

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP  
May 11, 2021

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 May 11, 2021 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam- PRESENT  
Patrick J. Daly- PRESENT  
Dean A. Adam- ABSENT  
Sandra J. Madara- ABSENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen R. Shollenberger, Esq.

**Public Comment-**

**Rusty Wagner-** Questioned the fire hydrant? Joe Body answered the question. They will finish up and still not sign off on the whole thing.

Jim- I am not sure what we can do, the warehouse clientele does not get back to us. We need to take some sort of stand with these warehouses. The one across on Zweizig, the doors are labeled on the outside, which is good. They can tell us which door they are at. So, if we can get the doors labeled it would be a big help. Label the South doors S, and the East doors with an E, etc.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to accept the Committee meeting minutes of April 6, 2021 and the Supervisor's meeting of April 13, 2021. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Treasurers Report:**

**Bills for Payment:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to accept the Bills for Payment for month of April. Supervisor Daly seconded the Motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

## **Reports:**

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

**Kraft Code Services** - Jeff Fiant was present. He reported they performed 12 inspections for the month. A number of them are for the warehouses. Issued 5 permits with an improvement value of \$1,993,550.00, one was a small building on HCP. Also had the audit with Labor and Industry. We did fairly well on the Audit.

**Gene Buck, Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission had a meeting on 5 /05/21. Two people were absent. Dean Adam and Allen Shollenberger, Esq. Rea Garrett from McCarthy Engineering was present to receive approval for the Bell Tract plans. He was requesting conditional approval so ta the plans can be sent to CA and come bac. The Planning Commission voted and gave conditional approval and is asking the Supervisors to do the same. The plans will be mailed the CA.

**Ronald Adams** conditional approval paperwork. Motion as made and approved for him to move forward with the paperwork.

**Met Ed Sub Station-** Motion was made and approved for final approval. All forms were signed. Discussion was done on Solar Panels. No decision was made.

**Rea Garrett from McCarthy Engineering** said the Bell Tract plans need to be signed and notarized by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Motion was made by Supervisor Daly to approve the sub-division plan for the Bell Tract residue, seconded by Chairman Adam. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Joe Body** presented the **Met Ed subdivision** on Bellevue Avenue. This was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting. Motion was made by Chairman Adam to accept and approve the Met Ed sub-division. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the component to planning modules for Ronald Adams sub-division. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

**Donald Mast, Municipal Authority-** First Don asked if the Bell sub-division included the Municipal property? Chairman Adam answered “yes.”

We had a DEP inspection and it went very well. Last Saturday night there was an issue at the Bellevue pump station, it looked like some sewage was dumped from one of the warehouses. 3,000 gallons in about 15 minutes. The intake was black and thick. The pumps could not pump it out. It cleared up in 15 minutes.

36 Hunter Liggett is now hooked up to the public system.

**Joe Body, Zoning**– Permits issued in April were a roof, existing driveway, a deck, and shed.

**Joe Body, Engineering-** We covered all of the plans earlier in the meeting.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to reduce Hamburg Commerce Park Lot # 5 to decrease the maintenance to 15% now by \$27,734.36 leaving \$59,340.60 and we do not send back the LOC till

the basket strainers have been installed. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

David Tshudy and Wendy Fulton spoke about getting plans signed for HCP and Lot # 5 and the conditional approval. The Solicitor looked over the Letter of Credit.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to enter into the partial release document Lot # 5 subject to the execution of the partial release document that provides for security \$59,340.60 during the maintenance period. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Conditionally approved a revised sub-division land development Lot # 1 and 2 and it was subject to posting financial security from US Bank.

**Joe Body** stated that a lady on Mohrsville Road is upset with the truck traffic. Trucks are going over the bridge and up Mohrsville Road.

#### **Solicitor-**

**Uniform Construction Code-** we need to advertise an Ordinance for Perry Twp to enter into this governmental agreement. Will be ready for execution next month.

Second item is, after research regarding diminishing a Supervisor's compensation during the term of service. I was very confident you cannot raise it, and the authority on this comes from the Pennsylvania State Constitution that provides that no law shall increase or diminish the salary of the public officer after his election or appointment. The Board is free to pass a policy with regard to compensation about attending meetings or not attending meetings and making it a condition to receive compensation. It will go in effect with the first person after this next election. It will go into effect with each person on the board now, after your election.

**EMC-** Code Red system will be sending out a flyer in the next week or so, encouraging everyone to sign up for it.

**Roadmaster-** Chairman Adam gave a brief report in April about what has been done in the township.

Currently we talked about 1994 Payloader that we have is in need of replacement. June 1, 2021 there is a 15% price increase for equipment. Powerco was contacted and the John Deere dealer. We had units for a few weeks and we found flaws between the two of them. The John Deere also includes a 10-foot sweeper to sweep intersection. The John Deere came in at \$223,900 and the Case came in at \$183,187.00. Question was asked about the trade in. John Deere put the trade value in their price. They were going to trade it for \$18,000. We are not looking to trade it in, we will sell it on Municibid as we did all the other equipment.

With that being said, Motion was made by Chairman Adam to purchase from POWERCO a CASE 2021 Model 621G with a 10-foot power broom on front for \$183,187.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisor's present voting yes. Chairman Adam stated that POWERCO is going to take the V-blade from our old loader and modify it so that it works on the new loader. So, we won't need to purchase a new one to be used in deep snow.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to advertise the 1994 Case loader on Municibid for the trade in value received from John Deere of \$18,500. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to advertise the power sweeper on Municibid starting at \$1,000. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisor's present voting yes.

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to advertise the antique gas welder on Municibid for \$500. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisor's present voting yes.

**J B Environmental-** Nothing to report.

**Rec Park-** They did not have meeting last month. Baseball games are happening. **Dennis Huey** asked if there will be a contract from Ehrlich to spray the pavilion? Chairman Adam said yes, he will call Ehrlich. It will also be sprayed for the cicada bugs also. Fresh sand is in the sand box and new toys.

**Correspondence-** Was looked at.

**Comments:**

**Rusty Wagner** – asked about Code Red. Chairman Adam said the initial test has not been done yet. The contact will be Jarod Emes and then Chairman Adam.

**Kathy DeCarlo-** asked about the Secretary position. Supervisor Daly stated that they are setting up interviews now. Kathy also asked who will be running for Dean Adam position as Supervisor? Supervisor Daly said his name is Joseph Dalton. He is the only one who will be running. Supervisor Daly said he lives over on Main Street. He is also on the Municipal Authority Board. He was a Municipal worker for Spring Twp and now is currently working in Bethlehem. He is an Eagle Scout. He is very well rounded and very respectful. Born and raised in Perry Twp. Supervisor Daly said he wants to be involved in this community.

**Chuck DeCarlo-** Asked if we are going to get a regular Roadmaster now? Chairman Adam said, at this point we are all aware that Mark Stitzel passed away. I have been doing the Roadmaster stuff with Deane Hamm. We made Deane Hamm the Assistant. I have been doing it since July/August. I have no problem continuing to do it. It's no pay raise for me. I get an hourly labor rate, when I work.

Motion was made by Supervisor Daly to appoint Lance N. Adam as the Roadmaster for Perry Township. Motion was seconded by Chairman Lance Adam. Motion carried with all Supervisor's present voting yes.

Supervisor Daly stated that no one expressed interest in the position.

**Donna Long, Paradise Avenue-** Asked about the developments going in? Chairman Adam asked Joe Body to address the question.

**Joe Body** stated that the developer had plans for many years and there are some issues. This subdivision was vacant land and it was to preserve things. There is a Mill property which is one lot, the meadow that is in between Dreibelbis Mill Road and 662 is another parcel and the hill side that goes from 662 up to Skyline Drive is another parcel. A neighbor wanted to purchase this, to preserve it. The fourth parcel is South on 662 and west of Skyline Drive is the parcel for Perry Twp Municipal Authority. The only thing left on Bell Tract is the parcel North of the Mill and East of Bellevue Avenue and West of Allendale. We have not seen any activity or plans.

**Nancy James-** Question on the 4/13/21 minutes. Don Mast asked if they could accept a verbal resignation from Mark Stitzel? We said no, we were going to try and get something from Mark in writing. I am questioning that a verbal resignation cannot be done? In this situation or always? Before we could even get a resignation from Mark he passed. So Nancy's question is, Allen has been saying anyone can be left go for no reason, so the question is Mark did not attend 3 meetings, the Municipal authority can let someone go. So was this because you were trying to be nice, rather than letting him go? Supervisor Daly said they wanted something in writing. The Solicitor confirmed that they can let someone go at any time. I am just questioning why a verbal resignation was not good enough and you were requesting it in writing? Chairman Adam stated, "we were trying to tread lightly on the issue." The Solicitor said employees are "at will" and can be removed at any time. The Municipal Authority has their own Authority and governing body.

**Joe Body** said he is very frustrated that there is still no Secretary. Supervisor Daly said they are trying get this taken care of.

Joe Body complimented Chairman Adam on being Roadmaster.

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Adam made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
June 8, 2021

RECORDED BY:

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Lance N. Adam, Chairman

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Sandra J. Madara  
Secretary/Treasurer