

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 **September 14, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Member Lori Crossen, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge and eleven (11) 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.

PRESENTATION

- Rawlinsville Fire Company members Troy Hatfield and Leon Smucker were in attendance to discuss the Company's proposed Quick Response Service for medical emergencies in their first due response area. They also discussed proposed changes to their run card dispatch system. Following this presentation, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the execution of an agreement between Rawlinsville Fire Company and Providence Township to allow the Rawlinsville Fire Company Quick Response Service to respond to calls in their first due area of Providence Township. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the proposed run card changes for Rawlinsville Fire Company's first due area in Providence Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the August 3, 2026, supervisors' meeting 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 carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the August 24, 2026, 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 carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to ratify the payment of the August bills in the amount of \$95,077.32 from the general fund and \$64,633.46 from the state fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Warren Walter asked if the township regulates door-to-door solicitation.

ROADMASTER REPORT

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

- Replaced 24" pipe on Cherokee Drive in Indian Hills Development
- Replaced 18" pipe on Smithville Road
- Replaced rotten retaining walls on 2 inlets on dead end of Sawmill Road
- Three after hours tree on road calls
- Continued road bank mowing with side mount mower
- Mowed edges of entire trail
- Cleaned inlets on Schoolhouse Road
- National Night Out prep and tear down
- Repaired sinkhole on Cornplanter Drive
- Serviced Chevy Equinox
- Weed eat at multiple intersections for sight distance
- Spray vegetation at guide rails
- Rustproofing on multiple vehicles

Road work scheduled for the month of September is as follows:

- Edge Repairs on Ridge, Mount Airy and Schoolhouse Roads
- Crack sealing of summer projects and next years sealcoat roads
- Replace 2-15" pipes on Evans Drive
- Safety meeting on Good Hygiene Habits at Work
- Cut shoulders in spots where water is ponding

Mr. Schroeder asked who is responsible for painting fire hydrants on Groffdale Road. Mrs. Eldridge will look in to this matter.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- The parks and recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following a lengthy discussion regarding the use of e-bikes/e-motorcycles on the Enola Low Grade Trail and in the Mountain Bike Park, the supervisors directed Mr. Newcomer to draft an ordinance to regulate type of e-bikes allowed on the trail and mountain bike park. The supervisors agreed that no electric bikes and/or motor bikes will be allowed in the mountain bike park. The only e-bike that will be authorized for use on the trail is Class 1 e-bikes (pedal assist, with no throttle).

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office. Mr. Goslin shared information regarding the necessary repairs on the Norman Wood Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to transact at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Following discussion regarding const sharing to update the Act 167 Plan of the Lancaster County Stormwater Management Plan, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to contribute \$800.00 towards the Lancaster County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan update. The motion carried unanimously.
- Following discussion regarding the 2027 New Year's Day Holiday, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the 2027 New Year's Day Holiday to be held on December 31, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder announced LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder announced the budget workshops will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.: September 23, September 30, October 7, October 14, and October 28.
- Mr. Schroeder announced the township will host woody yard waste collection dates for township residents from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, September 19th and Saturday, October 3. Only woody yard waste will be accepted. Grass clippings, leaves and hardscape items will not be accepted. The drop-off is limited to Providence Township Residents.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise the intent to appoint Maher Duessel as the certified public accounting firm to audit the accounts of Providence Township for 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- Following discussion regarding the next scheduled zoning workshop, the supervisors decided to cancel the October 26th zoning workshop due to scheduling conflicts.
- Mr. Schroeder announced Trick-Or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SEWAGE OFFICER:

- Mark Deimler reviewed and issued 2 sewage permits and completed 4 perc and probe tests with a total of \$4,892.50 remitted to the township for the month of August.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

SECRETARY: *Vicki Eldridge*

- Receipts totaling \$199,910.43 were recorded in August.
- The Municipal Minimum Obligation for our employee pension plan for 2026 is \$75,809.00.

ZONING REPORT

- **JKL Estates LLC** – Land Development/Stormwater Management Plan (PT-341FP-24) – Financial Security Reduction #1. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve a financial security reduction in the amount of **\$2,023,360.83** from the previous amount of **\$2,028,130.83** and establishing a new amount equal to **\$4,770.00** in accordance with Solanco Engineering's Financial Security Reduction Letter #1 of August 25, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Creekside Rain Garden Planting Substitutions** – Applicant wishes to utilize existing switchgrass within rain garden #5 (as shown on Land Development Plan) for better rainwater absorption as opposed to plantings shown on rain garden detail of recorded plan. Following discussion, the supervisors tabled their decision. They would like the township engineer to respond to this request in writing. This item will be acted on at the October board of supervisors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen, 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

J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Member