

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
February 12, 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 February 12, 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.

Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer was absent, Rosanne R. Adam, Secretary/Treasurer attended.

Comments:

Josh Schaeffer, Northview Avenue, wanted to know why the meeting was not canceled. Chairman Adam said in the fifteen years he's been a Supervisor we've had more snow than this and those meetings weren't canceled.

Nancy James, Ridge Road, stated she believes a controversy exists with the January 7th and the January 15th meeting minutes referencing the vacancy board. Mrs. James set a paper on the conference table and Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor asked what's this about. Mrs. James stated they are notes about what she was discussing. Mr. Shollenberger informed Mrs. James these notes will not be included in the minutes. Mrs. James asked if all Supervisors were involved in the security camera decision. Chairman Adam polled each Supervisor to confirm they were asked for a decision. Each Supervisor agreed to the purchase and installation. The decision did not go through a meeting so no motion was done but due to the timing and the need for immediate surveillance protection the Board members were asked by phone for their thoughts concerning the purchase. Mrs. James spoke about the price difference for the cameras which Chairman Adam clarified by stating an additional camera was added. Mrs. James stated all vacancies should be advertised in the paper not on the website and Perry Township residents should be considered first for all positions.

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Company, submitted copies of the 2019 General Fund Budget, the Profit and Loss for 2018 and a call report. Chairman Adam asked if the call report could be itemized to just include calls in Perry Township. Mr. Wagner stated he would get one.

Approval of Minutes:

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to approve the January 7th Organization, January 8th Committee-of-the-Whole, January 10th Joint Board and the January 15th Supervisors Meetings. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report:

(See attached report)

Mark Wm. Stitzel made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 1, 2019. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment:

(See attached list)

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

Reports:

The Recreation Board had no meeting in January.

Zoning Officer, Joseph Body, reviewed the zoning report for January with the Board. Chairman Adam asked about the timeline and the depth of the lines for the UGI work on Main Street. Mr. Body stated the depth will vary depending on the area because of existing infrastructure. Mr. Body stated they are starting in Shoemakersville. Lance N. Adam stated he thinks the permitting process thru Shoemakersville is not done. Mr. Body reported putting a yellow violation notice at 367 Mohrsville Road. Mr. Body stated the property looks deserted but asked if anyone notices activity at this property to please report it.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, informed Chairman Adam he would not be at the meeting. The Board reviewed the permit activity report ending January 26, 2019.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission Chairman, was absent. The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 2, 2019 meeting.

The Municipal Authority had no representation. The Municipal Authority minutes for January were reviewed at last month's meeting.

EMC had no representation.

Mark Wm. Stitzel, Roadmaster, stated the roadcrew is clearing the drain ditches to temporarily get the water off the roads, and salting and plowing. Mr. Stitzel stated we have until March 15, 2019 for the Costars sodium chloride contract for the 2019/2020 season.

JB Environmental Services had no report.

Joseph H. Body, Township Engineer, stated the Bell Tract is being proposed from a subdivided section of the Cedarbrook Estate plans that is in the light industrial zoning area. Mr. Body stated the new plan they are proposing will not enable them to reroute Dreibelbis Mill Road to avoid the poor intersection and bridge. Mr. Body stated they are aware that these changes will impact the design plan for Cedarbrook Estates. Mr. Body told the Board a PennDot meeting is scheduled for the bridge inspection. He will check the date and time of the meeting. Mr. Body stated the traffic signal is operating properly. Allen Shollenberger questioned if a time extension was needed for Cedarbrook Estates. Mr. Body stated we don't need one for Cedarbrook until next month. Mr. Shollenberger stated Mark Koch updated him on the Route 61 Perry Commercial Center. The plan is waiting for a HOP from PennDot, wetland designs and bridge crossing plan that are time consuming. The time extension for Route 61 Perry Commercial expires November 2019.

Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor, stated the filing against Monserrate Rodriquez for failure to pump is proving difficult because he is presently out of the country. Mr. Shollenberger stated the tax sale information for the Daniel Lewis property was given to Mark Koch for the Municipal Authority to follow up on because of their lien on the property. Allen Shollenberger stated Mr. Lombardi has contacted him about the permit for an additional residence. Mr. Shollenberger said the property has been reassessed. Mr. Body questioned if the Board will allow new permits to be issued and building permits will need to be issued with the proper uses of the buildings. Mr. Lombardi will need to file for the proper permits. Mr. Shollenberger asked if Dean A. Adam wanted to discuss the issue with his parents house at this time. Mr. Adam told Mr. Shollenberger

he would like the discussion at this time. Mr. Shollenberger explained the situation, the error that was made and the practice of Perry Township to the Board. Mr. Shollenberger stated Chad Kamp confirmed the approval to let the house remain on the property but couldn't recall when the vote took place. Mr. Shollenberger stated given there was a request and the permit is consistent with township policy a motion could be made to correct the error. Mark Wm. Stitzel, made a motion to allow the home to remain on Dean and Rosanne Adam's property. A second was not received and the motion died.

MR. SHOLLENBERGER CALLED AN IMMEDIATE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION ISSUES. CHAIRMAN ADAM WAS NOT INVITED TO ATTEND. THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDEES RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 8:13 PM. MR. SHOLLENBERGER STATED NO ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN.

Virginville Truck Request:

Mark Wm. Stitzel stated a written request was received and made a motion to help Virginville with the purchase by giving them Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00). Lance N. Adam and Rusty Wagner had many questions for Lavon Martin, Virginville Captain, about the truck purchase and why they needed a truck when one was given to them. Mr. Martin stated one truck was sold, the other was going back but he was unsure how the requested money would be spent. A second was not received and the motion died. The Board agreed to wait making a new motion on the request until they know exactly what the money will be used for because of the conflicting information they are receiving. Mr. Shollenberger stated it seems to him we don't know how the money is being spent. The funds are earmarked for certain things and the Board has the responsibility for accountability to its taxpayers. Lance N. Adam suggested having a form that everyone fills out when requesting funds. Mr. Shollenberger stated that could be an option and the truthfulness of the bill would be the only thing that could be questioned. Mr. Shollenberger stated when an invoice comes it's a great to show where the money goes.

Virginville Run Cards:

Lavon Martin, Virginville Fire Company, asked about the run cards and stated the description should be changed to Incident Report.

EMS Financials and Budgets:

The Board reviewed the new reports from Shoemakersville Fire Company. The only comment made was that the reports look much better.

Disbursements of EMS Tax:

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Company stated the Schuylkill Valley EMS is now Northern Berks EMS. Dean A. Adam made a motion seconded by Mark Wm. Stitzel to disburse Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) minus the commission to Northern Berks EMS and Hamburg Community Ambulance. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Comments:

Larry Martin, Forest Lane, stated the road near Alpine and Orchard is freezing and the water is not draining off the road. Chairman Adam stated we are aware of the drainage work that needs to be done in that area.

Nancy James, Ridge Road asked about the townships' by-laws. Mr. Shollenberger stated there are no by-laws per say but the township may have adopted by-laws years ago when the township was incorporated.

Rusty Wagner, Shoemakersville Fire Company, stated since the traffic light is up and running who will get called when an outage occurs. The Board talked about putting a procedure in place so everyone will know what to expect. Mr. Wagner suggested keeping the generator at the station since the fire company will probably get the call first. Dean Adam asked Mr. Shollenberger if it would be a problem storing township property at a different location. Mr. Shollenberger stated he would find out if its allowed. Lance Adam asked Mr. Wagner if the fire company has a generator to use until ours would be available. The fire company does have a generator.

Woodrow Lutz, Perry Road, asked if the EMS fund could be used for the addition to the fire house. Mr. Shollenberger stated the EMS tax is a specific tax with provisions in the code and would need to check how the funds could be used.

Mark Stitzel, Jr., township employee, was curious what the total for the township's accounts were when Dean Adam became a Supervisor. Dean Adam said he didn't know and would need to check.

Chad Kamp, Adams Hotel Road, stated while he was a Supervisor the EMS Fund was enacted. Mr. Kamp stated the ambulances were included in the funding with the understanding that they would offer training of some type to the residents and offer discounted rates to our residents. Mr. Kamp was not aware any of these things have happened. Lance Adam stated there is supposed to be a new law that enables the ambulances to bill for services. Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to rescind the motion to disburse money to Northern Berks EMS and Hamburg Community Ambulance attributable to the information reported by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Adjourn:

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N Adam, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes

MINUTES APPROVED ON
March 12, 2019

RECORDED BY

Rosanne R. Adam, Secretary/Treasurer

Dean A. Adam, Chairman