

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
October 8, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Dean A. Adam at 7:30 p.m. on October 8, 2019 in the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA.

A roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Dean A. Adam, Mark Wm. Stitzel and Lance N. Adam

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen R. Shollenberger, Esq. and Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer

Comments:

Matt Dempsey, Virginville Fire Company, highlighted a new procedure about the Township paying fire company bills and it interfering with their accounting practice. He stated it is a problem for them when bills are paid later due to only getting checks once a month. He would like the Township to consider an adjustment to the procedure.

Levan Martin, Virginville Fire Company, agrees and backs up what Mr. Dempsey stated.

Debbie Wahl, Ridge Road, thanked the Board for fixing the road.

Nancy James, Ridge Road, stated when there is a full meeting more chairs should be added and more copies made for residents if they want them. Chairman Adam added that copies can be shared to save on cost. Mrs. James also questioned who updates the Township Website. Some items on the site were not up to date.

Jeff Dreibelbis, Onyx Cave Road, questioned if there was an audit done at the Recreation Park. Chairman Adam informed him of an insurance audit that requested the grill and fan be removed from the concession stand, which has now been taken out. Mr. Dreibelbis questioned if the water was tested due to a sign at the spigot reading "do not drink water". He stated the sign cannot be read by a 5-year-old child and the water should be turned off.

Charlie Hoshauer, Shoemakersville Fire Company, informed the Board he agrees with Virginville Fire Company.

Approval of Minutes:

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Mark Wm Stitzel to approve the September 3rd Committee Meeting, September 10th Supervisors Meeting and the September 11th Recessed Meeting minutes. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report:

(See attached report)

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 1, 2019. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment:

(See attached list)

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Mark Wm. Stitzel to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Reports:

Dennis Huey, Recreation Board, stated there was no meeting last month.

Zoning Officer, Joseph H. Body reviewed the Zoning Report for September with the Board. He stated it was a busy month for permit; two new homes, deck, fences, at home salon, garages, pole barn's, and driveways. Valley West Industrial Park mowed their weeds and are up to date. Luisa Court has not mowed and a notice was sent a month ago. Joe Body requested the next step is to get the Solicitor involved.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, reviewed the Permit Activity Report and the Inspection Activity Report both from August 25, 2019 thru September 21, 2019. Mr. Fiant stated it was a slow month; one deck permit, one new construction and the warehouses.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission Chairman, stated the Board met on October 2, 2019. All members were present. The lot on Orchard Road was discussed. Joe Body discussed the Bent Limb Farm and the windmill they are proposing.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority, stated DEP was out today to give their approval. They still need to do the pressure and bacteria test at Core5. He stated it should be finished tomorrow. The Municipal Authority minutes dated August 14, 2019 were reviewed by the Board.

EMC, no representation.

Mark Wm. Stitzel, Roadmaster, stated the roadcrew is working on patching, shoulder work and road signs. He will be discussing with Allen Shollenberger road name updates for the speed limit ordinance. Mr. Shollenberger will review the ordinance.

JB Environmental Services report for September 2019 was reviewed by the Board.

Joseph H. Body, Engineer, submitted to the Board his letter of recommendation for the HCP Lot 3 reduction for the Line of Credit. Mr. Body recommends releasing \$107,543.03 which leaves \$106,857.22 to keep for approximately another 18 months of work that needs to be completed. He informed the Board basin 3 between the building and Logistics Drive wasn't draining and eventually needed to be fixed. This could be a potential problem since it is still retaining. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance A. Adam to approve the reduction of One Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Three Cents (\$107,543.03) for HCP Lot 3 Line of Credit. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Mr. Body presented his recommendation for HCP infrastructure Line of Credit to be reduced. The work is for sewer, basins, and general work to the project but it is not 100% complete. However, Mr. Body does recommend the Line of Credit be reduced by \$387,972.51, which leaves \$514,143.31. Dean A. Adam questioned the basin not doing well. Mr. Body discussed it was not draining from the start and will have to stay until the other buildings are built. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance A. Adam to approve the reduction of Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$387,972.51) for HCP Infrastructure Line of Credit. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Joe Body presented Dean and Rosanne Adam's Planning Modules to the Board and to send to DEP. Both Mr. Body and Jeremy Bentz, SEO, reviewed the documents for issuance to construct a drain field. A resolution number will need to be assigned if approved. Both the Planning Commission and Berks Planning Commission have reviewed the plans. Perk test results, easement, endangered species, and geology reports are included in the document to be sent to DEP. Mark Wm. Stitzel made a motion to approve the Planning Module for Dean and Rosanne Adam and send to DEP. Lance N. Adam stated he would like to review the documents first and the meeting can continue.

Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor, informed the Board the Schuylkill River Association sent a draft of the memorandum for the river access point. In reviewing the document, it is requested of the Township to provide assistance and maintenance. When restricted access is needed the

Township must discuss how to handle it. Mr. Shollenberger also recommended adding provisions with 6 months' notice to shut down the access point. Lance N. Adam recommended adding a locked gate. Mr. Shollenberger also recommended adding in if someone is injured on the property from what the association puts in, they are at fault not the Township. Mr. Shollenberger briefly informed the board the revisions needed for the road and street ordinance will be discussed with Joe Body. The Krick Matter for Zoning is set. Berks Planning Commission sent a letter and Mr. Shollenberger will review with Joe Body. The hearing is advertised for November and residents have 60 days to act. The Bent Limb Farm conditional use hearing is set for October 14th at 7pm. It was advertised in the Reading Eagle.

At this time, Lance N. Adam second the motion that was on the table for Dean and Rosanne Adam's Planning Module. The motion carried with two supervisors voting yes and Dean A. Adam abstained. The resolution number assigned is 10-08-19.

PA One Call System Indemnity Agreement:

Allen Shollenberger stated this was reviewed last year and the Board did not approve it then. The Board decided to repeat the decision from last year.

Bell Tract Time Extension:

A letter was submitted for Bell Tract requesting a time extension. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to approve Bell Tract request for a time extension to January 9, 2020. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Proposed Dates for Joint Meeting 2020:

The Board reviewed the dates. Dean A. Adam gave a copy to Donnie Mast and requested Municipal Authority review the dates too.

Employee Handbook:

Lance N. Adam stated he is still reviewing it. Allen Shollenberger stated he reviewed it and had no concerns except under the benefits section the wording could be changed. Mr. Shollenberger will review his changes later with the Board. Lance N. Adam stated we will discuss the handbook at the next month's meeting.

Emergency Notification System:

Lance N. Adam stated they can review the systems in the new year.

Comments:

Joe Body, informed the Board he is working on the Adams Hotel Road and Shoemakersville Road intersection with Brush Wellman. They would like to do a concrete roadway for the trucks and post warning signs. Lance N. Adam suggested adding blinking signs to warn traffic of the truck crossings. Mark Wm Stitzel questioned the purpose of the road over using the other road. Joe Body stated it gives them better access into the quarries. Lance N. Adam thought there should be more warning signs for traffic at the top of the hill. Mark Wm Stitzel is concerned it is not safe to cross at this intersection versus the other. Allen Shollenberger suggested a conditional use hearing for the Quarry so that issues can be addressed. Joe Body stated this is on an existing property and he will get more information for the Board.

Dennis Huey, announced the water outside the restrooms in the Recreation Park is turned off. Jeff Dreibelbis mentioned the water was on over the summer. Dean A. Adam instructed Mr. Huey to contact Richard Schaeffer and disconnect the water.

Jerry Swartz, 683 Shoemakersville Road, express concern for the intersection of Brown Road and Shoemakersville Road. The embankment is out too far and you can't see traffic coming. Multiple accidents have almost occurred. Even with the heavier traffic volume coming from route 61 it increases the chances of an accident. Mr. Swartz questioned if the Board could do something about it. Dean A. Adam said they will look at it tomorrow.

Tom McKinney, Mohrsville Road, questioned the Board on wasting taxpayer money do to working on the same road different times. Both Roadmaster Stitzel and Chairman Adam informed everyone the work on Mohrsville Road took approximately a day and a half. Mr. McKinney felt the work should take half a day and the road crew was there twice the week before that. Dennis Huey, Road Crew, confirmed what Mr. Adam and Mr. Stitzel announced they were only there two days.

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Chief, questioned what they should do for the disbursement of the EMS Tax. Virginville Fire Company questioned if the Board would reimburse them for the bills they pay. The discussion continued between Shoemakersville Fire Company, Virginville Fire Company and the Board of Supervisors regarding how to handle the new procedure. Dean A. Adam stated the Board must prove to residents what the money is being used for since it is EMS Tax money. The Board will review the procedure and make a decision next month.

Larry Krick, Main Street, suggested to the Board working with gas company for hook ups. Dean A. Adam stated the supervisors were looking into it.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Adjourn:

THE BOARD AND ALLEN SHOLLENBERGER ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEN THE MEETING ADJOURNS TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON
November 12, 2019

RECORDED BY

Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer

Dean A. Adam, Chairman