

# 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.



## **SUPERVISORS MEETING** **March 6, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Lori L. Crossen, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member J. Pepper Goslin, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer and eleven (11) observers.

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

### **BID AWARD**

Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the sale of the Bobcat Ingersoll-Rand Sweepster 5 foot pick up broom to the highest bidder, Harry Styer of American Demolition Corp in the amount of \$2,050.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Crossen explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the February 6, 2023, supervisors meeting as presented. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Crossen explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the February 27, 2023, zoning workshop as presented. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

Jim Grube, Township Roadmaster, reported during the month of February, the road crew worked on the following:

- Trimmed trees on Woods Drive, Snyder Hollow, Smithville and Pennsy Roads.
- We took delivery of our new dump truck on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Spent hours marking PA-1 calls in developments for fiber optic installs by Frontier Communications.

During the month of March, we will continue tree trimming on Pennsy Road on the west side, Schoolhouse Road and Cinder Roads. Road patching will be beginning towards the end of the month. The new mowing tractor will be delivered on March 7. March's safety meeting will be on roadside mowing safety.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.

- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to ratify the payment of February bills in the amount of \$72,665.33 from the general fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

- At this time there were no comments regarding the budget.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ron Munro had questions regarding payment for a tax collector bond.
- John Beiler had questions regarding constructing a high tunnel structure on his property.
- Brent Siegrist questioned the GIS software mentioned on the agenda. He asked if private wells and septic systems would be located on this software.
- Michael Roth had questions regarding on street parking in the Highland Heights Development.

### **PARKS/RECREATION REPORT**

- Mrs. Crossen announced the next parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen gave an update on the Quarryville Borough Police patrol of the Fairview 1 Parking Area. There have been 3 drug arrests.

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

- Mr. Crossen announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office. Mr. Goslin is not able to attend. Mrs. Crossen will try to attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the a kick off meeting was held on February 21 for the Radcliff Road Demolition Project. Providence and Pequea Townships are working with American Rivers, a private foundation to obtain grants to bring this project to completion. The PA Fish and Boat Commission is interested in constructing a paddling launch in this area as well. West Willow and Willow Street Fire Companies will be contacted to see if they still need to draft in this area. If they do wish to draft here, the paddling launch would not be feasible due to parking constraints.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Crossen announced LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to advertise for the sale of the New Holland Tractor and Ferri Mower on the Municibid Website. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise for bids on equipment rental. Bids will be opened on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the April 3, 2023, board of supervisors meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following discussion regarding entering into a data sharing agreement with the County of Lancaster for the use of a free GIS tool and the Lancaster County Wide Water and Sewer Mappings, the supervisors tabled this item until the solicitor has reviewed the agreement. The township manager was also directed to find out if this mapping is just for public water and sewer or if privately owned systems would be mapped as well.

## **SEWAGE OFFICER**

- Marvin Stoner did not issue any sewage permits or complete any perc and probe tests for the month of February.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated that effective March 1, 2023, Mr. Stoner has resigned his SEO position with Providence Township. Following a discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to appoint Mark Deimler as the township sewage enforcement officer. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Goslin offered appreciation to Mr. Stoner for all the years he has dedicated to Providence Township. The supervisors agreed to dedicate a page in the township minute book to Mr. Stoner. Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to adopt Resolution No. 23-03, modifying the fees associated with sewage within the township. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **Secretary:**

- Receipts totaling \$206,294.98 were recorded in the month of February.

## **ZONING REPORT**

- **Christ Fisher, 312 Sawmill Road, PT-326SWM-22, Escrow Reduction:** The original escrow amount was \$52,866.28. Solanco Engineering Associates LLC submitted a review letter dated February 16, 2023, for an escrow reduction request. The site was previously inspected on January 13, 2023, and January 16, 2023. The recommendation per the review letter is to reduce the escrow by \$20,698.15 and establish the new amount of \$32,168.13. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to reduce the escrow by \$20,698.15 and establish the new amount equal to \$32,168.13 for Christ Fisher, PT-326SWM-22, 312 Sawmill Road. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **John M Esh Final Subdivision Plan, PT-328FP-23, 122 Krantz Mill Road:** The plan is to subdivide the property into three (3) lots and build on the one (1) lot. Craig Williams of Strausser Engineering was in attendance to discuss the plan. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to conditionally approve the John M Esh Final Subdivision Plan subject to the review comments contained within the January 23, 2023, Solanco Engineering Associates review letter and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **John M Esh DEP Planning Module Component 4A, 122 Krantz Mill Road:** The module for John M Esh has been reviewed by the township engineer and may be adopted. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the completion of the planning module, adopt the module with Resolution 23-04 and forward the module onto DEP for final approval. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Enforcement Notice, David Fisher Beiler, 555 Snyder Hollow Road:** An enforcement notice was issued on December 13, 2022, for more than twelve (12) group 1 animals (chickens) on the property that is one (1) acre. Group 1 animals are permitted at an animal density of twelve (12) per acre for lots having a minimum lot area of one acre or more. Compliance Date: January 12, 2023. Following discussion, the board directed Mr. Newcomer to write a letter to Mr. Beiler in regard to this matter.
- **Enforcement Notice, John E and Naomi S Stoltzfus, 541 Cinder Road:** An enforcement notice was issued on February 1, 2023, for a greenhouse constructed on the property without permits. Compliance Date: March 3, 2023. Received phone call from Aaron Stoltzfus (brother) on March 2, 2023, emailed information to Mr. Stoltzfus and he asked for more time. The board agreed to extend the compliance date until April 3, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 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