

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
December 8, 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 December 8, 2020 from the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. The meeting was also being held via zoom conferencing to allow residents to attend due to limited social distancing seating in the meeting room. The format for tonight's meeting is in compliance with PSATS. The meeting was also being recorded.

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam
Patrick J. Daly
Dean A. Adam- ABSENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen R. Shollenberger, Esq.
Sandra Madara, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Adam stated the Supervisors and the Solicitor will be going into Executive Session after the meeting for the Right to Know request submitted by a Supervisor.

Public Comment- Sue Lutz, 327 Perry Road- Wanted to know if there will be a speed limit sign on the new road by the warehouses? Chairman Adam stated that Deane Hamm and the road crew will have to notify PA One call before they do anything.

Rusty Wagner- Was requesting any information on the fire issues and fire pit information. Chairman Adam said he received Maiden creek's policy and Rusty was copied on it from the Solicitor. Rusty said he will look at his email again. Chairman Adam said he will also resend it to Rusty. Rusty also asked if the Authority is monitoring water? Does the Authority need to be advised of the approximate number of gallons of water being used at a structure fire? No, Don Mast said he can see on the computer how much is used.

Zoom: No comments

David from HCP Lot # 3. The Lot is going to be sold. The Solicitor explained that in the development agreement there was a provision that if any of the lots in HCP were going to be sold, the township would agree to provide the developer a Release Instrument as long as all other things have been taken care of. There was a final inspection done in October and the amount of the letter of credit was reduced to \$106,857.22. They are in a maintenance period now for 18 months till April 2021. The reduction was in October 2019. The Release document is prepared, there were some issues with the storm detention pond, large pond on South side of the building. HCP thru Schlouch provided us with a construction cost estimate of about \$30,000 to do the remedial work that needs to be done, so there is more than enough security with the letter of credit still posted. So, HCP needs the Release Agreement approved by the board and executed tonight. If there is an issue after the sale with the storm water there is an Operations and Maintenance agreement and

the owner has an obligation to maintain storm water facilities. This is a recorded document. Motion was made by Chairman Adam for the partial release on Lot # 3 on Hamburg Commerce Park. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion approved with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Supervisor Adam to accept the minutes of November 2 ,2020 Committee meeting and November 10, 2020 Supervisors meeting. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Treasurers Report:

Motion was made by Supervisor Daly to accept the Treasurer's report dated December 1, 2020. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment Dated December 1, 2020. Supervisor Daly seconded the Motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors voting yes. The Motion passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

2021 Unofficial Budget- The Budget was advertised for public view. Tonight, the meeting will be recessed and meeting will be December 29, 2020 at 7:30 PM and will only be for the adoption of the 2021 budget.

2020 EMS payments- After discussion, Motion was made by Chairman Adam to disburse payment to Shoemakersville Fire Company in the amount of \$37,232.64 to clear out their account, seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to disburse \$4800 to Northern Berks EMS to clear out their 2020 allotment. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to disburse Hamburg EMS their 2020 allotment of \$4800, seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services reported for the period ending October 25, 2020-November 21, 2020. There were 11 inspections. There were 8 permits with a total improvement value of \$544,262.06. One (1) permit cancelled at 592 Stone Hill Road. Jeff brought up the possibility of a fire code, to not being a part of the building process, more of a maintenance program at the warehouses.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission – The Planning Commission had a meeting on 12/2/20 and one member was absent. The Folk/Weitzel Annexation was approved for Final Plan. Joe Body explained the property transfer where the well is.

Ronald Adams sub-division plan. Ronald Adams has sketches but has not asked the township for review and he has not paid any money. The Solicitor said he was granted an extension and he submitted an unconditional use application. The fee has been paid for the conditional use as per Joe Body but they did not pay the fee for the subdivision process.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority- Reported they are working on the treating building, they will be putting the pipe in Thursday and Friday. The good news is the DEP does not schedule inspections anymore, they can do everything with photos. We had to put a pump in Bellevue Avenue, a mop head was caught.

Jeff talked to Rusty about adopting a fire code, not be used in conjunction with the building code, as a maintenance type plan, to be able to get into the building on a yearly basis and do some inspections, to verify things are consistent year to year. Rusty said this was great, so that we can monitor their fire extinguishers and be sure they are not locked. The Solicitor stated it will be adopted by Ordinance, so provide the Solicitor with the code information and it will be adopted and as part of the adoption process we will adopt any future amendments and it is all inclusive.

Joe Body, Zoning- We had 3 permits, a new house on Luisa Court, rebuild the barn that collapsed on Dreibelbis Mill Road, issued a permit for that to rebuild and waived the fee. There also was a front porch and a roof on Perry Road.

ACEC Kamp Farm- A permit will be issued.

Township Engineer- the Basin HCP- still time to voice your opinion on the Comprehensive Plan. Forms are available in the lobby. Comprehensive Plan is all 7 municipalities in the Hamburg school district. There was a joint meeting in November about the facilities, parks and sewer and water systems.

Joe Body showed the survey that all residents may fill out and answer questions about the area they live in. Surveys are available in the township office or on the website.

Joe Body also presented the Folk/Weitzel plan. Total areas are the same before and after.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to sign and approve the Folk/Weitzel Sub-division Annexation plans, seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Solicitor- Received a copy of the plan from Dan Hershey that shows the lot on the South side of 662 that the Bell Estate is going to convey to the Municipal Authority. Don Mast said they have come to an Agreement but the timing is still not set. The Solicitor asked for the Authority to not record the deed, so that next month the Solicitor can do a Resolution for the Board that it is treated as a defacto subdivision, because it's on the other side of the road and we can attach a copy of the Resolution to the deed, copy of the plan, so that in years to come everyone knows how this came to be and why there wasn't some subdivision plan filed.

On Lot System- the Solicitor will change from the sliding scale (537 Plan) to every three year in conformity with DEP to have the Sewer Pump Outs. Will follow up.

Wingpointe (Solana) said he would be bringing his pump card in by December 9th. Secretary will follow through on that.

Tax Assessment Appeals that were filed by Landowners. One is the trailer park in the township and the other is Core 5 project. The school district and county will be monitoring.

Speed Limit- Joe Body said it is unposted but will be studied. Will inform Mark Stitzel to monitor the speed on Logistics Drive.

EMC- Code Red Alert system. Chairman Adam has training on Friday 12/11/20 for this. Residents will start to see mail coming to them this month.

Roadmaster- The road crew has done sign replacements, put in new posts, 200 tons of salt will be delivered on Friday. Mark is at home and getting better and calls the shots from home.

Chairman Adam presented a price from International Truck and Hunter Peterbuilt. There is a \$13,088.00 difference between the two estimates for a 2021 truck, with the body and plow and everything. Chairman Adam stated that the \$13,000 is pretty critical. The Peterbuilt has larger engine, heavier frame rail, coated frame rails, larger everything around, plus the resale value of a 10-15-year-old Peterbuilt truck definitely holds its value about 3 times more than an International. Chairman Adam made the motion to go to Hunter Keystone Peterbuilt to build a 2021 Peterbuilt 337 for the finished amount of \$87,933.00. Motion as seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Second part of this Motion is the Dump Body/Salt Spreader/Snow Plow and all accessories for the stainless body from E.M. Kutz for \$64,436.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

The utility truck will be outfitted with a plow and spreader for quick response and will be a lot easier to get into the intersections to use a smaller truck. One quote was from Levan for a Boss plow and one from Stork's in Bernville for a Western plow. Chairman Adam stated that he has done his research and homework. Motion was made by Chairman Adam to buy a Boss 9 ft 2 in power V plow from Levan Machine shop in the amount of \$6,227.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Chairman Adam made the motion for a rubber reflector for on the top of the plow to keep the snow from flying up over the top of the plow for \$259.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam for the V box spreader for on the bed of the truck from Levan Machine Shop \$6739.00 which will include all the lights and everything to get us on the road. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

J B Environmental- Nothing to report.

Rec Park- The Rec Board and Shoemakersville Boro Rec Park and Shoemakersville Lions Club have come together to do a joint Christmas in the Park on Saturday December 19th for the kids. Santa will be there. Supervisor Daly stated that this is great and it is the first all the organizations have come together to do this and they are planning on 200 kids, registration only event. Three different time slots, 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM- 6:00 PM-7:00 PM and 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. There will be

over 300 toys, 6 bicycles on a raffle, no money, names on tickets and the winner will be drawn. Supervisor Daly stated it will be social distanced and responsible to keep everyone safe. It's just great to see all the agencies involved, Shoey Boro Council, Shoey Rec Board, Perry Rec Board and the Lions Club to all putting this together because we just can't cancel Christmas. This is something that is needed.

Correspondence- Was looked at.

Comments:

Don Mast- Stated that Code Red is placed on their agenda for tomorrow night's meeting. Don Mast also complimented the Board for not making visitors sit and wait and said it showed a lot of respect.

Nancy James, Ridge Road- Stated she was on the web site and stated that the information on the census was still posted. Mrs. James also stated what a great idea it is that the Supervisors and all the organizations are coming together and using the rec parks, that is what they are for.

Supervisor Daly stated that since Mrs. James brought up the Rec Park, he is currently working with his boss on the turnpike and her connections with DCMR and DCED to try and secure grant type funding for a walking path thru our recreation area. We were quoted about \$60,000 and if we can secure maybe even half that amount thru grant funding, it is something worth while for the township to look in to.

Rusty Wagner- The Shoemakersville fire company is going to do Santa on the fire truck. If anyone knows anyone in Shoey or Perry township that wants a visit to go on the fire company website and put in name and address. Supervisor Daly stated that one great tool was the QR code, you can scan this with your phone and they can get the information. Supervisor Daly told Rusty, any thing the fire company needs printed, he has a commercial printer in his home and they are welcome any time to come and use it. It prints up to 11 x 17.

Rusty also informed the board they received a new shipment of N95 masks and reminded everyone to be safe.

Joe Body – There is a strong will for people that want to walk to work in our area. We need to keep in the back of our heads that we need some kind of park over in the area across 61.

Supervisor Daly stated, “ we all know the State of Affairs the township was in 5 months ago, trying to find a replacement to keep the township running on a daily basis and in an efficient manner with the tax payers interest in mind, I want to say thank you to you Sandy for everything that you have done to keep this township moving, it is an enormous amount of work that was piled on to you, and you handled it exceptionally, and I want to publicly say “ thank you” in front of the township residents for everything that you have done, it is very much appreciated.

Secretary Madara said thank you to the residents who have been so kind to me and helped me with this transition and working with the Board has been fantastic. Thank you to everyone for their patience. Chairman Adam said Sandy is Employee of the Month for December.

Recessed:

Chairman Adam made a motion to recess the meeting for the Budget adoption on Tuesday December 29, 2020 at 7:30 PM, it will be available on Zoom, seconded by Supervisor Daly to recess the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

The Supervisors went into an Executive Session. Mrs. James asked if they could discuss what the Executive session was about. The Solicitor stated it has to do with litigation that was filed on a Right to Know Request that has been filed by a Supervisor.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
January 12, 2021

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Sandra J. Madara
Secretary/Treasurer