

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
October 8, 2024

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 October 8, 2024 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
Robert G. Harron- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

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

*Chairman Adam turned the meeting over to Allen Shollenberger to begin the advertised public hearing for the zoning ordinance amendment regarding the Industrial District and height of building definition. Hearing commenced. Chairman Adam made a motion to close the public hearing for the zoning amendment for the Industrial District and height of building definition. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the minutes from the Committee Meeting September 3, 2024 and Supervisors Meeting September 10, 2024. Supervisor Daly 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 September 30, 2024. Supervisor Daly 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 October 8, 2024. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

EMS Tax Distribution:

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

As of August 31, 2024 the balance in the EMS Tax Account was \$348,296.23. Supervisor Daly made the following 2024 Disbursement motion:

2024 Breakdown: \$ 100,000.00 to Shoemakersville Fire Company
\$ 22,000.00 to Virginville Fire Company
\$ 13,200.00 to Hamburg EMS
\$ 13,200.00 to Northern Berks EMS

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

2024 VFRA Distribution: Total amount allocated to Perry Township for 2024 was \$40,004.99. Funds must be disbursed by the township in entirety. In past years, the ratio has been 90% to Shoemakersville Fire and 10% to Virginville Fire. Supervisor Harron made a motion to disburse \$36,004.49 to Shoemakersville Fire and \$4,000.50 to Virginville Fire from the 2024 VFRA funding. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

2024 Library Donations: Donation amount to Hamburg Public Library and Schuylkill Valley Public Library in 2023 was \$3,000.00 each. Supervisor Harron made a motion to increase the donation amount to \$3,500.00 to both Hamburg Public Library and Schuylkill Valley Library for 2024. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Jumping Jack Quotes/Purchase: The township has been renting a jumping jack from Kuzans for around \$70.00 each time. Chairman Adam collected quotes from Stephenson Equipment and Stoney Creek to purchase a jumping jack. The Weber SRV590 from Stoney Creek has the best reviews and compaction rating at the price of \$2,850.00. Chairman Adam made a motion to purchase the Weber SRV590 from Stoney Creek in the amount of \$2,850.00. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Culvert Box Re-stock Quotes/Purchase: The township has depleted its in-house stock of 24" deep standard culvert boxes. Through price comparing, Monarch is the cheapest to purchase the 24" deep standard boxes (\$345.00 each), and Terre Hill for risers (\$310.00 each) and grates (\$427.00 each). 6 sets will come to a total of \$6,492.00. Chairman Adam made a motion to purchase 6 standard boxes from Monarch at \$345.00 each, 6 C-top risers from Terre Hill at \$310.00 each, and 6 steel grates from Terre Hill at \$427.00 each: total amount \$6,492.00. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

PennDot Issued Devices: Discussed PennDot issued devices and who is responsible for them. The township is responsible for any traffic signal device PennDot installs within the township.

Perry Commercial Center Grant Support: PCC developer requested an additional letter of support and zoning verification letter for their MTF grant application. Since the support was previously approved, no action needed tonight.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief- Rusty submitted receipts for EMS Tax expenditures. Reviewed last month's run card. Discussed the successful grain bin rescue last week on Zweizig

Road. Shoey Fire applied for a grant to purchase bin/silo rescue panels twice, both denied. Rusty elaborated on how the rescue panels work. Currently, Fleetwood Fire Company is the closest provider to have this rescue device. Shoey Fire volunteers are trained on the equipment. Shoey Fire looking into purchasing rescue panels.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC- For the period ending 9/28/24: 1 zoning permit issued on Orchard Rd. 5 building permits were issued for the period with an improvement value of \$38,718.11, all residential. 13 building inspections performed. 6 property maintenance issues and 3 zoning issues for the period. Citations issued to 675 Mohrsville Road. Conditional judgement agreed upon at the hearing for 500 Mohrsville Rd; meet again in 60 days. Hearing set for 8 Virginville Rd.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission – Planning Commission held their meeting on October 2, 2024: 2 members absent, Dean Adam and Roger Zweizig. Conditional Use Application for the Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard reviewed. 4 waivers requested: 301.1A, 302.1E, 303.1G, and 502.9. All granted. Zoning Amendment for the Industrial District and the height of building definition discussed. The Planning Commission recommended adoption of the amendment as presented. Meeting adjourned around 8:00 PM.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)- Slow month. Found a leak at Building 1. Discussed how the leak was found. The water lost will be billed to the developer, but not the sewer.

Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering- Report distributed. Working with Bogia and Dan Hershey (PTMA Engineer) on the sewer planning module for the Glen Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan. Hershey Engineering provided a Will Serve letter confirming PTMA can provide 12,000 gallons per day. Next step would be municipal signatures for the DEP submission. Chairman Adam made a motion to authorize Admin Dreibelbis to sign the DEP Planning Module for the Glen Gery Subdivision and Land Development project. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Regarding the Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard, 4 waivers were requested. Supervisor Harron made a motion to grant waivers from sections 301.1A, 302.1E, 303.1G, and 502.9 for the Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. The Conditional Use Application has been submitted and being reviewed. Still working with HCP on escrow release items for the Infrastructure and Auxiliary Work Area.

Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor – Draft traffic signal agreement with Birch Hill Warehouse was circulated for review. Discussed the timeline for the Conditional Use application for the Subdivision of the Estate of Gloria Gerhard. Tentative hearing at the December 10 Supervisor’s meeting. Hearing was held tonight in regards to an amendment to the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the permitted uses in the Industrial District and the “height of building” definition. Public hearing notice and notice of intent to adopt were both advertised. Amendment was reviewed by the Berks County Planning Commission and the Perry Township Planning Commission: no negative comments. Supervisor Harron made a motion to adopt Ordinance 10-24 amending the permitted uses in the Industrial District and the “height of building” definition. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

EMC- No report.

Road Master- September report disbursed. Trash dumping continues to be a problem throughout the township. Suggested using trail cameras at the “hot spots”.

J B Environmental- No report.

Recreation Park- No report

Correspondence: None

Public Comments:

Donnie Mast- Commented on trash dumping activity on Water Street.

Brian Kobularcik- Goodman- Thanked the Board for the DEP Planning Module approval.

Donna Long- Questioned what happens to the water wasted by the warehouses? The water would go to the Shoey treatment facility and into the river. Donna commented on the concern with well water being wasted during times of drought. Donnie Mast explained the different capacity public wells can supply vs private.

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
November 12, 2024

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator