

# 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 3, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, May 3, 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 eleven (11) 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.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the April 5, 2021 board of supervisors meeting as presented. Mrs. Crossen 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, April 29, 2021. The roadmaster and township manager opened the bids at that time.

- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the seal coat bid to the highest bidder, Russell Standard Corporation in the amount of \$36,111.83. Following a brief discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the chip seal bid to the highest bidder, AMS in the amount of \$7,000.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the paving bid to the lowest bidder, Pennsy Supply, in the amount of \$167,301.12. Following a brief discussion of issues the township has had with Pennsy Supply in the past, the motion was carried unanimously. Merv Conrad asked where the paving will occur.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to ratify the payment of April bills in the amount of \$61,921.03 from the general fund and \$6,501.49 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- Mr. Schroeder had a question regarding the ordinance violations received from the district justice and also questioned the income shown in the community event fund. Mr. Goslin stated that during the COVID crisis we have limited spending which has kept our budget in good standing.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- John Yurejefcic asked the supervisors to allow an easement on the township property for access to a landlocked parcel of land he owns between Fairview Road and Cinder Road.
- Merv Conrad thanked Mr. Goslin and Mrs. Crossen for listening to the residents and banning horse use on the trail.
- Bill McFalls asked what decision had been made about the stormwater issues between his property and a neighbor's property.
- David Beiler thanked the supervisors for all the work they do.
- Daniel Glick asked to have a resolution for the Radcliff Road Bridge.

### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

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

In April the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Skin Patched, Schoolhouse, Penny, Pennsy East and Good Road;
- Skin Patched edges and repairs on Cinder, Byerland Church and Pennsy Road;
- Leveled fill piles along the Trail and placed topsoil;
- Cleaned out pipes, Pennsy, Radcliff, Good, Mt Airy, Scott, Ridge and Snyder Hollow Road;
- Finished access road off of Church Street placed stone and graded;
- Base repair on Sigman and Clearfield Road; and
- Held a safety meeting on 4/29, topic was Safety Issues We May See Here at the Township.

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

- The main focus will be Esh Road pipe repair;
- Finish rubbering Truce Road and rubber lateral cracks on Schoolhouse Road;
- Place a gate at Fairview #1 parking area for access for township vehicles; and
- Start mowing road banks.

Mr. Goslin asked the roadmaster what safety issues were discussed at the safety meeting. He also asked when Esh Road Bridge was or will be started.

Mr. Schroeder asked the roadmaster if the list of equipment he composed for possible purchase with the COVID monies was complete. Mr. Schroeder asked if the road crew assisted in developing the list of items requested. Mr. Schroeder thanked the roadmaster for managing the crew well.

### **PARKS/RECREATION REPORT**

- Mr. Goslin announced that the parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- The supervisors agreed to move ahead with having the trail property markers pinned between Sawmill Road and Truce Road (along the entire Henry and Menno Esch Farms, north and south sides of Truce Road) and Church Street near the concrete plant.
- Following discussions regarding have 14 trees taken down along the trail near the Fairview 1 Trailhead, Mr. Schroeder asked that the roadmaster have Mt. Airy Lumber visit the site to see if there is value in the trees to be felled. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to award the tree felling contract to Johnson Tree Service in the amount of \$2,400.00. A contract is to be completed before any work begins. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Mr. Goslin asked about the fencing installation at the Church Street overpass. The supervisors directed this work to be completed as soon as possible.

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

- Mr. Goslin stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Schroeder asked Mr. Goslin to get an update on Penn Medicine's Case Study Project which was to explore the possibility of providing a medical facility to the southern end. This study had been put on hold last year due to Covid.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Eldridge gave a brief update on the Radcliff Road Bridge. Mr. Goslin read a letter from Pequea Township stating that they are willing to give their ownership of the bridge to Providence Township. Mr. Daniel Glick and Mr. Eli Glick were in attendance. They are willing to take ownership of the bridge and keep the debris cleaned from the bridge. Following a discussion, the supervisors directed the Glick's to have their attorney work with the solicitors of Providence and Pequea Townships to come to a resolution.
- Following discussion regarding the use of the \$45,000 that was reimbursed from the COVID Cares Act, Mr. Schroeder suggested that we purchase everything that was listed by the road crew that is needed now and make the equipment repairs that were also included on the list. The total of the purchases and repairs is approximately \$37,122. The remaining funds can be used to have the township windows cleaned and the survey pinning completed on the trail. Mrs. Crossen and Mr. Goslin agreed with these repairs and purchases. Mrs. Crossen asked that the remaining funds be applied to a vehicle for the staff. Mr. Goslin agreed. Mr. Schroeder stated he will not support the purchase of an additional vehicle.
- Following a brief discussion, the supervisors agreed that they are not interested in supporting a county wide health department. They feel the county currently has adequate coverage to handle health emergencies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Goslin announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in honor of Memorial Day.
- Mr. Goslin announced the zoning workshop will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Any discussion items should be forwarded to the zoning officer.
- Mr. Goslin announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced the township will hold a woody yard waste collection day for the township residents on Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Only wood yard waste is accepted. No hardscaping materials, grasses or leaves will be accepted.
- Mr. Goslin reminded everyone to vote on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

### **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner completed 1 perc and probe test, issued 2 sewage permits and completed 1 holding tank inspection with a total of \$500.00 remitted to the township for the month of April.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **Secretary:**

- Receipts totaling \$16,760.58 were recorded in the month of April.

- Mrs. Eldridge stated that our business insurance renewal was reduced this year by about \$5,000 compared to 2020.

## **ZONING REPORT**

- **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 August 2, 2021. This extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.
- **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 August 2, 2021. This extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.

At this time, Mr. Goslin recused himself from the discussions regarding the J Pepper Goslin LLC Storm Water Management Plan, Extension of time and the J Pepper Goslin Lot Add-On Plan, PT-302LAO-21, 47 Snyder Hollow Road.

- **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 August 23, 2021. This extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.
- **Benuel King Final Land Development Plan, PT-299FP-20, Lancaster Pike:** 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 August 30, 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 Benuel King Final Land Development Plan, PT-299FP-20, Lancaster Pike. This would give until August 30, 2021 to record the plan. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J Pepper Goslin Lot Add-On Plan, PT-302LAO-21, 47 Snyder Hollow Road:** 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 August 30, 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 J Pepper Goslin Lot Add-On Plan, PT-302LAO-21, 47 Snyder Hollow Road. This would give until August 30, 2021 to record the plan. The motion was carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Goslin recused himself.
- **John Glick Final Subdivision Plan, PT-304FP-21, 161 Buck Heights Road:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors or Designee to take action on the John Glick Final Subdivision Plan for an additional ninety (90) days until August 16, 2021. This extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.

- **Enforcement Notice, Benuel S and Rachel Mae Beiler, 109 Lancaster Pk., North:** There is parking of unlicensed and/or uninspected vehicles or trailers on the property. The unlicensed and uninspected vehicle must be operable and may not have wheels or substantial parts removed. *Compliance Date: August 10, 2020.* Spoke to Randy Gochnauer (tenant) on July 16, 2020. Mr. Gochnauer requested permit applications for a storage building for the project vehicles, emailed permit applications. Township Solicitor, Mel Newcomer sent a letter on October 5, 2020. Applications were received on October 6, 2020 and after discussion with Mr. Gochnauer the permits were approved on October 19, 2020 and the applicant was notified the cost for issuance of the permits. Under 705.4 Time Limit for Application: An application for a permit for any proposed work shall be deemed to have been abandoned six (6) months after the date of filing. There is still parking of unlicensed and/or uninspected vehicles on the property. Following discussion, the supervisors authorized the zoning officer to issue another enforcement notice for the property.
- **Enforcement Notice, John G and Ruth S Beiler, 1063 Rawlinsville Road:** A greenhouse structure and a horse barn were constructed on the property without a storm water management permit or zoning permits. Compliance Date: November 25, 2020. Mr. Beiler is working with TeamAg Inc. for a storm water management plan. I received an email from Randy Hoover, TeamAg Inc., that Mr. Beiler signed a contract for a stormwater design and the project is in the survey queue. I received an email from TeamAg Inc. that Mr. Beiler is no longer working with them. I left two messages for Mr. Beiler to contact me. Mr. Beiler contacted me and said he is working with Dave Starr, was not sure what firm he works with. David Starr contacted me on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and emailed a Stormwater Management Plan that does not meet the submittal requirement of having a signature and seal of a Qualified Person. I emailed Mr. Starr for more information and he stated one of our engineer associates will be signing and sealing. The supervisors agreed to give Mr. Beiler until May 25, 2021 to submit a stormwater management plan to the township that meets the township's submittal requirements. If an adequate plan is not received by May 25, 2021, further legal action will be taken on Mr. Beiler.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- At approximately 9:13 p.m., Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 9:58 p.m., Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to exit the executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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J. Pepper Goslin, Chairman

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John E. Schroeder, Vice Chairman

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Lori L. Crossen, Member