

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP  
March 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 March 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

\*Introduction of new Supervisor, Ray Hepner, and new Roadmaster, Ray Kehl.

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam- PRESENT  
Robert G. Harron- PRESENT  
Ray Hepner- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

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

## Public Comments:

**Donnie Mast:** Donnie commented the organizational meeting minutes “specifically say that you will continue to pay the Municipal Authority \$80.00 for this coming year”. Donnie said in October of 2006, the Municipal Authority started paying their own meeting pay, “so those minutes are false”. Donnie asked “how can an auditor read those minutes when they reconcile the bills for payments and see you paid the Municipal Authority’s monthly meetings, unless someone is getting the checks that I don’t know about.” Donnie commented according to the “Municipal Authority Book”, they cannot increase their own pay, that must come from the Board of Supervisors. Donnie said the Planning Commission and the Municipal Authority have always been the same rate. Donnie accused Supervisor Harron of saying “the Municipal Authority meetings are so short that they do not deserve a rate increase.” Supervisor Harron, Chairman Adam, and Admin Dreibelbis corrected Supervisor Harron said the Zoning Hearing Board meetings were shorter, not PTMA. Donnie elaborated on the previous corrupt PTMA Board, and how far the new board has come since then. Donnie feels there has to be another reason why the PC and PTMA are different rates. Donnie commented on the amount of monetary assets the township has and asked “why a township this small needs all that money?” Donnie thought when the warehouses went in, the intent was to eliminate real estate taxes. Donnie agreed the township has a very low real estate tax rate, but a large percentage of the township is on social security. Donnie doesn’t understand why the township would want to invest \$500,000.00 to make more money. Donnie commented when the warehouses went in, PTMA lowered their rates a little, but feels the township doesn’t care about the residents like that. Donnie commented on how “the supervisors gave themselves a rate increase because I guess they deserve it.” Supervisor Harron and Donnie discussed some of the history behind PTMA.

Supervisor Harron said the decision to increase the PC meeting rate pre-dates his time on the Board so to come after him for that is uncalled for. Supervisor Harron hears what Donnie is saying about taxes, but investing the money as fiscal stewards of the township allows the township to not raise taxes either. Supervisor Harron stated the previous Supervisor Boards were also accused of not having enough money in the fund and spending too much. Donnie commented "having all this money looks good but it doesn't help the residents". Donnie discussed the strides PTMA has made to improve their rates. Supervisor Harron was not aware PTMA paid its own members. Donnie stated that changed in 2006. The Board of Supervisors at that time charged PTMA office and phone rent. When PTMA refused to pay the rent, it was decided that PTMA will pay their own members. Supervisor Hepner asked Donnie to confirm that PTMA pays its own members, but the Board of Supervisors sets the rate. Donnie confirmed.

**R. Glenn Weyer-** Looking for clarification if the meeting pay rates are changing? No, meeting pay rates for the PC, PTMA, and ZHB are set at the Organizational Meeting at the beginning of the year. Supervisor Harron reiterated the change in supervisor compensation only applies to re-elected or newly elected Supervisors, not the current Board. Supervisor Harron pointed out the Supervisors' meeting pay was much lower than the other Boards, so the agreed upon raise in compensation brought them to the same level as Planning Commission.

**Approval of Minutes:** Clarified that previous meeting minutes cannot be changed because they have already been approved. PTMA discussion regarding previous minutes noted in tonight's minutes. Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the minutes from the Committee Meeting February 4, 2025, and Supervisors Meeting February 11, 2025. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Supervisor Hepner abstained.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the Treasurer's report dated February 28, 2025. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Bills for Payment:** Chairman Adam corrected the E. S. Savage description. Description changed from "F450" to "2018 International". Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated March 11, 2025. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Vice-Chairman Appointment:** Chairman Adam made a motion to appoint Robert G. Harron as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Supervisor Harron abstained.

**Supervisor Compensation Ordinance:** The ordinance for Supervisor Compensation has been reviewed by the solicitor, advertised, and is ready for adoption. Supervisor Harron questioned if there has been any other feedback besides Donnie Mast's? No. Supervisor Harron made a motion to adopt Ordinance 03-25 pertaining to rate of compensation for newly elected Supervisors. Chairman Adam 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-** Last month's report was sent to the office. No questions. Sportsman Dinner was a success with roughly \$23,000.00 profit. The storage units at the fire company generated roughly \$31,000.00 in 2024. 2024 Financial Report will be ready soon. The truck committee is assembled and looking to upgrade to an engine-tanker.

**Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC-** For the period, no zoning permits were issued, and 3 were canceled. 1 residential building permit was issued with an improvement value of \$20,000.00. 2 building permits were canceled. Hearing for 500 Mohrsville Road will be on March 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM. An inquiry was received about a car sales lot at 10 Zions Church Rd. A special exception would be required.

**Gene Buck, Planning Commission (PC) –** Meeting held March 5, 2025. One member absent: Dean Adam. Glen-Gery submitted a request for a time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan until 5/12/25. The Planning Commission granted the time extension. A sketch plan for Dietrich Tract and Perry Village was submitted for review. The PC unanimously voted to reject the plan for review based on lack of detail. Supervisor Harron questioned if it was from the same developer as prior? Yes.

**Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)-** An invoice was received from Shoemakersville Boro for sewage from 2022. Donnie commented it is very hard to determine if the Authority is losing money on the sewer when the invoicing from Shoey is so far behind. No progress was made by the developer of Charles Estates towards PTMA dedication. Problems with a meter pit on Mohrsville Rd; an alarm system with a light to be installed. Pump on Bellevue Ave out for repairs. Donnie elaborated on issues with Shoemakersville Boro and the agreements between them. Rusty and Donnie discussed the meters at the fire company.

**Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering-** Report distributed. Glen-Gery submitted a request for a time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan until 5/12/25. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant the time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan until May 12, 2025. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors saying yes. 2025 Street Work specs have been approved by PennDot and are ready for advertisement. The project is the recycling of Witchcraft Road within Perry Township. Discussed scoring the roads to create a maintenance schedule for future street work projects. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the advertisement for the 2025 Street Work for Witchcraft Road. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Ryan elaborated on a resolution suggested by PennDot for the price adjustment of bituminous materials for small quantities. Chairman Adam made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-11-25 pertaining to the price adjustment of bituminous materials for small quantities for the 2025 Street Work. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Premier Fleet has completed all check-list items and are requesting their final escrow release in the amount of \$48,695.00. All concerns have been resolved. Chairman Adam made a motion to release the remaining escrow for Premier Fleet in the amount of \$48,695.00. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Eden Buchar, Solicitor** – Driveway declaration, stormwater maintenance, and improvements agreement for Shaak Poultry Barn should be ready for signatures next month.

**EMC**- No report.

**Road Master**- New Roadmaster, Ray Kehl, gave his February report.

**J B Environmental**- Final inspection on a new tank on Dreibelbis Mill Road.

**Recreation Park**- Pavilion/ Concession stand project has been advertised and bids were due February 28. Four bids received. All of the bids received were higher than expected. The Recreation Board voted to reject all of the bids, re-evaluate the plans with Watkins, and re-bid the project. Chairman Adam made a motion to reject all the bids for the pavilion/concession stand project and re-bid at a later date. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comments:**

**Donnie Mast**- Donnie questioned if the PC will look at the Dietrich Tract and Perry Village plans next month? It is up to the developer to resubmit the plan.

**Rusty Wagner**- Notified the parking lot behind Tractor Supply has been patched up again. Rusty commented on the high bids for the pavilion/concession stand project. He feels having the township do the excavation and the initial time crunch resulted in the contractors bidding higher.

**Matt Tobias**- Thanked Lance for clearing a tree that Matt called in.

**Nancy James**- Welcomed Ray. Commented she learned a lot of things tonight. Thanked Donnie for his information.

**Adjourn:**

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
April 8, 2025

RECORDED BY:

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Lance N. Adam, Chairman

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Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator