

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES: OCTOBER 2, 2012**

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:     Gordon MacElhenney, Chairman  
                                      Richard Kratz, Member  
                                      William Patterson, Member  
                                      Janet Heacock, Member

ABSENT:                             Dean Becker: Vice-Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:                Cecile Daniel, Township Manager  
                                      Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor  
                                      Daniel Coghlan, Township Engineer  
                                      John Moran, Jr., Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer  
                                      Shawn Motsavage, Road Master

**PUBLIC HEARING: Conditional Use Application – S.H. Bio-Waste, LTD:** Michael Clement, Esquire, was present on behalf of his client, S.H. Bio-Waste, on the Conditional Use Application filed with Perkiomen Township. Mr. Clement introduced his two witnesses: C. J. Santangelo, owner of S.H. Bio-Waste, Ltd. and Angel Aguiar, Vice-President of Bondtech, the maker of the autoclave system that Mr. Santangelo proposes to install. Mr. Santangelo operates a bio-waste collection company that is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Presently, his company collects bio-waste from licensed medical facilities, stores it overnight at its G.P. Clement Drive site, and then loads it on a large truck and ships it to Maryland for disposal. Mr. Santangelo is requesting approval to process the bio-waste by sterilizing it and sanitizing it in a closed autoclave system. This autoclave system must be permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection before it can be operational. During the presentation, there was a discussion regarding the PADEP Rules governing autoclaves. There was concern that the applicant may have difficulty meeting certain sections of the regulations. Under the present situation, the bio-waste is collected in trucks and then placed in a trailer to be shipped within twenty-four hours to Maryland. Under the proposal, the bio-waste that is being brought in would be sanitized in the autoclave to be shipped out of the Township to the trash to steam plant in Plymouth Township. Mr. Aguiar indicated that the autoclave is a pressure vessel. The autoclaving process was described as follows: the bio-waste gets transferred in bags from the collection trucks into the autoclave bins which are then transferred into the autoclave system. Most of the air in the autoclave chamber is then drawn out of the chamber, and mixed with high temperature steam so that the air itself is sterilized and then vented to the condenser. Mr. Aguiar indicated that the temperature on the autoclave runs about 290 degrees for about twenty to twenty-five minutes. The whole process takes about 45 to 50 minutes. This cycle could process approximately a thousand to twelve hundred pounds of bio-waste per cycle. The steam that comes from the system is purged through the condenser

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where it becomes liquid water and drains to the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Aguiar spoke about installing a concrete tank underground, in line from the condenser to the sanitary sewer system to ensure the discharge has cooled before entry to the sanitary sewer. There would be a monitoring manhole installed before the tank so that the effluent can be tested before it goes into the sanitary sewer system. This is all done so that, throughout the autoclaving process there is not steam coming from the autoclave system. Mr. Aguiar indicated that there are few moving parts in the autoclave. The monitoring instruments in the autoclave should be calibrated once a year. If the PADEP requires shredding of the material, the shredding would take place at the end of the process so that the material being shredded would already be treated and sterilized. Maintenance of the shredding components would be that area that would require the most maintenance. At the end of the applicant's presentation, it was agreed to continue the public hearing until the November Monthly Meeting, November 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. One of the items that needs to be addressed is the issue surrounding the PADEP Regulations governing the buffer areas for autoclaves. Mr. Clemens indicated that he would send a letter to PADEP asking for clarification of those regulations.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 4, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon motion of Janet Heacock and seconded by Richard Kratz. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0.

**POLICE REPORT:** The Board reviewed the written State Police Report for September.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **CPVRPC** – Meeting Minutes for September.
- **TRAPPE AMBULANCE & LOWER FREDERICK AMBULANCE** – Report
- **PSATS** – News Bulletin

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Kenneth Picardi reported that:

1. Executive Session: Mr. Picardi requested an Executive Session to discuss two real estate matters (The purchase of the 19.5 acres, and, the request made by Community Medical and Dental Center for the property they are leasing at 309 Gravel Pike). Mr. Picardi also requested an Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter.

**ROAD MASTER'S REPORT:** Shawn Motsavage submitted to the Board his Road Master's Report dated October 1, 2012 for activities taking place during the month of September.

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**FIRE MARSHALL’S REPORT:** John Moran Sr. submitted to the Board the Fire Marshall’s Report dated October 1, 2012 for activities taking place during the month of September.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** John Moran Jr. submitted to the Board his Code Enforcement Report dated October 1, 2012 for activities taking place during the month of September. In addition to his report, Mr. Moran informed the Board that Zoning Hearing Board held a public hearing on September 26, 2012 on an application filed by Anthony Lepore. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the dimensional variance to construct a single family dwelling on an existing non-conforming lot.

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** Cecile Daniel reported that the Planning Commission held their September meeting on September 18, 2012. At that meeting, the Planning Commission discussed the purchase of the 19.5 acres of property by the Board of Supervisors and an update to the Township’s Zoning Ordinance.

**LOWER PERKIOMEN VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY:** Richard Kratz informed the Board members that Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority raised their rates to the six participating municipal members. This increase is an additional \$10.00/EDU per year. As of January, 2013, the price per EDU will be set at \$156/EDU per year. In addition, Mr. Kratz requested consideration by his fellow Board members to place, on the Township’s web site, a letter regarding the dispute between the LPVRS and Lower Providence Township on the proposed location of the middle section of the Perkiomen Interceptor. The Board members did not have a problem with the letter and authorized that it be placed on the Township’s web site.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

1. Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority: Cecile Daniel expanded on the comments made by Richard Kratz on the increase approved by the LPVRS. This increase will affect the increase our Municipal Authority has been discussing. Unfortunately, the increase of the LPVRS will have to be added to the increase that is being discussed by the local municipal authority.
2. Road Spreadsheet: Based upon the Road Inspection that was held, Ms. Daniel revised the spreadsheet for the years 2013, 2014, & 2015. In addition, Ms. Daniel drafted a letter to be sent to Penn Dot regarding the traffic light at Betcher Road, and Route 113, and Iron Bridge Drive. Ms. Daniel is requesting approval of the revised spreadsheet and authorization to send the letter to Penn Dot. Richard Kratz made a motion seconded by William Patterson to approve the revised spreadsheet for the

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years 2013, 2014, & 2015. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0. Next, the Board authorized the letter be sent to Penn Dot to begin a dialogue regarding a traffic signal at Betcher Road, Iron Bridge Drive, and Route 113.

3. Community Medical and Dental Center: Rowan Keenan, Esquire, was present as the representative for the Community Medical and Dental Center. The Board had a brief discussion regarding sending a letter to Montgomery County Department of Housing & Community Development on transfer of 309 Gravel Pike to Community Medical and Dental Center. Mr. Picardi then requested an Executive Session to discuss this matter further.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Daniel Coghlan was present to review the following item:

1. 2012 Road Projects and 2012 Parking Lot Projects: Mr. Coghlan informed the Board that he has received request for payments from the contractor that is completing the 2012 Road Project and the contractor that is completing the 2012 Parking Lot Projects. The contractor for the 2012 Road Projects had two requests for payments. The first request is for Payment Application No. 1 in the amount of \$85,269.15. Mr. Coghlan recommended approval of this payment in his letter dated September 10, 2012. The second request is for Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$60,716.07. Mr. Coghlan recommended approval of this payment in his letter dated October 1, 2012. With the recommendation of Mr. Coghlan, William Patterson made a motion seconded by Janet Heacock to approve Application No.1 in the amount of \$85,269.15 and Application No. 2 in the amount of \$60,716.07 to Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0. The contractor for the 2012 Parking Lot Projects submitted a request for payment in Application No. 1. This request was for \$89,149.45. Mr. Coghlan recommended approval of this payment in his letter dated September 21, 2012 and requested the Board add the condition that contractor sealcoat the minor area of the parking lot where the wearing course appears segregated. Richard Kratz made a motion seconded by William Patterson to approve the Payment Application No. 1 to Dan Malloy Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$89,149.45 with the condition that the contractor sealcoat a minor area of the parking lot where the wearing course appears segregated. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES:** The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of September. After review of same, Richard Kratz made a motion seconded by Janet Heacock to authorize payment of the September bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 4-0.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no other new business than the Public Hearing that was held at the start the October Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Richard Kratz and seconded by Janet Heacock.