

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 **November 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member Lori Crossen, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer and six (6) observers.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goslin at 7:00 P.M. Chairman Goslin offered prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 3, 2022, supervisors meeting as presented. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 5, 2022, budget workshop as presented. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the October 26, 2022, budget workshop as presented. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the minutes. Mr. Schroeder had a question regarding the third item under "New Business" which dealt with hiring a fifth road crew member. Mr. Goslin directed the township manager to listen to the recording of the meeting to verify Mr. Schroeder's concern. At this time, Mr. Goslin withdrew the motion. These minutes will be discussed and approved at the December supervisors meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to ratify the payment of October bills in the amount of \$173,206.25 from the general fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Goslin asked when the next earned income tax installment will be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kevin Rausch of 13 Apache Lane was in attendance to request permission to install a second driveway on his property. This item was to be discussed in the zoning report. The supervisors proceeded to discuss his request at this time. Mr. Rausch received zoning, stormwater and building permits on May 17, 2022, for a bank barn, parking area and driveway. The plot plan showed a second driveway. The driveway location has changed slightly. Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to grant a waiver of Section 6.B of the driveway ordinance to allow a second driveway at 13 Apache Lane. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Merv Conrad expressed his appreciation to the supervisors for closing the township offices in honor of Veterans Day.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Vicki Eldridge, Township Manager, reported the following for the roadmaster. In October, the road crew worked on the following:

- Finished road bank mowing.
- Paved swales, cutout and repaired two trouble areas.
- Long's Asphalt paved over new culvert on Pennsy Road, paved area on West Pennsy Road and paved a broken area at the dead end of Scott Road.
- Rubber sealed pavement joints.
- Met with landowners about ongoing bamboo issues throughout the township.

In November, the crew will work on sight distance issues at Henry Drive and Truce Road; pave a swale in the 400 block of Pennsy Road; mill and repair the lane on Truce Road down to Main Street; clean shoulders to avoid ice ponding, prepare equipment for winter weather and complete regular equipment maintenance as time allows. This month safety meeting will be on hazards of winter.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Goslin announced the next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- Carey Kalupson has cut all the sections and pieces for the kiosk and it is ready for installation at the Groff Trailhead.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Goslin announced the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Eldridge stated that she has contacted Kara Kalupson (Planning Commission), Al Warfel, (Zoning Hearing Board) and David Beiler (Zoning Hearing Board) about reappointments for 2023. They are all interested in serving in the same capacity in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Goslin announced tomorrow is Election Day. Please remember to vote. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced the December board of supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Mr. Goslin announced the township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 10th in honor of Veterans Day and Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving Day.
- Mr. Goslin announced the budget workshop scheduled for November 16 has been cancelled. The proposed 2023 budget has been completed.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise the proposed 2023 budget. The budget will be available for public inspection beginning Monday, November 14, 2022, until its adoption at the December 12, 2022, board of supervisors meeting. Following discussion, the motion passed with two favorable votes. Mr. Schroeder opposed the motion stating that he objects to the hiring of a fifth road crew member and will not vote for the budget that includes costs associated with such hiring.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to advertise for the sale of the 1999 International Dump Truck. This truck will be sold on the Municibid Website. The sale will be awarded at the January 3, 2023, board of supervisors meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to adopt Resolution No. 22-09, to implement Act 57 of 2022 requiring the waiver of certain additional real estate taxes. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to adopt Resolution No. 22-10, appointing Maher Duessel as the certified public accounting firm for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to adopt Resolution No. 22-11, to establish tax millage rate of 0.381 mills for real property within the Township of Providence subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2023. The tax rate remains the same as 2022. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to advertise for the 2023 Board of Supervisors Meetings to be held on the following dates: January 3 (Organizational), February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 11. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to advertise for the 2023 Elected Auditors Organizational Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner completed 5 perc and probe tests and issued 3 sewage permits with \$1,200.00 submitted to the township for the month of October.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$79,126.07 were recorded in the month of October.
- All haulers, mobile home park and junk yard license renewals have been mailed.
- Firemen's Relief and Municipal Pension Aid have been received from the Auditor General's Office and distributed accordingly.

ZONING REPORT

- **J.L. Swope Construction, Escrow Release, 2 Country Lane:** The original escrow amount was \$8,989.09. The last reduction was on September 13, 2021. Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC performed a site inspection on October 26, 2022. The recommendation per the review letter dated October 28, 2022, is to release the remaining escrow in the amount of \$817.19. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to release the storm water escrow of \$817.19 for J.L. Swope Construction for 2 Country Lane. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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