



## PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 4, 2015

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dean Becker, Chairman  
William Patterson, Vice-Chairman  
Richard Kratz, Member  
Janet Heacock, Member  
Gordon MacElhenney, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cecile Daniel, Township Manager  
Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor  
James Carr, (In place of Kevin Conrad) Township  
Engineer  
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer  
Shawn Motsavage, Road Master

Dean Becker called the August 4, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting to order in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Becker informed the public that the Board held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the July 7, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon motion of Janet Heacock and seconded by Gordon MacElhenney. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

**POLICE REPORT:** The Board was informed that the Township did not receive a State Police Report for July.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **TRAPPE AMBULANCE** – June Report.
- **PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE** – July Report.
- **PSATS BULLETIN** - June

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Picardi reported that some of the items he has been working on will be discussed under the agenda items later in the meeting. In addition to his report, Solicitor Picardi reviewed with the Board draft language that would amend the



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Township's Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance as it relates to unattended sports equipment. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify when a property owner would be in violation of this ordinance. The Board discussed the issue of liability as it relates to allowing portable basketball nets and other sports equipment in Township streets and rights-of-way. Before proceeding to amend the ordinance, the Board directed that Solicitor Picardi look into the issue of liability and, at a minimum, to further amend Section 105 for the Board to review and discuss at next month's meeting.

**ROAD MASTER'S REPORT:** Shawn Motsavage submitted to the Board his Road Master's Report dated August 1, 2015 for activities taking place during the month of July.

**FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT:** John Moran Sr. submitted to the Board his Fire Marshall's Report dated August 1, 2015 for activities taking place during the month of July.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** John Moran Jr. submitted to the Board his Code Enforcement Report dated August 1, 2015 for activities taking place during the month of July. In addition, Mr. Moran informed the Board that the Zoning Hearing Board approved the application that was filed by the property owner of 290 Bridge Street, Robert Rey and they approved the application filed by Gorski Engineering for property located at 107 G.P. Clement Drive.

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** Cecile Daniel reported that the Planning Commission of July 21, 2015 was canceled.

**LOWER PERKIOMEN VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY:** Richard Kratz informed the Board that, at the July meeting of the LPVRSa, the authority members were informed as to the status of the following: (1) the suit between LPVRSa and Lower Providence Township was settled; (2) the suit between LPVRSa and Lower Providence Municipal Authority was settled and (3) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be issuing LPVRSa a check in the amount of \$10 million dollars for the purchase of capacity for the new state prison located in Skippack Township.



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**ENGINEERS REPORT:** James Carr reviewed the following item:

1. 2015 Road Projects: The contractor for the 2015 Road Project submitted a request for payment, Payment Application No. 1. This request was in the amount of \$307,852.48 and included the two change orders approved at the July Meeting. SSM reviewed the request for payment, found it to be in compliance with the contract documents and recommended the Board approve this payment. After reviewing the information presented, William Patterson made a motion seconded by Richard Kratz to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Innovative Construction Services, Inc, in the amount of \$307,852.48. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Haldeman Road: Ms. Daniel informed the Board that Valerie Temino, from PennDOT, forwarded the Highway Transfer Form and the Highway Transfer Program Resolution to the Township. Once approved by the Township, Ms. Temino will submit the paperwork to the District Executive of District 6 for signature/approval. Once they have been signed by District 6, the package will then be forwarded on to Harrisburg for consideration. Ms. Daniel presented to the Board Resolution 2015-19, which is the Highway Transfer Municipal Resolution, and the Highway Transfer Project Form which lists Haldeman Road and the proposed improvements to said state road being performed as part of the Turnback Project. After reviewing the information, Janet Heacock made a motion seconded by Richard Kratz to approve Resolution 2015-19: Municipal Resolution – Highway Transfer Program and the Highway Transfer Project Form. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.
2. Crossing Guard Services: Ms. Daniel presented to the Board the agreement with Advanced Protection Company to provide Crossing Guard Services for Perkiomen Township and Perkiomen Valley School District (PVSD). These services would be provided at the intersection of Kagey Road, Forge Road, and Campus Drive. This is the same company that provided the services for the previous school year. The difference is that the company changed its name from The Security Advisors to Advanced Protection Company. The agreement is a one year contract and will cover the 2015/2016 school year. In addition to the Security Services Agreement, the



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Board needs to adopt a Resolution appointing Advanced Protection Company as the special crossing guard for the 2015/2016 school year. Both Solicitor Picardi and Ms. Daniel have reviewed the Security Services Agreement of Advanced Protection Company and prepared a draft Resolution for the Board's consideration. After review of both documents, William Patterson made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the Security Services Agreement between Perkiomen Township and Advanced Protection Company. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0. Next, Richard Kratz made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to adopt Resolution 2015-18 appointing Advanced Protection Company as the Special Crossing Guard for the 2015/2016 school year and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the one year agreement. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

