

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP

UNOFFICIAL

February 1, 2022

The committee-of-the-whole meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam, at 7:00 p.m. on February 1, 2022 in the Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. This meeting is being recorded. This meeting is available on ZOOM.

Pledge of Allegiance

A roll call was conducted by Chairman Adam and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam- PRESENT

Patrick J. Daly-PRESENT

Joseph CS Dalton- PRESENT

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator- PRESENT

Public Comments:

Deane Hamm- Questioned if the roads needing chipping will be added to the list? Chairman Adam answered yes.

4. Review List of Invoices- No comments on Preliminary Invoices.

5. Review Unofficial Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2022, Committee Meeting of January 4, 2022, and the Supervisor's Meeting of January 11, 2022. No comments were made.

6. ARPA Disbursement- The final ruling has come out regarding the disbursement of the ARPA funding. The township has received correspondence from Northern Berks EMS and Shoemakersville Fire Company, requesting assistance. Supervisor Daly evaluated their loss of revenue statements, along with their provided financial statements. With the declining volunteerism and substantial revenue loss, Supervisor Daly feels as "fiscal stewards" of the taxpayer's money, it is essential to give back to who is protecting the community. The funds are granted from the State, not tax payer money. Supervisor Daly made a motion to disburse \$50,000.00 to the Shoemakersville Fire Company and \$15,000.00 to the Northern Berks EMS from the ARPA fund. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Additional ARPA disbursements will be discussed at the Supervisors meeting.

7. PennDot Bridge Toll Litigation- PennDot is looking to toll parts of Interstate 78, including the bridge at Lenhartsville. The outcome would result in severely increased traffic on secondary roads. For a one-time fee of \$100.00, the Berks County Commissioner's Office is inviting the municipalities in the area to join their litigation against PennDot's proposal. Allen Shollenberger reviewed the agreement and encouraged the township to join this litigation. Supervisor Daly made a motion to enter into the agreement with the Berks County Commissioners office for a one-time fee of \$100.00, joining the litigation against I78 tolls. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

8. Infield Mix Quote- The main baseball field at the recreation park is in need of more infield mix. The township has previously purchased the infield mix. The price for one triaxle load (24 tons) from Martin Stone Quarry is \$876.00. Martin is the only facility around that carries the

infield mix. Chairman Adam made a motion to purchase one triaxle load of infield mix for the baseball field at the price of \$876.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

9. **2022 Roadwork-** The township is looking to work with Kraft Engineering on roadwork for 2022. Kraft will handle the projects start to finish, alongside the township. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant permission for Kraft Engineering to begin preparations for 2022 roadwork. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

10. **2000 International Repairs-** Since its purchase in 2011, the 2000 International has needed minimal repairs. It is now in need of a new transmission. The new transmission will cost a maximum \$7,127.02. Currently the truck is worth nothing without the transmission repair. Total expense in the 2000 International is \$93,803.87: including purchase, modifications for plowing, turbo charge and routine maintenance. The truck has low miles and no rust. The cost to replace the truck would be around \$200,000.00. Chairman Adam feels replacing the transmission is the best option. Chairman Adam made a motion to replace the transmission in the 2000 International for the maximum price of \$7,127.02. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

11. **Solar Farming Zoning-** No action is needed on this topic currently, strictly discussion. Solar Farming has been discussed prior. The Planning Commission is going to re-open this topic. The township would like to include zoning for solar farms in the zoning ordinance. Solar Farming is being implemented at surrounding municipalities. The township would like to be prepared if a solar farm is proposed in Perry Township.

Public Comments:

Deane Hamm- Deane confirmed part of the 2000 International modifications was an entire new body. Deane questioned if solar panels were ever looked into for the township building? The answer was no.

Chuck DeCarlo- on Zoom- Questioned if municipalities are required to have solar farm zoning? Chairman Adam does not believe it is a requirement. However, having the zoning in the ordinance gives the township more control over where the solar farms would be permitted.

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Daly to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON
March 8, 2022

RECORDED BY

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator