

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
February 11, 2025

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 February 11, 2025 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)
Robert G. Harron- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Eden Bucher, Esq. – PRESENT
Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

Public Comments:

Leroy Hinkle- Expressed his opposition to the proposal of a burning ban.

Vas Hinkle- Commented the township has been doing really well on the roads.

Chuck DeCarlo- Informed there is still some caution tape in the brush along Mohrsville Road.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting January 6, 2025, Committee Meeting January 7, 2025, and Supervisors Meeting January 14, 2025. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report: Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the Treasurer's report dated January 31, 2025. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment: Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the Bills for Payment dated February 11, 2025. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Change to Part-Time Roadcrew Labor Hour Rates: Proposed change: regular compensation to 1 ½ compensation on evening and weekend hours, only for weather events. Hours are from 4:00PM to 6:00AM on weekdays, and 4:00PM on Friday to 6:00AM on Monday for weekends. Chairman Adam made a motion to change the part-time roadcrew compensation rates as stated. Supervisor

Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Supervisor Daly opposed.

Supervisor Resignation: Supervisor, Patrick J Daly, submitted a letter of resignation effective 2/12/2025. Chairman Adam read the letter. Chairman Adam made a motion to accept Patrick J Daly's letter of resignation as Supervisor effective 2/12/2025. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes, Supervisor Daly abstained. Discussed the next steps to fill the vacant seat. The open Supervisor chair will be on the 2025 Municipal Election ballot. Supervisor Daly offered to help residents interested in running with the necessary paperwork.

Roadmaster New Hire Approval: After multiple resumes and interviews, the township has extended the offer of Roadmaster to Ray Kehl. Ray is a lifelong Perry Township resident. Chairman Adam made a motion to hire Ray Kehl at \$26.00 per hour as the Perry Township Roadmaster. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Supervisor Daly opposed.

Supervisor Compensation Cap: Continuation of a previous discussion. Currently, the supervisor compensation is set at \$1,875.00 a year, divided by 12 months, with 2 meetings each month (roughly \$77.00 per meeting). In 2024, an amendment to the 2nd Class Township Code increased the supervisor compensation cap to \$3,145.00 per year. Comparing the current compensation to the other Perry Township boards, Supervisor Harron feels it would be logical to increase the Supervisor compensation. The increase would not affect the current Supervisors, only re-elected or newly elected Supervisors. Chairman Adam made a motion to move forward with increasing the Supervisor compensation to \$2,500.00 per year, which is roughly \$105.00 per meeting. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. The official change will be completed by Ordinance.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief- Not present

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC- For the period, 1 zoning permit for a porch was issued with an improvement value of \$20,000.00. 2 residential building permits issued with an improvement value of \$79,688.98. 2 building inspections performed. 5 property maintenance issues and 4 zoning issues. Discussed ongoing property maintenance issues and code violations. Owner of 500 Mohrsville Rd rejected the Township's proposal, and will be summoned back to court. Hearing for 8 Virginville Rd will be re-scheduled.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission (PC) – Meeting held February 5, 2025. One member absent: Russell King. Final Plan Approval granted by the PC for the Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard. Conditional Final Plan Approval granted by the PC for the Shaak Poultry Barn Land Development Plan. Glen-Gery was on the agenda for 2 plan reviews, but did not attend. Glen-Gery did submit a request for a time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan until 3/14/25. The Planning Commission granted the time extension; however, they did not feel 30-days was a rational request. Tom Schaeffer RV requested a waiver from land development for the planned camper storage lot. Waiver granted.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)- Reorganization stayed the same. PTMA's email was hacked; Comcast fixed the problem.

Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering- On Zoom- Report distributed. Conditional Use Application has been approved and finalized for the Estate of Gloria Gerhard. The Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard Plan has been signed by the Planning Commission and is ready for the Board's action. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant Final Plan Approval, with signatures, for the Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard Plan. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Recommendation for Conditional Final Plan Approval was made for the Shaak Poultry Barn Land Development Plan. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant Conditional Final Plan Approval for the Shaak Poultry Barn Land Development Plan. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Discussed the waiver from land development for the Tom Schaeffer's RV camper storage lot. Supervisor Harron made a motion to grant a waiver of land development for the Tom Schaeffer's RV camper storage lot. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. A 30-day time extension request was received for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan. The short extension request will be discussed with the applicant. Discussed the importance of tracking review deadlines in accordance with the MPC, and the need for extensions of at least 90-days. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant the time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan until 3/15/25. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Kraft would like to begin the process of preparing the 2025 Street Work specs for the reclamation of Witchcraft Road. Chairman Adam made a motion to allow Kraft Municipal to prepare the specs for the 2025 Street Work. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Eden Buchar, Solicitor – The most current version of the proposed extension agreement with the Birch Hill Warehouse Developer has been disbursed and reviewed. Discussed a verbiage revision within the agreement; Birch Hill developer agreed with the revision. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the agreement, with the discussed revision, for 150 Birch Hill Road granting a 5-year extension with an escrow established for a traffic signal if warranted. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

EMC- No report.

Road Master- New Roadmaster will start this week.

J B Environmental- Continued investigation on Birch Hill Road

Recreation Park- Update on the pavilion project. Site walk-through scheduled Thursday for interested bidders. Bids are due 2/28/25 by 11:00 AM. The Recreation Board meeting was moved to Friday 2/28/25 so they can review the bid packets prior to the Supervisors meeting. 2025 weed spraying contract with All Green Lawn Care up for renewal in the amount of \$950.00. No change in price. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the vegetation control contract with All Green Lawn Care in the amount of \$950.00. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments:

Dan Laudenslayer- “It was a pleasure working with you.”

Birch Hill Warehouse Group- “Thank you!”

Chuck and Kathy DeCarlo- on Zoom- Thanked Pat Daly for his service over the years and they hate to see him go. Pat greatly appreciates their comment.

Ryan Rhode- on Zoom- reminded the Board that Kraft is available for any questions with the pavilion project.

Nancy James- on Zoom- Thanked Pat and all the Board for their hard work. Sees a great change in the township. Nancy questioned if anyone responded to the garden ad? No.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Harron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:

March 11, 2025

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

RECORDED BY:

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator