

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John E. Schroeder • Lori L. Crossen • 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 **February 3, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman Lori L. Crossen, and Member J. Pepper Goslin, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge and twenty-two (22) observers.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

At this time, Mr. Schroeder turned the meeting over to Mr. Newcomer to conduct the public hearing. Mr. Newcomer announced that this is the time and place that had been advertised to conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance of Providence Township increasing the annual compensation of the supervisors of Providence Township. This hearing was advertised on January 24, 2025. There were no public comments at this time. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to adopt Providence Township Ordinance No. 25-01, increasing the annual compensation of the supervisors of Providence Township. The motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

At this time, members of the Quarryville Volunteer Fire Company gave a presentation to the board to share the financial condition of the fire company.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the January 6, 2025, supervisors' meeting as presented. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, to ratify the payment of the January bills in the amount of \$149,647.57 from the general fund and \$13,016.23 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- There were no comments regarding the budget at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Merv Conrad asked why the Chairperson of the Board was changed.
- Jim Stack had questions about the benefits the supervisors receive.

ROADMASTER REPORT

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

- 8 winter weather events that required salting and/or plowing
- Equipment cleaning from storms
- Finished sign retro-reflectivity inventory
- Installed snow fence and no trespass signs at bike park
- Serviced Truck T-1,T-3,T-5,T-6 and T-9 also E-10 and E-8
- Trimmed trees Henry Drive, Schoolhouse and Snyder Hollow Roads
- Attended SW meeting at Farm and Home Center

During the month of February the following work is planned:

- Continue tree trimming on roads to be sealcoated
- Equipment servicing as weather dictates
- Bridge inspection meeting February 19
- Safety meeting on Chainsaw Safety and pruning practices

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- The parks and recreation committee meeting will not meet until March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- There was no Quarryville Police Report at this time.
- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, to ratify the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Bart Township, Eden Township and Providence Township concerning the construction and maintenance of stormwater facilities on the portion of the Enola Low Grade Tail located in Bart Township, Eden Township and Quarryville Borough. This MOU was previously approved under the stormwater management plan that was executed earlier in the project. The motion was carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Crossen asked if the speed study request was passed on to PennDOT for the Devon Smoker property on Clearfield Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 in celebration of Presidents Day.
- Mrs. Crossen announced LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to apply for the PennDOT Greenlight Go Grant to update the traffic signal sequencing at Truce Road and Route 272. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, to authorize the township manager to request the use of the Quarryville Fire Company Fire Police to direct traffic at the Annual Conrad Easter Egg Hunt to be held at 106 Main Street, New Providence, PA on April 12, 2025, with a rain date of April 19, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a discussion regarding the National Night Out Celebration on August 5, 2025, the supervisors agreed to continue this event.
- Following discussions regarding the purchase of a generator for the township facility, the board asked for more information.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Mark Deimler did not complete any sewage work in the township for the month of January.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$63,456.08 were recorded in January.
- Maher Duessel has completed the 2024 audit with no findings to date.
- All mandatory forms and reports, including liquid fuels usage report, survey of financial condition and report of elected and appointed officials have been completed and filed with the state.

ZONING REPORT

- There was no zoning business to discuss at this time.
- Following discussion regarding the zoning hearing board request of Lancaster County Motors (Providence Autos), Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to voice the Board of Supervisors' opposition to the request for a front yard setback at the property located at 804 Lancaster Pike. The motion carried with two agreeable votes. Mrs. Crossen opposed the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was carried unanimously.

At approximately 8:47 p.m., Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, to come out of Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

John E. Schroeder, Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Vice Chairman

J. Pepper Goslin, Member