

# PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori L. Crossen • John E. Schroeder • J. Pepper Goslin

Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



## **ZONING WORKSHOP** **February 27, 2023**

The Providence Township Board of Supervisors held a zoning workshop in the township municipal office on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Lori Crossen, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member J. Pepper Goslin, Township Zoning Officer Heidi Martinez, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge, and two (2) observers. Mark Deimler, Township Engineer joined the meeting by telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Crossen at 7:00 P.M followed by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **BID AWARD**

- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the bid for the purchase of a Model Year 2021 John Deere 5100E Utility Tractor with an Alamo 74" right wing mower and an Alamo 88" rear mower to the lowest bidder, Atlantic Tractor, in the amount of \$115,075.67. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to enter into a lease with Municipal Capital for the purchase of the John Deere Tractor and Alamo Mowers at a rate of 4.75%. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- At this time, there was no public comment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Martinez reviewed the 2022 zoning summary.
- Mrs. Martinez reviewed the current zoning hearing board fees. Following a brief description, the supervisors asked to follow up with a review of the zoning hearing board fees at the next zoning workshop.
- Following a discussion regarding short term rentals/vacation rentals, the supervisors directed the zoning officer to work with Mr. Deimler to draft language on this topic that can be reviewed at the next workshop. Among the items discussed is a concern for safety measures, and which zoning districts would be appropriate to allow this use. Mrs. Crossen feels that the township should investigate a long-term rental ordinance to protect renters within the township. Mr. Schroeder shared his concern for adjacent neighbors that be affected by this use as well.
- Following a discussion on tiny homes, the supervisors agreed to table this topic until such time as the building code catches up to the current trend. Mrs. Martinez stated that the zoning ordinance requires a minimum habitable area of 600 square feet and HUD requires a

minimum habitable area of 525 square feet. Mr. Deimler explained that even though these improvements are "tiny homes", sewage planning is required. Betsy Barbour and Natasha Johnson had comments regarding the tiny home community in which they reside, and both had general comments regarding the tiny home industry.

- Following discussion regarding the Noncommercial Keeping of Livestock, the supervisors agreed to make no changes to this section of the zoning ordinance.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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Lori L. Crossen, Chairman

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John E. Schroeder, Vice Chairman

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J. Pepper Goslin, Member