

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP  
November 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam at 7:00 p.m. on November 14, 2023 from the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. The meeting was also being held via zoom conferencing. The format for tonight's meeting is in compliance with PSATS. The meeting was also being recorded.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam- PRESENT

Patrick J. Daly- PRESENT

Joseph Dalton- ABSENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Eden Bucher, Esq. (Barley Snyder) – PRESENT

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

**Public Comments:**

**Marcia Kulp- 721 Mohrsville Road-** Marcia discussed issues with burning plastics, rubber, and other toxic elements, especially a specific property on Mohrsville Road. Marcia feels if the township required all residents to pay for trash services, there would be no incentive to burn plastics and rubber. Marcia also claims a resident is dumping illegally into the river. Supervisor Daly stated the State Police would need to be contacted for illegal dumping, not the township. The township will contact DEP regarding the burning of plastic and rubber.

**Bob Harron-** New signage and boulders on Zweizig Road seem to be helping with truck turn-arounds. Discussed possibility of larger "61 North" signs to encourage trucks to use the 61 North merging lane. Ryan Rhode confirmed additional signage packages are to be added after Lot 4 complete.

**Chuck DeCarlo-** Questioned if there is a "Warehouse Entrance" sign for 1510 Main Street? Not at the moment. Chairman Adam will contact the property management company to discuss.

**Nancy James-** Discussed an article in the Reading Eagle pertaining to tax incentives for volunteer emergency personnel to increase volunteerism. The volunteers must have certain criteria met to be exempt.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting October 3, 2023, and Supervisor meeting October 10, 2023. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Treasurer's report dated October 31, 2023. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Bills for Payment:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated November 14, 2023. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**2024 Meeting Dates and Times Advertisement:** Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the advertisement for the 2024 Meeting Dates and Times. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**2024 Preliminary Budget Advertisement:** tabled for future.

**CPA Firm Advertisement:** Chairman Adam made a motion to advertise the use of a CPA firm for the 2023 Municipal Audit. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Library Donations:** tabled for future.

**Crime Alert Berks County Donation:** Chairman Adam made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Crime Alert Berks County. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**PowerCo Quote:** The auxiliary hydraulic circuit for the mini excavator was missed on the original quote. Quote from PowerCo is in the amount of \$1,520.00. Chairman Adam made a motion to accept the quote from PowerCo in the amount of \$1,520.00 for the auxiliary hydraulic circuit. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

#### **Reports:**

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

**Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief-** Distributed financial report for Shoemakersville Fire Co. Discussed the amended False Fire Ordinance with Eden Bucher. Rusty recommended a few additional changes/ revisions, including number of contacts, who the responders are, where the responsibility falls, and knock box requirements. Bob Harron suggested requiring the property owners to send the township proof of their 30-day review. Nancy James questioned who is liable if the fire company needs to break into a building? There is an emergency exception regarding public safety and the state police are contacted after area is deemed safe. Eden will revise ordinance per the recommendations. Rusty questioned the correspondence agenda item from Mark Richards at Virginville Fire Company. Chairman Adam read the letter from Mark Richards informing on his decision to step down as fire chief for Virginville Fire Co. Rusty reported a storage box was donated towards their storage rental units. Discussed additional training for the fire company. Discussed the possibility of developing a minimal burn ordinance, for example, limitations on burning in proximity to property lines.

**Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC-** Ryan gave the report for Jeff Fiant. 6 building permits issued for the period: 2 residential and 4 non-residential, with an

improvement value of \$1,183,420.78. 2 certificates of occupancy issued. 22 building inspections performed. 8 property maintenance issues, with 3 of them being resolved.

**Gene Buck, Planning Commission** – November Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda.

**Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)**- Not present.

**Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering**- Report distributed. Payment application reviewed with AMS on the oil and chip work completed. Ryan recommended authorization of change order #1, a reduction in the contract value by \$162.76. Subsequently, authorizing payment option #1, final payment of \$355,957.44. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve change order #1, the reduction in contract value by \$162.76. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the final payment of \$355,957.44 to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions for the 2023 Oil and Chip project. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Eden Bucher Solicitor** – Eden will get the revised false fire alarm ordinance disbursed after changes made. Currently working on filing 2 violations with the District Justice for septic pump-out.

**EMC**- Chairman Adam made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-14-23 regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Road Master**- No report.

**J B Environmental**- Annual holding tank inspections.

**Recreation Park**- Only agenda item at the last meeting was “Christmas in the Park” donation. Recreation Board questioned what Shoemakersville Borough was donating financially? The Recreation Board approved a do not exceed donation amount of \$1,200.00. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the do not exceed amount of \$1,200.00 towards “Christmas in the Park”. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Mark Richards**- discussed previously.

**Materion**- FYI received on their Air Quality Operating Permit renewal.

#### **Public Comments:**

**Rusty Wagner**- Requested EMC reports for emergency responses. The township has not received any reports. Discussed what reports the township should be receiving from the EMC and communication regarding emergency situations and road closures. This will be followed up on.

**Nancy James-** Nancy would like to leave free flower bundles at the township building instead of hosting the plant swaps. Questioned if she could mulch this fall vs waiting until spring. Chairman Adam will get the mulch whenever Nancy needs it. Questioned if the playground is mulched every year? No, only as needed.

**Adjourn:**

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
December 12, 2023

RECORDED BY:

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Lance N. Adam, Chairman

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Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator

