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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP  
June 9, 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 June 9, 2020 from the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA via zoom conferencing due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements. The format for tonight's meeting is in compliance with PSATS.

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam

Dean A. Adam and Patrick Daly via zoom

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen Shollenberger, Esq.

Rosanne R. Adam, Secretary/Treasurer via zoom

## **Comments:**

Chairman Adam asked for agenda related public comments. None were given.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to approve the May 19<sup>th</sup> Supervisors Meeting minutes. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

## **Treasurers Report:**

(See attached report)

Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Dean A. Adam to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 1, 2020. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

## **Bills for Payment:**

(See attached list)

Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded simultaneously by Dean Adam and Patrick Daly to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

## **Reports:**

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services, stated he doesn't have a lot to report just wanted to touch base with the Board. I don't have the report with in front of me but we've been issuing permits as they are coming in and answering many calls about projects that are going on. Mr. Fiant wanted to check with the Board to see how things were going and if he should be aware of anything.

The Planning Commission Chairman was not logged on to the meeting. Allen Shollenberger stated the Planning Commission will meet next Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Township meeting room at 7:30 pm. There has been some communication about the meeting being done with proper social distancing requirements. Talking with Joe and Rosanne the meeting will limit the number of people allowed. Chairman, Gene Buck is concerned about that. Masks will be required and distancing will be enforced. If the meeting gets to the point where the room is at a capacity where distancing can't be done, they will need to close it off. Dean Adam

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questioned why we don't hire the professionals to disinfect the room after meetings, it's not that expensive. Lance can't justify the cost and feels we can limit the number of chairs and after the meeting wipe things down. Pat Daly stated at his work, they hold their meetings and practice social distancing and after the meetings someone sprays with disinfectant and the room is air dried as CDC recommends. Secretary Rosanne stated we don't have disinfectant spray. Pat Daly volunteered to get disinfectant spray from a supplier he uses in York.

Zoning Officer and Engineer, Joe Body, was not logged on. Allen Shollenberger shared some give and take communication with the Board concerning the HOP at Core 5. Core 5 is finishing up some roadwork to finalize the HOP. Joe Body noticed the configuration of stop signs doesn't make sense. Joe's concern is they want to put stop signs on Main Street. PennDot wants the traffic to flow directly from 61 to Zweizig Road across Main Street into Core 5. Allen Shollenberger stated no one has asked us to adopt an Ordinance to put a stop sign anywhere on township roads. Allen Shollenberger will stay in contact with Attorney Andrews. The time extension for Premier Fleet was reviewed. Lance made a motion, seconded by Pat Daly to grant the time extension for Premier Fleet until July 15, 2020. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. The 61 Brick Facility letter from Joe Body for the preliminary land development plan was reviewed. The Board had no questions or concerns

Solicitor, Allen Shollenberger, explained the billing and invoicing process that he was asked to explain. Mr. Shollenberger explained the difference for billing for a zoning hearing, land development plan, and a conditional use hearing. The confusion occurred when two plans are combined forming what is called a hybrid. The billing and invoicing may not have been as explicit as it might have been. Rosanne received a bill from myself and invoiced the resident as she normally does, keeping a close eye on the accounts to get the township paid. In these two particular cases attorney fees were not reimbursable. The error was made and corrected and no one paid excess fees to the township. Mr. Shollenberger stated no harm no foul. Chairman Adam asked Mr. Shollenberger what do we need to do, increase our fees. Mr. Shollenberger feels that is not necessary so long as our fees cover the cost of the advertising, court costs and the cost of the zoning hearing board. We can't charge for legal fees. Mr. Shollenberger informed the Board through his work at Leisawitz Heller, a running account at Customers Bank is set-up where money is deposited from clients. The interest from this account is tracked by the bank and then is used for donations to various projects. Mr. Shollenberger is proud to announce Perry Township is the recipient of a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) donation from his firm, Leisawitz Heller, to be used for maintaining the new boat launch. He was very excited when the Township acquired the properties along Mohrsville Road from FEMA. The project is being done by the Schuylkill River Greenways. Joe Body stated the project is moving forward but they experienced a wrinkle with a government agency which has pushed things off. It is coming.

EMC Coordinator, Jarrod Emes, submitted a report giving an update on the status of the corona virus ordeal. Secretary Adam will forward the report to Dean Adam and Pat Daly. A letter was received from Governor Wolf appointing Jarrod Emes as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Perry Township.

Roadmaster, Mark Stitzel is not logged on.

JB Environmental, Jeremy Bentz is not logged on.

Dave Lindenmuth, Recreation Park, stated they held their last meeting at the rec park. He reported the privacy fence at the bathrooms has been finished, except for a small section, the sand for the sand box was approved. They would like to replace the mulch, change signs and wash the rock. Dean Adam asked if the painting of the swing sets was done. Mr. Lindenmuth stated it was not and gave delay reasons. The paving of the basketball court was discussed. Chairman Adam stated Mr. Lindenmuth should update the quote with Folk paving since they were the only company

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that would mill and then pave and not fill the cracks. Movie nights were discussed. Chairman Adam shared an article from the Reading Eagle about vandalism at the Rec Park. The State Police are investigating. Mr. Lindenmuth asked Chairman Adam to comment on the other incident. Our ballfield was littered with debris from fireworks and donuts were across the parking lot. A report was filed. Chairman Adam stated he was impressed to see troopers patrolling the Township.

## **Appoint Planning Commission Members:**

Chairman Adam stated two letters were received, one from Nancy Rogers and one from Dean Adam. Chairman Adam read each letter expressing an interest in being reappointed to the Planning Commission. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to re-appoint Nancy Rogers and Dean Adam to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term that expires on June 30, 2024. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes for Nancy Rogers. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Dean Adam abstained from voting for himself.

## **Roadwork:**

Joe Body gave a summarized report about the condition of the Township's roads. Nothing was done last year and the roads are becoming highly oxidized to a point where we are going to start losing roads. The roads need extended maintenance and drainage work that has been on hold due to the virus and lack of crew working. Virginville Road needs extensive drain work but until we can get the drain work done, we should oil and chip a section of the road to hold it together. The estimated cost would be around Forty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00). Main Street needs extensive work but that won't get done this year. The Township needs to do drain work, UGI is hooking up gas lines and the Municipal Authority wants to extend the water line. Onyx Cave Road should be oil and chipped from Ontelaunee Trail to Windsor Castle Road after some base repair at a cost of approximately Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000.00). Seiger Lane pipe work is good. We should oil and chip and then pave, estimated cost Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000.00). Stone Hill Road needs base repair and oil and chip approximately a mile and a half (1 ½) estimated cost One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). Total for these roads would be around Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$252,000.00). We could consider a mile and a half (1 ½) of Dreibelbis Mill Road estimated cost Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000.00). Forest Lane base repair along the driveways estimated cost Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000.00). A rough estimate for all mentioned is Three Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$376,000.00). Prices are down. We should be able to get the bid packets ready and advertised for a July opening and have the roads finished by fall. Chairman Adam questioned Secretary Adam about the amount of money in the State Account. The work that needs to be done and how much money we want to spend was discussed. Chairman Adam stated the roads mentioned where the roads he's looked at in his travels and the same roads the Roadmaster was concerned about. Lance stated we spent that much money his first year. Patrick Daly stated we need to keep on top of this and agreed with the suggested roadwork. Dean Adam stated he went over the roadwork with Joe and suggested not spending more than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) this year because Main Street will cost us close to Half a Million Dollars (\$500,000.00). We should try to keep the costs down. Mr. Body stated other Townships are concerned about how much money to spend because of the uncertainty of the funding the Township will receive. Chairman Adam agreed. Main Street will cost a lot because there is a lot of work that needs to be done. The Board agreed to have Mr. Body get the bid specs ready. Secretary Adam reminded them of the advertising requirements. Mr. Body stated he needs to get it to Charlie for approval and get the advertisement sent to the newspaper. Mr. Body asked Secretary Adam for assistance getting the bid packets

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finished and advertised.

## **Stop Signs:**

Joe Body updated the Board concerning the stop sign configuration near Core 5. PennDot permit HOP wrapping up. They are proposing to have Zweizig Road the no stop. PennDot doesn't want trucks backing up on Route 61. We can push it off as long as we can. We have no tenant. Dean Adam stated we need to make sure the trucks don't block Main Street.

## **No Outlet Signs and Route 61 Directional Sign:**

Joe Body talked about the No Outlet signs on Zions Church Road. People ignore the signs and drive up the road and either back down the road, turn around or cut across the Masonic Lodge grass to access Route 61. We should consider getting bigger and bolder signs that are yellow and black. Chairman Adam said he should work with Mark for the signs.

## **Shoemakersville Pool Donation Request:**

Chairman Adam stated a resident asked him why Perry residents don't get the same benefits as Shoemakersville residents at the pool. Chairman Adam stated he would look into it. Amy Botwright from the Shoemakersville Pool sent a letter to Lance Adam stating if the township makes a Two Thousand Dollar (\$2000.00) donation to the pool, the pool will give Perry Township residents a discounted rate. The discounted season rate would be Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225.00) for a family of four (4), One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) for a single and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for a senior. Dean Adam stated you are only talking about a few residents and families who use the pool. Chairman Adam felt we should give something back to our residents. Lance N. Adam made a motion, seconded by Patrick Daly to give the Shoemakersville Pool a Two Thousand Dollar (\$2000.00) donation. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Dean Adam is opposed.

## **Comments:**

Nancy James thanked Mr. Shollenberger for his response. She read a section of the minutes from a March meeting about the fees being charged for services were being discussed. She stated she checked the website and noticed the fee schedule hasn't been updated since 2015. She asked why hasn't the fee schedule been updated since then. Allen Shollenberger stated that is what we are going to research with Rosanne. She tracks the revenue and expenditures. Mrs. James asked for explanations about the Stelmach billing. Allen Shollenberger stated the stenographer costs can differ greatly especially if a transcript is required.

Kathy DeCarlo questioned why the May minutes aren't on the website. Mrs. DeCarlo stated she thought we were with the understanding that the Bills for Payment and the Treasurers Report would remain on the website along with the minutes. Chairman Adam stated we need to look at the legally and should check with other Townships. Pat Daly stated he had the opportunity to check several of the reports for Maiden Creek Township has their reports on the website. Mr. Daly said the reports are public documents and should be posted to the website. Secretary Adam asked if they are part of a HIPAA violation because of the detailed information on the reports. Solicitor Shollenberger stated HIPAA is for medical and not public documents.

## **Correspondence:**

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

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**Adjourn:**

Dean A. Adam made a motion, seconded by Lance N. Adam to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
July 14, 2020

RECORDED BY:

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Rosanne R. Adam, Secretary/Treasurer

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Lance N. Adam, Chairman,