

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP

July 2, 2019

The committee-of-the-whole meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Dean A. Adam, at 7:30 p.m. on July 2, 2019 in the Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA.

A roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Dean A. Adam, Mark Wm. Stitzel and Lance N. Adam

Also present at the committee meeting were:

Lori E. Seidel, Secretary-Treasurer

**Comments:**

Chairman Adam asked for public comments.

Kenneth James, Ridge Road, made a statement there are two potholes to fix on Ridge Road. Dean A. Adam, Chairman, stated they are getting more coldpatch and will fix it. Mr. James noted they did a nice job with the concrete work.

Nancy James, Ridge Road, stated two trees are on the lines on Ridge Road from a storm. Could someone from the Township get them off the lines. Dean A. Adam questioned if it was power lines or telephone lines. The Township cannot touch any of the lines and Mrs. James will need to contact the company who owns the lines to remove the trees.

Michael Geisinger, Hall Road, talked about the work being done on Main Street. He would like to know if the Township could do anything about the dangerous conditions the road was left in by UGI. Joe Body, Zoning Officer, will talk to the inspector.

Larry Krick, Main Street, stated he needed to talk to Joe Body after meeting about what he needed to do next for his property. A discussion was then started between Mr. Body, Mr. Krick and the Board regarding what was discussed last meeting for Mr. Krick's property. The discussion ended with Vice Chairman Adam advising Mr. Krick to contact the Solicitor.

Bryan Althouse, Adams Hotel Road, observed since last meeting less cut grass was laying on the roads.

**Invoices:**

The Board of Supervisors reviewed a preliminary list of invoices.

**Minutes:**

The Supervisors reviewed the unofficial minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup> Committee-of-the-Whole meeting and June 11<sup>th</sup> Supervisor's Meetings. The Board agreed they didn't see any changes that should to be made.

**Reports:**

Joe Body, Zoning Officer, gave his report on permits issued in June; two sheds, a modular home and signs. Mr. Body spoke about the modular home being part of a farm and how it falls in line with Berks Agriculture Center requirements. Mr. Body informed the board, Jill Nagy reviewed the request and since modular home would run on a separate system from the farm house it's okay to approve. Notice of violations and weed notices were sent out. Zweizig Road was cleaned up and the grass was cut. Birch Hill Road also cut their grass. Clarence Avenue has a wet yard possibly due to weather and neighbor's underdrain and pool deck

construction. Mr. Body will talk to neighbors to work it out. Mr. Body also explained Highland Ave driveway drainage condition has three different options to remedy the problem. First step is to research ordinances, second step is Conservation District will suggest design options to the home owners, and the third step would be to involve the Fish Commission since the runoff flows into the creek. The property on Mohrsville Road has a wet yard due to wet weather and the yard being the same level as the canal. The neighbor has vacated their property and the pipe in the back has been dugout which was there to help with drainage. Mr. Body contacted the Conservation District and will work with them on fixing the drainage issue. He believes the Canal is owned by the Commonwealth of PA which either means the Commonwealth or homeowners will need to do something about the drainage near the canal but not the Township's responsibility. Mr. Body reviewed the draft of the Joint Comprehensive Plan with the 7 municipalities and school district participating. Mr. Body mentioned a topic of discussion for the plan was a truck stop at the Strausstown exit on 78. Due to all the warehouses and truck drivers some municipalities are having trouble with trucks stopping on the side of their roads. Allen Shollenberger will need to review the plan. More will be discussed at their next meeting in August, no July meeting.

Joe Body, Engineer, gave an update on projects in the township. He spoke about the night lights at Valley West are for now under control. HCP has resumed blasting and major earth work at top of the hill for their building pad. HLP is working on turf shoulders along Logistics Drive. They are also working on walls for building 200 and internal work at building 300. They are having dust issues on site since it takes longer to fill the tanks with water then it does to empty it. HLP will be requesting a security reduction possibly for the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Body briefly reviewed the Joint meeting that was held with everyone to talk about water line connection across Zions Church Road between HLP and HCP. He also noticed the gas line construction on Main Street seems to have stopped. He informed the board that the secretaries requested a formal letter for the Bell Tract time extension. He also informed the Board that Glen Gery is in need of more bricks and material so they are looking to construct a concrete pavement across Shoemakersville Road between Brush Wellman and Adams Hotel Road to another site. It would be used by the big off-road dump trucks to haul material. They would be building the road and cutting back the banks. More will be discussed as Glen Gery moves along with the project.

Mark Stitzel, Roadmaster, questioned an update on the Albright property. Mr. Body informed the board both the Sandridge and Albright properties are being reviewed with Allen Shollenberger. Sandridge property is with the District Justice and the Albright's are in a nursing home so Mr. Shollenberger is looking at considering it to be a blighted property. The Township could clean up the property and put a lien on it or another choice would be to fine the owners and another lien on the property. Options were discussed and will be reviewed by the Solicitor. Mr. and Mrs. James mentioned seeing a for sale sign on Mohrsville road.

### **Comments:**

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Mr. Althouse talked about a for sale sign being near the Albright property. Mr. Body informed everyone that was for the neighbor's house. Mr. Althouse wanted to know since the Township had an ordinance for residents to cut their grass why are the warehouses not following it. Mr. Body told everyone the warehouses are required to cut grass and part of it has already been done. They are working on it but having trouble along the bank. Residents gave suggestions and a discussion continued about the requirements of when grass should be cut. Mr. Althouse read a Thank you letter from the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 131 for the POW/MIA Flag that will be hung at the Township.

**Correspondence:**

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

**Adjourn:**

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON  
August 13, 2019

RECORDED BY

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Dean A. Adam, Chairman

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Lori E. Seidel, Secretary/Treasurer