

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
January 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam at 7:30 p.m. on January 14, 2020 in the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:
Dean A. Adam, Patrick Daly, and Lance N. Adam

Also present at the board meeting were:
Allen R. Shollenberger, Esq. and Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer

Public Comment:

Charles DeCarlo, shared his thought on the Township retaining employees and who should be consider for replacing.

Rusty Wagner, submitted year run report for Shoemakersville Fire Company. He explained the Township will be getting the finance report as the accountant is working on it. Mr. Wagner thanked the Board for their quick response time on Ridge Road to take care of the icy spot.

Stan Snyder, commented he would like to speak later on.

Rosanne Adam, Township Secretary-Treasurer and resident, questioned Lance N. Adam about meeting with Secretary-Treasurer Lori E. Seidel to discuss ideas for the township but why was she not asked. Lance N. Adam questioned Secretary Seidel. Lori E. Seidel explained. Lance N. Adam stated no meeting took place.

Letter of Resignation:

Lance N. Adam made a motion seconded by Patrick Daly to accept Dean A. Adam's resignation as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2020. Motion carried with two supervisor's voting yes. Dean A. Adam abstained. Lance N. Adam made a motion seconded by Dean A. Adam to appoint Patrick Daly as Vice Chairman to the Board for 2020. Motion carried with two supervisors yes. Patrick Daly abstained.

Approval of Minutes:

Patrick Daly proposed to the Board for the accuracy of minutes the Township meetings should be recorded. Patrick Daly made a motion seconded by Lance N. Adam to record Township Meetings for minutes. Motion carried with two supervisors voting yes. Dean A. Adam opposed. Lance N. Adam made a motion seconded by Patrick Daly to purchase a recording device for meetings but not to exceed more than \$100.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. Allen Shollenberger recommended to the Board contacting PSATS for advice on recording devices and setting up a policy.

Lance N. Adam had a change in the minutes from resident to commercial for the Fire Alarm ordinance. Patrick Daly made a motion seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the minutes with

the change in the December 16th minutes from resident to commercial. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Treasurer's Report:

Lance N. Adam made a motion seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment:

Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to approve the Bills for payment. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Reports:

Dave Lindenmuth, Recreation Park, talked about the Flag at the Recreation Park is torn and needs to be replaced. Mr. Lindenmuth mentioned in the spring the swing set and the basketball poles will need to be painted.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, reviewed the Permit Activity Report and the Inspection Activity Report both from November 24, 2019 thru December 21, 2019. He also gave his report at the December 30th meeting but will review it again with the Board. Mr. Fiant questioned if the warehouse that is divided into two, length wise, was assigned an address. Joe Body explained it was assigned by Mark Wm. Stitzel.

Joe Body, Zoning Officer, submitted and reviewed his report for the month of December 2019. He reported Wiring by Wall is doing work for comcast cable. There was also a permit for a Domino's pizza sign, UGI gas service connection, and residential use permit for Dean and Rosanne Adam's property of Modular Home. Mr. Body informed the Board that 2 letters were submitted for Mohrsville Road Storage Units. The first letter for a time extension and the second letter dated January 7, 2020 to withdraw the Land Development Plans and release unused funds. The Board accepted the letter of withdraw for Mohrsville Road Storage Units. Lance N. Adam talked about getting a box with a key so trucks are able to get around the fence. Mr. Body reported Premier Fleet submitted plans. Lance N. Adam stated himself and Rusty Wagner reviewed the plans. Mr. Wagner informed the Board it was helpful to have a copy of the plans to review the building structure in case of emergency.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission, stated Planning Commission had organizational meeting on January 2nd. They reviewed and approved final plans for the windmill at the Bent Limb Farm. The storage units on Mohrsville Road were reviewed and discussed.

Donnie Mast, Municipal Authority, talked about their meeting on January 8, 2020. The Municipal Authority Board approved reducing the rate by \$10.00. Mr. Mast informed the Board about the meeting with DEP.

JB Environmental, not present, the Board reviewed the report submitted.

Joseph Body, Engineer, informed the Board of a meeting he will be having tomorrow at 10 a.m. with Schuylkill River Greenways. Valley West sold to an investment group and applied for an occupancy certification. Mr. Body talked about all the warehouse work moving along. He mentioned for the next Joint Meeting picking a date for water and gas hook up so the Township can make plans to work on Main Street. Lance N. Adam mentioned working on it in the fall of 2020. Dean A. Adam and Joe Body were in agreement that UGI may not be done and it would have to wait until next year. Joseph Body stated Paul Stelmach and Pam Ellenberger were in attendance to present the final plans for Bent Limb Farm Windmill. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the final plans for Bent Limb Farm Windmill.

Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. Allen Shollenberger stated they will need to do posting of the bond and coordinate with Joe Body as a condition.

Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor, informed the Board Valley West has a developer's agreement that will move to the new owner but would like a signed document from the new owner. Mr. Shollenberger talked about procedures and policies for recording meetings. He gave examples of giving notice to the public, who handles and accesses the recordings, proper storage and length of time to be stored. Mr. Shollenberger mentioned reaching out to PSATS for answers. Allen Shollenberger presented a resolution to accept Chad and Alice Kamp 15.37 acres into the Agricultural Security Area for Perry Township. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the 01-14-20 resolution for Chad and Alice Kamp.

EMC Replacement:

Lance N. Adam called PEMA and there is not a deadline for a replacement. Lance N. Adam made a motion to advertise in the Reading Eagle for a new EMC. Patrick Daly questioned if a dollar amount to pay the EMC should be set before advertising. Allen Shollenberger recommended doing the advertisement and, in the meantime, investigate pay options since the advertisement will not contain a dollar amount. Patrick Daly made a motion seconded by Lance N. Adam to advertise for an Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. Lance N. Adam stated Berks County and PEMA will need to be notified that Ron Corl is no longer EMC.

Compensation for Roadmaster in 2020:

Lance N. Adam questioned what the auditors set the pay at for Supervisor's. Dean A. Adam stated he attended and it was a \$.50 cent raise. The supervisor's current pay was discussed. Patrick Daly talked about the duties of the Roadmaster and all the calls he would need to do when there is bad weather. Patrick Daly made a motion seconded by Lance N. Adam to pay the Roadmaster \$1.00 more the supervisors pay at \$22.50 per hour. Motion carried with two supervisors voting yes. Dean A. Adam opposed.

Compensation for Secretary - Treasurer in 2020:

Secretary Seidel explained at organizational meeting there was an error on the agenda and current pay listed was incorrect. The Board would need to revote on the decision for 2020. Lance N. Adam made a motion seconded by Patrick Daly to increase the Secretary-Treasurer pay by \$.50 to \$21.75.

Stan Snyder commented on the pay and hours the previous Secretary-Treasurer, Alison Epting, received versus the current Secretary – Treasurer's. There was a lengthy discussion between the Board, Mr. Snyder and both Secretary – Treasurer's on the topic. Dean A. Adam questioned the flipping of the current Secretary – Treasurer's office hours. Patrick Daly questioned Solicitor Allen Shollenberger if the Secretary – Treasurer hours can be discussed in an executive session. Mr. Shollenberger advised only when talking specifics about the employee's hours not the office hours. It was decided to have an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Virginville Fire Company Reports:

The reports submitted were reviewed.

Bell Tract Extension Review:

Allen Shollenberger and Joseph Body reviewed the request with the Board. It was advised to the Board since the decision was made at the January 7th meeting and the request was only submitted on the 9th when it expired their decision to reject an extension can stand. It was well

within the obligation and rights of the Board. The Board agreed the decision is as it stands from the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Public Comment:

Mary Reinhart, resident, commented about potholes on Main Street.

David Lindenmuth, Recreation Board Member, questioned if there are times set aside for the baseball association to use the meeting room for their meetings. Secretary Seidel stated the dates are on the calendar and it was discussed with Baseball Association in the fall.

Charles DeCarlo, Zweizig Road, questioned if there is something that can be done about the light on route 61. There is no turning arrow when making a left onto the new road and traffic is going to increase as more buildings are used. Joseph Body stated this has been brought up before. PennDOT did the traffic study and determined a turning signal was not necessary but, in the future, they may need to look at it again. Mr. DeCarlo added if the website could contain a full year of meeting minutes for residents that can't make the meetings. Mr. Daly stated it is on his agenda to do but is taking things a little at a time.

Kathy DeCarlo, Zweizig Road, commented on the Township retaining the Solicitor and Engineer. She questioned what the rate was for both. Mr. Shollenberger replied depending on the work approximately from \$130.00 to \$140.00 hourly but was unclear on the exact number and to attend meetings the rate is between \$150.00 and \$250.00. Joseph Body replied his rate was established years ago. It will depend on the work he is doing but engineer services \$80.00 per hour, \$60.00 per hour for computing or drafting, \$40.00 per hour for general work. Mr. Body commented he felt it was never appropriate to charge one rate.

Kenny James, commented on the purchase of sign posts. Lance N. Adam commented signs were added to various roads. It was then discussed about the stop signs for Ridge Road and Adams Hotel Road.

Rusty Wagner questioned what the details were from last month's meeting he read in the minutes regarding the Fire Company and Bulk Chemical. Allen Shollenberger explained.

Chad Kamp, Adams Hotel Road, noted a spelling error on the agenda and the stop sign at Ridge Road and Adams Hotel is hidden behind pine trees.

Donna Kaley, Pottsville Pike, commented copies of letters were submitted to the township that she received from the state regarding the new light on 61. The letters are insinuating that the light is the townships responsibility not PennDOT. Joe Body commented until there is more traffic PennDOT will keep refusing.

Larry Krick, Main Street, commented on the zoning change at his property and getting a permit. The Board and Mr. Body explained a permit can not be given with out knowing what type of work is being done. There was a lengthy discussion between Mr. Krick, Lance N. Adam, Allen Shollenberger and Joe Body. Lance N. Adam stated for Mr. Krick to get his plans together and submit to Joe Body for a permit.

A resident questioned what the new rate was and when it takes affect for Municipal Authority. Donnie Mast answered \$70.00 starting in February 2020.

Adjourned:

Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm and to go to executive session to only discuss Secretaries hours. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSING SECRETARIES HOURS WITH THE BOARD AND ALLEN SHOLLENBERGER ENDED AT 9:14 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED ON
February 11, 2020

RECORDED BY

Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer

Lance N. Adam, Chairman