

UNOFFICIAL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
October 10, 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 October 10, 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- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen Shollenberger, Esq. – PRESENT

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

Public Comments:

Marissa Loeb- Schuylkill Valley Community Library Director- Marissa thanked the township for their continued support. Marissa presented the great programs offered by the library and upcoming events.

Chuck DeCarlo- Questioned if the old pole at Bellevue and Main will be removed? Comcast and Verizon lines need to be transferred to the new pole.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting September 5, 2023, and Supervisor meeting September 12, 2023. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report: Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2023. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment: Includes BWISE trailer and Case Skid Steer. Supervisor Daly questioned if the backhoe was put on Municibid yet? Not yet, needs to be cleaned/detailed, also waiting on the new excavator. Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated October 10, 2023. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

2023 VFRA Distribution: Each year, the state disburses VFRA funding. Total amount allocated to Perry Township for 2023 was \$37,134.83. Funds must be disbursed by the municipality in entirety. In past years, the ratio has been 90% to Shoemakersville Fire and 10% to Virginville Fire. Supervisor Dalton made a motion to allocate \$33,421.35 to Shoemakersville Fire and \$3,713.48

to Virginville Fire from the 2023 VFRA funding. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief- Engine 40-1 is Shoey Fire's oldest engine (37 years) and needs a new pump. Currently out of service. Repairs will cost between \$25,000- \$30,000. A new engine is around \$600,000.00; currently, there is around \$100,000.00 in the new engine fund. Rusty asked the Supervisors if there is any funding the township could put towards the new pump? Rusty discussed the ongoing issue of failing/changing contacts for the warehouses. Questioned Allen Shollenberger if an amendment could be added to the existing False Fire ordinance; requiring 2 contacts at all-time, 30-day notice required for contact changes, and violators will be subject to a fine. Allen feels it can be done and will look into what we need to do. Rusty also suggested adopting a minimal burn ordinance. This could be utilized as an education tool and would provide extra enforcement for the nuisance fire calls the fire company receives. Revisiting the discussion from last meeting on mutual aid, Rusty provided clarification on their mutual aid agreement. Shoey Fire provides service to other boroughs and municipalities without receiving financial backing from them.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC- Discussed issues at 358 Forest Lane. Jeff suggested multiple options to the home owner, including a pole barn. Discussed a potential chicken house on Zweizig Road, zoning relief will be needed. Weeds at 378 Luisa Court have been cut. 3 zoning permits issued. 7 building permits issued with a total improvement value of \$757,198.23: 3 residential and 4 non-residential. 18 building inspections were performed, 4 property maintenance issues, and 4 zoning issues investigated. Administrator Dreibelbis noted HCP Lot 4 construction entrance is a constant problem when it rains. Inches of mud from the entrance to Logistics Drive. Schlouch and Berks Conservation District will be notified. High grass and weeds again at 10 Zions Church Rd, 1510 Main Street, Birch Hill Foundries, and Glen-Gery property.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission – Meeting held on October 4, 2023. Hinkle Annexation plans signed. Discussed Perry Commercial sign ordinance. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)- Need to discuss sink hole issue at PTMA meeting tomorrow. Curb stops at Perry Village to be looked at. Donnie provided a JLL contact, John, who manages many of the warehouses. Rusty agrees John is a great contact, but he does not have immediate contacts for the warehouses in the middle of the night.

Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering- Report distributed. Review letters included for Bell Warehouses, Glen-Gery Warehouses, and Moyer Auto. Hinkle Annexation plans are adequate for Final Approval and signatures. Planning Commission granted final plan approval at their September meeting. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant Final Plan Approval for the Hinkle Annexation Subdivision. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. AMS submitted their invoice for oil and chip. Sweeping still needs to be completed. Payment application and change order to follow for the November meeting. Chairman Adam questioned if the township can hold AMS accountable for surpassing

their contract date, also, for the township having to sweep areas where unsafe conditions emerged? This will be discussed with AMS.

Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor – No report. Executive session will take place after the meeting to discuss ongoing litigation. No action will be taken.

EMC- No report.

Road Master- September report provided

J B Environmental- Final inspection on Stone Hill Road

Recreation Park- Boy Scout Troop 163 sent a very kind donation towards the recreation park as a thank you for hosting their car show. Thank you, Scouts! New basketball back boards are up and poles are painted.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments:

Leroy Hinkle- Leroy questioned if a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch screen could be added to the fire engine to avoid the rocks damaging the pump? Rusty responded every intake has a screen, too many rocks get through. Rusty thinks one of the dry hydrants behind Shoey Borough pulls stones, despite constant back flushing. Leroy questioned if a controlled lock box could be placed at the fire company for warehouse access keys? Most buildings have a knox box with a master key to get into the building, but not always access to the alarm panel.

Rusty Wagner- Asked to let fire company know if the township can help financially. The pump goes in for repairs October 29. Supervisor Dalton asked what the lead time for a new engine is? A few years, but funds need to be available first. Rusty explained the hope is for a new engine/tanker combo in the future, which is roughly \$600,000.00.

Nancy James- Passed along comments from a group who rented the park. They were very impressed with all the upgrades.

Deane Hamm- Asked if Jeff Fiant could look into “Warehouse Entrance Here” signs for 1510 Main Street? Trucks are constantly trying to turn around on Zweizig Road and causing damage. Jeff will address with the warehouse.

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
November 14, 2023

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator