

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
February 11, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam at 7:31 p.m. on February 11, 2020 in the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA.

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam, Dean A. Adam and Patrick Daly

Also present at the board meeting were:

Eden Bucher, Esq. and Rosanne R. Adam, Secretary/Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Comments:

Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer, submitted her resignation to the Board. She will continue to work for two weeks with her last day February 27, 2020. Patrick Daly made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to accept her resignation. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Kathy DeCarlo, Zweizig Road, stated she read in the newspaper that Valley West was sold and asked if the Township knew how much money they would be getting. Secretary Adam stated the transfer tax was approximately Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00) and the exact figure will be on next month's Treasurer's Report. The Township doesn't know the amount we will receive from taxes or employment.

Paul Stelmach, Bent Limb Farm, stated he received an invoice for fees the Township incurred for his wind turbine project. He asked for an explanation for the invoice he received and explained that he paid the fees that were required and was surprised to get an invoice for additional costs. The Board reviewed the invoice and the corresponding bills. Chairman Adam explained that the fees he paid were to get the process started. Dean Adam stated the residents shouldn't be expected to pay for your project. Dean Adam suggested getting Mr. Shollenberger to review the fees. Chairman Adam stated all the fees incurred were not included on the invoice. Secretary Adam stated we have received other bills since the invoice was mailed. Mr. Stelmach was promised no late fees would be assessed to his account.

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Company, stated the January 14 minutes had an error, captain should be accountant.

Patrick Daly, Supervisor, stated he purchased a sound system with a microphone that he will donate to the township to use at meetings.

Secretary Adam stated an error in the January 9 minutes, Don should be Dan.

Approval of Minutes:

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to approve the January 6th Organizational Meeting, the January 7th Committee Meeting, the January 9th Joint Meeting and the January 14th Supervisors Meeting minutes with the correction in the January 9th minutes from Don Hershey to Dan Hershey and the correction in the January 14th minutes from captain to accountant. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report:

(See attached report)

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 1, 2020. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment:

(See attached list)

The Board asked Mr. Body to clarify the PennDot inspection bill for Mr. Daly. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Reports:

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, reviewed the Permit Activity Report and the Inspection Activity Report both from December 12, 2019 thru January 25, 2020. A total of five (5) permits were issued with a combined improvement value of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$262,753.00). A total of forty (40) inspections were done. The Brown Road permitting is moving forward.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission Chairman, stated the Board met on February 5, 2020. Rich Longacre from HCP submitted plans for Lot 5. The plans were approved. Lots 1 and 2 at HCP have meet the conditions requested. The plans were approved. Dave Kurtz informed the Board about his plans to subdivide 3.8 acres from one brother to another. His plan is to subdivide 1.9 acres in 2020 and 1.9 acres in 2021. The Bell Tract plans were resubmitted. A motion was made to accept the plans for review. A sketch of the river access on Mohrsville Road with three different access points were reviewed. The third access area was determined to be the most desirable. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority, stated the bugs are out of the booster station and everything is working properly. The diesel generator was replaced with a propane one and the leak on Main was found and fixed.

Zoning Officer, Joseph H. Body reviewed the Zoning Report for January with the Board. The Robert's permit is in compliance with the Zoning Hearing Board decision. Mr. Body stated the Leiby property will have a driveway off Logistics Drive. The sewer lines that are in the area were discussed with Don Mast.

Joseph H. Body, Engineer, stated the Township received a letter from DEP as notification that O-Z Gedney was approved for a bond reduction for the residual waste landfill on the property. The plans for the Bell Tract are back for review. The correspondence between PennDot and the Kaley's was discussed. The Township's situation hasn't changed and it's unlikely a left turn signal will be approved. Hamburg Commerce Park Lot 5 plans have been approved but need signatures. The cost estimates were received earlier today but there wasn't enough time to get the Letter of Credit finished for tonight's meeting. The Developer's Agreement and the Storm Water Agreement are ready to be signed. The procedures taken when approving plans in the past was discussed. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to approve and sign the documents with the stipulation that no plans will be recorded until the Line of Credit is received. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. Hamburg Commerce Park Lots 1 & 2 were discussed. The Planning Commission approved the plans. The plan is partially in Windsor Township. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the reconfigured Lots 1 & 2 with the condition the plans will be signed after Windsor approves the plans and no plans get recorded until the Letter of Credit is received. Motion carried with all

Supervisors voting yes. The Schuylkill Greenway Boat/Canoe launch plans were discussed. The plan had three (3) options for accessing the river. The Planning Commission reviewed the plans at their meeting. The Board and the Planning Commission all agree that option three (3) works best.

Eden Bucher, Solicitor, stated the ordinance concerning false fire alarms was discussed. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to authorize the solicitor to rewrite the ordinance adding a ten percent (10%) administrative fee. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. The Joint Comprehensive Plan was briefly discussed. We should have more news in March. The violation letter sent to the property on Moselem Springs Road was sent out last week giving the property owner thirty (30) days to pump.

EMC Coordinator position was discussed. The Township hasn't received any applications. Chairman Adam confirmed that the position was advertised.

Mark Wm. Stitzel, Roadmaster, stated the roadcrew is doing patching, sign repair, brush cutting and some salting was needed. The letter from UGI was discussed. Eden Bucher, Solicitor will send a letter to UGI giving a hook-up deadline of ninety (90) days or by September 30, 2020 before a penalty will apply. This will also apply to the Municipal Authority for water hook-ups. Main Street needs repairs and resurfacing as soon as possible. The Occupancy Road fee increase to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) was discussed. An inspection of how many trees will need to be removed needs to be done.

JB Environmental Services report dated January 31, 2020 was reviewed by the Board. The Township received six (6) copies of invoices Mr. Bentz send to specific residents for annual holding tank inspections.

David Lindenmuth, Recreation Board Chairman, was not in attendance. The infield mix price quote was reviewed by the Board. Dean A. Adam stated we agreed to buy one truckload and the Athletic Board would buy one truckload. The Board discussed which fields needed to be done. Since the mix is needed to invigorate the fields probably one truckload will be enough. Dean A. Adam made a motion, second by Patrick Daly to purchase a truckload of approximately twenty-four (24) tons at a cost of Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents a ton (\$33.50) delivered for a total cost of approximately Eight Hundred and Four Dollars (\$804.00). Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. The minutes from April 30, July 30, August 27, and October 29, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chairman Adam stated he attends those meetings and the minutes look accurate. DCNR is accepting grants for recreation and conservation programs. Secretary Adam stated the information was given to the Recreation Board.

EMS Account Disbursements for 2020:

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Company, asked for clarification on what the Township is asking for. He was confused after receiving a letter from the Township. Chairman Adam stated we need to verify where the tax money is being spent. The Township will need a copy of the bill and a copy of the check for reimbursements. Two representatives from Virginville Fire Company, stated we supplied the Township with our financial for 2019 and we were still denied payment. We have been trying to draw down our 2019 allotment. Rusty Wagner asked what the process is for paying bills. The bills should be at the township office before the first meeting so the bill can be approved and/or denied for payment at the next meeting. Before the Township can decide what the 2020 disbursements will be financials and budgets must be received at the Township. Lavon Martin, Virginville Fire Company asked if all the money is not used from one year will it roll over into the next. Mr. Martin asked for a motion to be made. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam that stipulates all EMS account balances will carry over from year-to-year. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Paradise Avenue Retention Pond:

Mr. Body stated the question has come up about who is responsible to mow the retention pond and maintain the headwall at Paradise Avenue. Allen Shollenberger will review the information and discuss it at the March meeting. Joe Body stated he feels the Township is responsible. Eden Bucher stated she looked at the plans and feels Mr. Body is correct.

CoStars Salt Agreement:

Roadmaster Stitzel stated we still need to get last year's salt. Dean A. Adam asked if we have room for the remaining salt and how much are we required to take. We are required to take sixty percent (60%) or Three Hundred (300) tons and should have room for most of it. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly, to purchase 500 ton of Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) for the 2020/2021 season. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Scott Sandridge Concerns:

Mr. Sandridge thanked the roadcrew for taking care of the water issue. Mr. Sandridge discussed the issues he had with the Township during the past year. He expressed his displeasure with the entire process he had to endure. Chairman Adam stated we can talk about this at an executive session.

Oath of Office/Loyalty Oath Forms:

Chairman Adam stated Oath of Office/Loyalty Forms have not been received from Pete Lombardi for the Vacancy Board, Tom McKinney for the Municipal Authority, and Becky Reinhart for Deputy Tax Collector. Chairman Adam said to get those to the office as soon as possible.

Website Minutes:

Patrick Daly stated this was not on the agenda. Charles DeCarlo asked at last month's meeting for the meeting minutes to be archived on the website from the previous year to the current month. Patrick Daly made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to post all approved 2019 meeting minutes to the current month on the website. Motion carried with two (2) Supervisors voting yes. Dean A. Adam is opposed.

Comments:

Kathy DeCarlo, Zweizig Road, asked for clarification concerning Hamburg Commerce Park lots.

Charles DeCarlo, Zweizig Road, expressed his embarrassment over the exchange between the secretaries.

Nancy James, Ridge Road, Tom McKinney, Mohrsville Road and Kathy DeCarlo, Zweizig Road were unhappy with the office hours and shifts to be worked. Patrick Daly stated the hours were discussed and then changed during an executive session.

Charles DeCarlo, Zweizig Road, reported a pothole on Main Street. Chairman Adam said they would get it patched.

Jeff Dreibelbis, Onyx Cave Road, stated the flags have been replaced and the spot light was fixed. Chairman Adam stated he replaced the flags.

Dennis Huey, Onyx Cave Road, asked if the Board was going to get him some mowing help at the Rec Park. Chairman Adam stated he has something in mind.

Marshall Miller, Main Street, stated he is confused about why the fire company needs to submit bills. Mr. Miller stated he pays his taxes and as far as he's concerned, they should be able to spend it anyway they want.

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Company, asked to meet with Dean A. Adam later this week possibly tomorrow about the river access for the Fire Company. Dean A. Adam said to call him and they could schedule a time.

Donna Kaley, Pottsville Pike, stated a lot of consideration was given to the warehouses about the traffic patterns. PennDot has given the same answer each time they have been asked about the left turn lane signal. Patrick Daly asked when the last letter was sent. The Board instructed Mr. Body to send a letter to PennDot to request a left turn lane signal.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Adjourn:

Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

THE BOARD WENT TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING THE MEETING TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE CONCERNS. CHAIRMAN ADAM STATED THE SESSION IS CONCERNING PERSONNEL AND NO OTHER DECISIONS WILL BE MADE.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
March 10, 2020

RECORDED BY

Rosanne R. Adam, Secretary/Treasurer

Lance N. Adam, Chairman