

UNOFFICIAL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
October 12 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam at 7:30 p.m. on October 12, 2021 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
Dean A. Adam- ABSENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

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

Public Comment:

Loretta Watkins- Looking for any new information on the warehouse. Loretta requested another "Do Not Enter" sign at Kerns Road and Birch Hill Road. Chairman Adam will look into it.

Sullivan Lash- From Schuylkill Valley Community Library. Thanked the Board and the township for their continued support. Provided a handout of activities at the library over the past year. New and upcoming projects were also discussed.

Glen Gery Building Addition- A representative requested conditional approval for the Preliminary Land Development Plan for the Glen Gery Building Addition. Jeff Fiant interjected, subject to Joe Body's October 6th letter to the Planning Commission recommending preliminary plan approval, it is appropriate for the Board to also grant approval. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant preliminary plan approval to the Glen Gery Building Addition per Joe Body's October 6th recommendation letter. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Jeff Dreibelbis- 786 Onyx Cave Rd- questioned what the bill entailed for the recreation park tractor on Bills for Payment. Chairman Adam confirmed the bill was for a new gear drive on the mower deck. Jeff questioned the age of the tractor and whether it was time for a new one? Chairman Adam answered the township is looking to keep the Kubota at the park and purchasing a bat wing mower. The bat wing mower will cover 16 ft at a time vs the 6ft the Kubota mower covers. They would keep the Kubota mower for trimming. Jeff disagrees with purchasing a bigger mower due to the unevenness of the area. Chairman Adam discussed the possibility of demoing a few mowers to find the best fit. Jeff questioned if the township needs to select the lowest bidding

mower? Chairman Adam said not as long as the differences are justified. Eden Bucher agreed with that statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to accept the Committee meeting minutes of September 7, 2021 and Supervisor meeting minutes of September 14, 2021. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Treasurers Report:

Motion was made by Supervisor Daly to accept the Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2021. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Bills for Payment:

Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated October 12, 2021. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Daly. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Additions to security/swipe access system: Supervisor Daly reviewed, in addition to securing the building through a swipe access security system, we are looking to add surveillance cameras and securing the rear pole building. The additional project costs would be \$6,960.00. Supervisor Daly made a motion to approve spending \$6,960.00 for the additional security project to be added to the existing work being done by Wiring by Wall. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

Berks County Department of Emergency Service- The township pays annually to the 911 dispatch center. The 2022 invoice for the dispatch center is \$11, 417.57. Supervisor Daly interjected he believes this is entered into through an ordinance or resolution. Jeff Fiant and Eden Bucher agree. Supervisor Daly did speak with Commissioner Barnhardt and Commissioner Leinbach on the benefit this has towards smaller municipalities. Both Commissioner's gave favorable commentary on entering this agreement. The township has entered into this agreement previously. Due to change in consumer index pricing for the 2022 year, the township will need to enter into a new agreement. Due to some confusion with the agreement, Eden and/or Allen Shollenberger will take a closer look before a motion is made.

Emergency Contact form for warehouse tenants- Administrator Dreibelbis drafted an "Update Emergency Contact Form" for the warehouse tenants and reviewed with Shoemakersville Fire Company for approval. The form will be sent to the various warehouses in the area for current emergency contacts. Jeff Fiant will work with Administrator Dreibelbis on this project.

November Committee Meeting- General reminder that the November Committee meeting will be on Monday November 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm due to the township building being used for voting on Tuesday November 2, 2021.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Code Services- 4 Certificates of Occupancy were issued- one alteration on Mohrsville Road, a new home on Luisa Court, a swimming pool, and a commercial project at 30 Ludwig Court. For the period ending 9/25/2021, there were 6 new permits with an improvement value of \$4,498,418.82. Jeff spoke with the owner of 500 Mohrsville Road. Jeff and Chairman Adam both agree some progress is being made on the property.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission – The Planning Commission had a meeting on October 6, 2021. Two members were absent, Nancy Rogers and Allen Shollenberger. 29 residents from the Birch Hill Road area attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the warehouse. 4 main speakers represented the group: Debra Peck, Heide Schell, Ron Bowser, and Bill Kline. The Planning Commission and the concerned residents had a productive and mature conversation that lasted approximately an hour and 45 minutes long. Most of the suggestions are already being addressed, however, some questions/ suggestions will be further reviewed. Preliminary Plan approval was given to the Glen Gery Building Addition. The Dietrich Tract/ Perry Village was not discussed due to no representation from the projects. The Northern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan is complete. A public meeting will be held on November 4, 2021- 6:30pm in the LGI at Hamburg Area High School. The intention is to gain feedback from the general public. Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority- Reported a good month of everything working properly. A good amount of time was spent preparing a DEP permit for well #3.

Zoning– The Board received a letter of immediate resignation today from Joe Body. Joe kindly provided notes on all the current, on-going projects. At the last Supervisor’s meeting, the Board voted on sending out RFP’s for zoning officer, engineer, and solicitor. In light of the immediate need for township engineer and zoning officer, Kraft Codes Services provided documentation and a fee schedule for engineering and zoning officer. Supervisor Daly made a motion to engage the services of Kraft Engineering Services and Kraft Code Services in the capacity of township engineer and zoning officer. Motion was seconded by Chairman Adam. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes. The zoning report included 2 permits- a patio on Stone Hill Road and Rec Park cell tower up-grade.

Engineer- Joe Body conducted a traffic study for the intersection of Bellevue Ave and Main Street in Shoemakersville. Chairman Adam commented on how detailed the study was. It is within PennDot’s guidelines that the intersection can be posted for “No Trucks with Trailers Over 40ft”. Local businesses should not be affected by this posting, most delivery trucks are 40ft or under. Chairman Adam is going to follow Joe’s and PennDot’s recommendations to post the intersection for “No Trucks with Trailers Over 40ft”. Signs will be ordered. Allen Shollenberger will be asked to draft an ordinance to make the signage enforceable. Chris Hilbert asked if anyone knows why all the over-sized loads are being sent to Main Street? Chairman Adam did speak to a few hauling companies about the route.

Paving Proposals for Hughes Hill Road and 5-Locks Road will be revisited. Currently there is only one proposal. Jeff Fiant and Eden Bucher are going to look into more clarification on the proposal process.

Jeff Fiant gave an engineering report: Joe Body filled out the applications for funding towards the 2 bridges on Dreibelbis Mill Road. No time extensions at this time. Premier Fleet site excavation

is mostly complete. The building construction has started at Premier Fleet, no drainage facility construction has begun. Hamburg Commerce Park- Building Lot 2- site drainage and curbing are mostly complete. An infiltration bed is still needed- Kraft will observe. The permitting process has begun for Satellite Truck Parking at Hamburg Logistics Park. Escrow and letters of credit are being established.

Solicitor- Eden Bucher was in representation for Allen Shollenberger. The ordinance in reference to “establishing the rate of compensation for newly- elected supervisors” was ready for adoption. The ordinance was advertised according to procedure. Supervisor Daly explained the purpose of the ordinance: to establish supervisor meeting compensation based on attendance. The current Supervisor Board is not affected by this ordinance. Chairman Adam made a motion to adopt Ordinance 10-21 regarding the compensation of newly elected Supervisors. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors present voting yes.

EMC- No report. Jarred was in correspondence with a resident along Route 143. The resident purchased a house in a known flood zone. Due to recent flooding, the resident would like the township to complete and submit paperwork for grant funding to raise their house. At this time, the township feels this is out of their ability to handle. The township would be held liable to provide the same funding for all the houses in that area.

Road Master-September Road Master report was submitted. 300 tons of salt is due to deliver this week.

J B Environmental- No report

Recreation Park- Nancy James, Supervisor Daly and some Scout volunteers did some landscaping up-grades at the recreation park.

Correspondence:

Doug Pirkey- 1439 Main Street- Doug lives close to the intersection at Industrial Drive. He confirms this is a very noisy area, especially the truck brake retarders at night. Doug contacted PennDot on the possibility of posting signage prohibiting brake retarders on that section of Route 61. PennDot provided him with a form, which Doug forwarded on to the township. Aside from grade, Route 61 meets all the criteria required for posting the prohibition of brake retarder usage. The township will have to confirm if the grade of Route 61 is within the criteria. This topic will be discussed further with Kraft Engineering.

Public Comments:

Donnie Mast- Donnie drove truck for 40 years. He feels “these guys should go back to school to learn how to use a j-brake”.

Chris Hilbert- Spoke with the office at Folk Paving about having a driver’s meeting. Chris claims he motioned for 2 of their drivers to slow down on Main Street and one of the drivers gave him the middle finger. Chris wouldn’t give the drivers name to Folk’s office but advised them to have a discussion.

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Daly to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
November 9, 2021

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis
Administrator