

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP  
August 8, 2023

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 August 8, 2023 from the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. The meeting was also being held via zoom conferencing. 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 BY PHONE  
Joseph Dalton- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen Shollenberger, Esq. – PRESENT  
Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

## Public Comments:

**Residents from 372 Luisa Court-** Wanted to discuss an NOV received for weeds and tall grass. 372 Luisa residents looking for access to all Perry Township ordinances. They would like all ordinances made available online to prevent future misunderstandings. 372 Luisa residents feel malicious acts are being directed towards them. Discussed adding a fence on their property at Perry Road, however, the fence would be in the township right-of-way. The Board has some concerns. Jeff Fiant and Chairman Adam will meet at location to discuss. Discussed maintenance responsibility of the retention pond. Kraft is actively looking into this. The residents from 372 Luisa would like the township to revise the weed ordinance because they do not agree with that is deemed "weeds". 372 residents questioned what types of animals they are permitted to have? They would like to have goats and bees.

**Donna Long-** Questioned the excavation on Glen Gery property and construction driveway onto Adams Hotel Road? Ryan Rhode confirmed a Notice of Violation for the driveway has been sent to Glen-Gery, and the township is looking into the activity.

**Nancy James-** Questioned if an EMS impact fee for the warehouse's was looked into? Allen Shollenberger is not aware of an impact fee specifically for EMS services. Allen said generally, impact fees are for "municipal type improvements". Rusty Wagner said "you can have an impact fee for whatever you want. It is for an impact on the community and on the township". Rusty said a previous developer offered a \$1,000,000.00 impact fee: half for roadways and half for anything else. However, the township was in an "uproar" over having a warehouse so the developer went elsewhere. Rusty is unsure if you need an ordinance for one specific impact fee or just a general impact fee. Allen agreed, yes, sometimes a developer will offer a donation to the township during negotiations, but that is not an impact fee. Rusty questioned if an ordinance could be created to

broaden impact fees? Allen will look into it. Allen discussed the study process required for the current traffic impact fee ordinance. Nancy asked if there is an impact fee for EMS? Rusty discussed the fire company's issue with not being able to include the warehouse impact on their federal grant application. Allen said under the MPC (Municipal Planning Code), you can only ask a developer to make on-site improvements. Allen and Rusty discussed how the current EMS tax was developed. Chairman Adam requested Allen to research the possibility of an EMS impact fee.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the minutes from the, Committee meeting July 3, 2023, and Supervisor meeting July 11, 2023. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Treasurer's report dated July 31, 2023. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Bills for Payment:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated August 8, 2023. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Dalton. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**EMS Tax Distribution:**

**2022 Breakdown:** \$ 50,000.00 to Shoemakersville Fire Company  
\$ 17,000.00 to Virginville Fire Company  
\$ 6, 000.00 to Hamburg EMS  
\$ 6, 000.00 to Northern Berks EMS

Supervisor Dalton made the following 2023 Disbursement motion:

**2023 Breakdown:** \$ 80,000.00 to Shoemakersville Fire Company  
\$ 20,000.00 to Virginville Fire Company  
\$ 12,000.00 to Hamburg EMS  
\$ 12,000.00 to Northern Berks EMS

Motion seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Folk Paving Quote-** A few areas need to be repaired prior to oil and chipping. Folk Paving provided a quote for repairs on Allendale Road, Zions Church Road, and around 205 Merkel Lane. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve Folk Paving's quote for the previous mentioned repairs in the amount of \$4,895.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Reports:**

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

**Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief-** A few water rescues performed last month.

**Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC-** 1 zoning permit issued for the period. 5 building permits issued. Total improvement value for the period was \$155,088.00. 14 building inspections were performed. 9 property maintenance issues. Discussed property maintenance issues throughout the township; majority for high grass and weeds. An application for the Zoning Hearing Board was submitted, however, the applicant recently terminated their application. Royal Trucking did a “fantastic” job at remediating their water run-off issue.

**Gene Buck, Planning Commission** – Meeting held on August 2. Plans submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle for an Annexation Subdivision. Motion carried to accept the plans for review. 2<sup>nd</sup> review performed on the Moyer Perry Auto. Gregg Bogia present. No motions made. Review letter for Bell Land Development and Subdivision discussed. Gregg Bogia and Joan London present. No motions made. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)-** Slow month. Issue with a manhole dumping. To be discussed at PTMA meeting.

**Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering-** Report distributed. Reviews for Moyer Perry and Bell Warehouses attached. Pre-construction meeting with for the oil and chip project was held with AMS on 7/28/23. Tentative schedule for crack sealing to begin August 10 and oil and chip September 6. Staying within the scope of the contract, a few changes were made in crack sealing amounts, and double application areas. Change orders to follow.

**Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor** – The proposed sign amendment for the C1 district is ready for advertisement. Final version of the amendment distributed. Chairman Adam would like Supervisor Daly to review the ordinance prior to advertisement.

**EMC-** No report

**Road Master-** No report. Prepping the roads for oil and chip. Today, a “Mowing Ahead” sign and stand was stolen at the intersection of Laurel Road and Onyx Cave Road. Police report was completed.

**J B Environmental-** No report.

**Recreation Park-** No report

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comments:**

**Donnie Mast-** Donnie questioned the status of 500 Mohrsville Road? Chairman Adam feels progress has stopped. Jeff Fiant and Chairman Adam will visit the property.

**Rusty Wagner-** Commended the work at the new fire access ramp.

**Donna Long-** Questioned why the entire EMS tax account isn't disbursed? A reserve is kept in the account for EMS financial emergencies (i.e. a major break on a fire truck).

**Nancy James-** Nancy looked at [puc.pa.gov](http://puc.pa.gov)- Act 13 Impact Fee. Allen asked Nancy to share her findings with him after the meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
September 12, 2023

RECORDED BY:

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Lance N. Adam, Chairman

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Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator