

UNOFFICIAL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
February 13, 2024

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 February 13, 2024 from the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. Due to electrical/ parking lot circumstances, tonight's meeting is being held via Zoom. 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:

Eden Bucher, Esq. – PRESENT (on Zoom)

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

Public Comments:

Chuck DeCarlo- Commented on the unsatisfactory job the tree trimming company, Met-ed contracted, is doing. Administrator Dreibelbis will contact Met-Ed on this issue.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting January 2, 2024, Committee Meeting January 2, 2024, and Supervisors meeting January 9, 2024. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report: Motion was made by Supervisor Daly to approve the Treasurer's report dated January 31, 2024. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Administrator Dreibelbis commented the interest percentage on the new Capital Outlay account has since been raised to match the other accounts.

Bills for Payment: Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated February 13, 2024. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Safety Net Sanctuary Contract- Safety Net Sanctuary in Fleetwood has been helping the township with housing, vet care, and re-homing stray dogs found within the township. The owner provided a contract for the township to consider. The annual fee for the contract is \$2,000.00. Supervisor Daly questioned if we know where all the dogs are coming from? We do not. Supervisor Dalton asked to keep a record of how many dogs we send to the sanctuary. Eden Bucher agrees a contract of this nature is wise. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the 2024

contract with Safety Net Sanctuary in the amount of \$2,000.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Plasma Cutter Purchase- A quote was requested from Airgas in Reading for a plasma cutter. Chairman Adam commented the garage has been handling a lot of their own fabricating for repairs and modifications to the equipment. The quote is in the amount of \$2,994.95. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the purchase of the plasma cutter quoted from Airgas in an amount to not exceed \$3,000.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

On-Spot Chain Quote for 2018 International- The 2018 International is the only truck without automatic tire chains; which, are for the inside tires to assist with going uphill in deep snow and/or ice. A quote was obtained from EM Kutz in the amount of \$3,074.00. Supervisor Daly questioned what fund this would come out of? Jeff Fiant informed Liquid Fuels could be used for this. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the on-spot chain quote for the 2018 International from EM Kutz in the amount of \$3,074.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Berks Public Works Association 2024 Membership- The amount to renew the township's membership with Berks Public Works Association is \$125.00. Supervisor Dalton made a motion to renew the membership with Berks Public Works Association for the amount of \$125.00. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Full-time Roadmaster and Administrator Discussion- Continuation of the multiple discussions held last year regarding moving select positions into full-time status. Supervisor Daly discussed the current need for a full-time Administrator and Roadmaster. A decision will be made at the March Supervisor meeting. All questions and comments are welcome via email, phone, or meeting attendance. The cost for insurance benefits for those full-time positions was budgeted this year in preparation for the transition. Chairman Adam opened the floor for comments. No comments made.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief- Not present.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC- 2 DJ hearings attended this month: Stone Hill Rd and Windsor Castle Rd. Complaint from Stone Hill Rd was withdrawn due to compliance. Complaint from Windsor Castle Rd given 30 days to obtain compliance. Investigating excessive water on the road from a property on Merkel Lane. 2 building permits issued for the period, both for HCP, with an improvement value of \$335,000.00. 2 zoning permits for fencing issued for the period, with an improvement value of \$6,300.00.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission – Not present. February 2024 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: Jeff Fiant gave Ryan's report. Birch Hill Road warehouse is moving forward. They submitted a check-set of drawings for review and should be receiving their HOP in the next month. Bridge inspection meeting scheduled for February 22 at 2:00 pm.

Eden Bucher, Solicitor – No report

EMC- No report

Road Master- No report, will have for next month.

J B Environmental- Annual DEP reporting complete.

Recreation Park- Recreation Board approved the annual weed spraying contract with All Green Lawn Care in the amount of \$950.00, which is a pre-paid 5% discount. No change in pricing from previous years. Supervisor Daly made a motion to approve the weed spraying contract with All Green Lawn and Tree Care in the amount of \$950.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Discussed new events at the park, such as, a kid's panfish rodeo with breakfast at the park, back-to-school family day, and goat yoga. Discussed concreting the bleacher pads, backstop, and handicap walkway at Dietrich Field.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments:

Nancy James- Happy Valentines Day! Thanked everyone for what they do. "You are appreciated". Relayed to Nancy mulch is at each flower bed; she will inform the scouts.

Kathy DeCarlo- Discussed the parking lot behind Tractor Supply. Chairman Adam commented the stone piles were actually used to regrade the water away from the building, not to fill the potholes. Although the parking lot is in Shoey Boro, the township will keep reminding the property owner of the issue. Kathy asked if Lance and Rochelle are both interested in full-time? Yes, from both. Kathy questioned if sick time and vacation time will be factored in? Supervisor Daly informed paid sick time and vacation time was already factored in the Administrator position when Rochelle was hired. The full-time Roadmaster position will be ironed out for next month's meeting.

Chuck DeCarlo- Chuck questioned if the full-time positions must be posted for others to apply? Supervisor Daly informed the township reserves the right to convert any of the positions into the hours they deem appropriate. If the positions are currently filled, the township has the right to keep those individuals in their positions. Eden Bucher agreed. The position of Roadmaster will still be voted on each year at re-organization, where other applicants may show their interest at that time.

Kathy DeCarlo- Has anyone determined what the duties of the EMC position are? Not yet. Kathy asked if that is a paid position? Yes, and the township legally needs to have one. Chairman Adam elaborated on the interaction he has with our EMC during emergency weather and other

emergencies.

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
March 12, 2024

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator