs. Crossen made a motion to oppose horse usage on the trail. Following more discussion, Mr. Goslin seconded the motion. The motion passed with two favorable votes, Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Goslin stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May. The actual date is uncertain due to primary election day. At the March meeting, State Representative Bryan Cutler was in attendance to give updates on various topics to the council. He spoke about covid vaccinations and the high percentage of bi-partisan bills that have been put forth to the governor with record numbers being vetoed by the governor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Eldridge gave a brief update on the Radcliff Road Bridge. Pequea Township has decided they do not want to have the bridge repaired. They will give Providence Township the bridge if Providence wants to repair the bridge. Pequea is in favor of removing the bridge. They will be open to discussion to remove the bridge if that is the path Providence Township wishes to explore. At this time the supervisors asked the manager to see if there is grant money available to remove the bridge. The manager was also asked to contact the Glick's to have them enter back into these discussions.
- Following discussions regarding the purchase of a vehicle for use by the township office staff, Mr. Schroeder said he will not support a purchase that exceeds the budgeted amount of \$7,000. Mrs. Crossen stated that the money that was reimbursed from the Covid Cares Act could be used for a vehicle purchase. She stated that the new funding we are to receive from the stimulus package could be used to give additional contributions to the fire companies. The manager was directed to look at the Federal Surplus Store to see if any vehicles are available.
- Following discussion regarding distributing the Covid Cares Act monies that were reimbursed to the township, the supervisors asked the manager to reach out to the fire companies, the food bank and LEMSA for financial statements. The supervisors would like to review the financial statements prior to giving additional donations.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated our IT Company is attempting to get a livestreaming system that we can demo before purchasing any other equipment.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the stormwater BMP inspections and the stormwater maintenance fund, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to approve Resolution No. 21-07 establishing a periodic inspection schedule and policy for determining payments to the Providence Township Stormwater Maintenance Fund for privately owned and maintained stormwater management facilities. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Goslin announced that a zoning workshop will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, April 13th from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise for bids on seal coat, chip seal and asphalt in place. Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the May 3, 2021 meeting.
- Mrs. Crossen announced that the township will hold woody yard waste collection days for township residents on Saturday, April 17 and Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Only woody yard waste will be accepted. No hardscaping materials, grasses or leaves will be accepted.

- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the township manager to submit a request to Quarryville Borough for the services of the Quarryville Fire Company Fire Police at the Suicide Awareness Benefit Ride, organized by William and Julia Trout on June 12, 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.
- The supervisors tabled any action on the request from Manheim Township to develop a countywide health department.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner completed 1 perc and probe test, issued 1 sewage permit and completed 4 holding tank inspections with a total of \$500.00 remitted to the township for the month of March.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$105,414.58 were recorded in the month of March.
- Liquid Fuels funds in the amount of \$248,863.42 (\$4,068.00 more than estimated) and turn back funds in the amount of \$46,960 were received in March.

ZONING REPORT

- **Elam J Esch Stormwater Management Plan, PT-305SWM-21, 112 Pennsy Road:** The plan proposes a second driveway. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to grant a waiver of SWMO Section 3.02.A.2.c, Loading Ratios. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J Pepper Goslin Jr, Planning Module, 64 Snyder Hollow Road:** The module for J Pepper Goslin Jr has been reviewed by the township engineer and may be adopted. Mr. Goslin recused himself from this discussion. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the completion of the planning module, adopt the module with Resolution No. 21-06 and forward the module on to DEP for final approval. The motion carried with two favorable votes, Mr. Goslin was recused.
- **Tamarack/Spread Eagle Village Final Land Development Plan, PT-281FP-20, Lancaster Pike North:** Request for extension of time to complete compliance with the conditions of the approval of the plan for another 90 days. This would give until July 6, 2021 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 90 days for the completion of the compliance of all conditions for the Tamarack/Spread Eagle Village Land Development Plan, PT-281FP-20, Lancaster Pike North. This would give until July 6, 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 9:23 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