

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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



SUPERVISORS MEETING **April 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Lori L. Crossen, Vice Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Member John Schroeder, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge 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.

2023 AUDIT REVIEW

- Sara Brenneman of Maher Duessel gave a brief presentation regarding our 2023 audit.

Mrs. Crossen explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the March 4, 2024, supervisors' meeting as presented. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

BID AWARDS

- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to award the sale of the 2004 John Deer 310SG Backhoe to the highest bidder, Charles Grimmel in the amount of \$19,600.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to award the sale of the Power Pruner Extendable Pole Saw to the highest bidder, George Patsios, Inc., in the amount of \$340.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to award the equipment rental bid to the only bidder, Long's Asphalt, Inc., in the amount \$233,535.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion to award the installation of paving fabric to the only bidder, American Paving Fabrics, Inc. in the amount of \$91,455.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to ratify the payment of the March bills in the amount of \$230,274.80 from the general fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Goslin stated tax revenues are higher than anticipated so far this year. There were no other comments regarding the budget at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sis Conrad stated her appreciation to the board for keeping property taxes lower than other areas near Providence Township.
- Chris Waite, a Quarryville Library Representative gave the supervisor library information. The supervisors questioned Mr. Waite about library policies.
- Don Rinier expressed concerns over the intersection of Route 272 and Schoolhouse Road.
- Henry Esch had concerns regarding fence setbacks for pastures.
- Jonas Esch had concerns regarding fencing of a farm property.
- Aaron Esch had questions about maintaining ground near a fence.

ROADMASTER REPORT

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

- Removed two locust trees on trail property that were leaning over Cinder Road
- Trimmed trees on Church and Cinder Roads
- Removed tree from trail property that fell onto private property.
- Skin patched spots on Mt. Hope School, Sigman, Snyder Hollow, Hollow, Hopkins Mill and Sawmill Roads
- Cleaned out bio-mass boiler and mechanical room.
- Serviced equipment on rain days
- Advertised and showed surplus equipment for sale.
- Attended Arborist conference for ISA and spray CEU's.

During the month of April, the following work is planned:

- Continue skin patching.
- Crack sealing.
- Secure wing wall at Hollow and Woods that was damaged over winter.
- Tree trimming when roads are too wet for patching.
- Screen woodchips for heat.
- Update signs needing replacement.
- Safety meeting on road mowing

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- The parks and recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9 , 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to apply to the Quarryville Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a use variance to allow for the Mountain Bike Park on part of the trail property. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated that she and the roadmaster plan to develop rules regarding trees located on the trail and on properties adjoining the trail.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to advertise for a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, to consider the addition of lands to be added to the Providence Township Agricultural Security Area. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following discussion regarding tax credits for volunteer firemen residing in Providence Township, the board directed the township manager to reach out to all the fire companies serving the township to verify that the points system being considered is acceptable to all the companies.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Crossen announced a zoning workshop will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen announced LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Crossen announced the township will hold woody yard waste collection days for township residents on Saturday, April 13th and Saturday, May 11th from 8 a.m. to noon. Only woody yard waste is accepted. No hardscaping materials, grasses or leaves will be accepted.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to request fire police services from Refton and Quarryville Fire Companies for Suicide Awareness Benefit Motorcycle Ride to be held on June 8, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to authorize the township manager to send a letter of support to the Quarryville Fire Company for its application for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to advertise for bids for sealcoat, and chip seal. Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the May 6, 2024, board of supervisors meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Crossen recognized the Willow Street Fire Company's 100th Anniversary and offered congratulations from the board.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to appoint Mark Deimler as Zoning Officer and Peter Kingsley as Building Code Official effective April 15, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At this time, Mr. Goslin clarified that an article, written by Rep. Cutler, in the current issue of the Providence Township Patriot should in no way indicate that Providence Township is giving any endorsement to Rep. Cutler. From time to time our local legislators have included articles in the newsletter and this just happens to be one of those times.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Mark Deimler issued 1 sewage permit and completed 3 perc and probe tests with a total of \$1,615.00 remitted to the township for the month of March.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$67,254.31 were recorded in the month of March.

ZONING REPORT

- **Subdivision Escrow:** BB'S Grocery Outlet- \$1,600.00. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to release subdivision escrow in the total amount of \$1,600.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **BB’S Warehouse Expansion Plan, PT-33FP-23, Camargo Road, Stormwater Escrow:** The property owner, B&E Property Management, LTD submitted a check in the amount of \$268,593.20 on March 14, 2024, for the stormwater escrow. The property owner has received a letter of credit No. 711724 from Ephrata National Bank on March 26, 2024, for the site improvements for the BB’s Warehouse Expansion in the total amount of \$268,593.20. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to replace the check payment of \$268,593.20 for the stormwater escrow and accept letter of credit No. 711724 from Ephrata National Bank for the site improvements for the BB’s Warehouse Expansion in the total amount of \$268,593.20. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Jacob Omar and Kathryn F Allgyer, 834 Truce Road, Enforcement Notice:** An enforcement notice was issued on February 20, 2024, for alterations to the dwelling without permits. A building permit application was mailed to the property owners on February 28, 2024. No further contact from the property owner. The board authorized Mr. Newcomer to forward a letter to the property owner.
- **Heavy Seas Rentals LLC, 548 Lancaster Pike, Enforcement Notice:** An enforcement notice was issued on February 20, 2024, for installation of a sign on the property without permits. No contact from the property owner. The board authorized Mr. Newcomer to forward a letter to the property owner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At approximately 8:11 p.m., Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 8:33 p.m., Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to exit the Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

Lori L. Crossen, Chairman

J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman

John E. Schroeder, Member