3. Traffic Signal & 4044 Project: Ms. Daniel informed the Board that PennDOT is requesting direction from the Board on the desired finish on the traffic signals that are part of the 4044 Project. The location of these traffic signals are Gravel Pike, Plank Road, and Ott Road and Township Line Road, Meyers Road, and Cemetery Road. The choices are the standard finish – aluminum or a black powder coating finish. Presently all of the Township's traffic signals have the standard aluminum finish. Ms. Daniel discussed with the Board the finish on the traffic signals and her recommendation was to continue with the Township's standard of aluminum finish. After discussing this request, Janet Heacock made a motion seconded by Richard Kratz to inform PennDOT that Perkiomen Township will go with the standard finish - aluminum. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Next, Ms. Daniel updated the Board on the 4044 Project. At a recent meeting with PennDOT on this project, both Ms. Daniel and Mark Stabolepszy were informed that this project is scheduled to be let in February, 2016. PennDOT also informed the Township that this project, which was supposed to be completed in two phases, is now being completed in one phase with construction beginning sometime after February, 2016. During this meeting, there was a discussion on the status of the two bridge projects. The timing of the bridge construction projects (Graterford Road Bridge and the Skippack Bridge) would take place at the same time the 4044 Project would be underway. It is unclear at this time how the timing will work for all three



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projects. Both Ms. Daniel and Mr. Stabolepszy are trying to obtain an answer to the timing concern. Another item that came from this meeting was the proposed detour routes for this project. PennDOT presented two proposed detour routes. Detour C: This portion of the project involves the relocation of Seitz Road and Meyers Road. This relocation will require the closing of Seitz Road from Fox Heath Boulevard to Meyers Road so that Seitz Road is relocated whereby Meyers Road will now be connected into Township Line Road and Seitz Road will be connected into Meyers Road. The possible detour route: Wartman Road (from Township Line Road to Route 29), Bridge Street (from Welsh Road/Fox Heath Boulevard to Route 29), and Seitz Road (from Harrison Avenue to Bridge Street). For Detour C, the Board would need to consider granting permission to allow PennDOT to use Wartman Road, a portion of Bridge Street and a portion of Seitz Road. Detour D: This portion of the project involves work being completed on Meyers Road and Ott Road between an area that is east of Wismer Road to Route 29. This portion of the project would require the closing of Meyers Road and Ott Road in this area. A possible detour route for this work could be Township Line Road, to Limerick Road, to Perkiomen Avenue. As this detour does not involve the use Township owned roads, PennDOT can proceed without Board approval. Another option would be for the Board to allow PennDOT to use Seitz Road and Maple Avenue to Route 29. The Board discussed both proposed detour routes. As to the request to use Maple Avenue, the Board said “No”. As to the use of the other Township Roads, the Board made no final decision. The Board directed Ms. Daniel to ask why the same proposed detour route for Detour C could not be used for Detour D. Ms. Daniel indicated she will contact PennDOT and discuss the proposed detour routes.

Intersection of Routes 29 and 113: Dean Becker explained that there was a meeting with representatives of PennDOT, the Montgomery County Planning Commission, and Township officials to discuss the intersection of Route 29 and Route 113. Timothy Stevenson, PennDOT Representative, explained the effect of having this intersection designated as a historical district. Basically, the Village of Rahns was designated as a historical district in 1997 by the PA Historical and Museum Commission. When an area or property is labeled as a historical resource, any PennDOT project must be sent to the Commission for prior approval. Going through this process is long and difficult. There was a suggestion made to have the Township write a letter to the Commission requesting reconsideration of its decision made in 1997 designating the Village of Rahns as a Historical District. The Board discussed



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this suggestion and directed that the Township Manager write to the Commission and request an opportunity to discuss looking into reconsidering the designation of the Village of Rahns as a Historical District. Another topic that was discussed was whether the Township would be willing to consider applying to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program. Municipalities are eligible applicants. This grant would require a 30% local match. As part of this application, the Board would need to consider updating the traffic study that was completed by the SSM Group in 2003. According to SSM, the estimated cost to complete a new traffic study is between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Once completed, the traffic study would identify possible options for handling the traffic congestion at Route 113 and Route 29. Depending upon the cost of those options, the Board may decide that the cost is too high for Perkiomen Township to improve the traffic congestion at this intersection. The Board authorized SSM to complete the traffic study for the intersection of Route 113 and Route 29.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES:** The treasurer reviewed the receipts and expenditures for the month of July. After review of same, Richard Kratz made a motion seconded by William Patterson to authorize payment of the July bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 130 Betcher Road: William Buelow is proposing to construct a single family home on a lot that was created when 130 Betcher Road was subdivided into two lots. As part of that plan, Mr. Buelow has revised the stormwater management plan that was approved as part of the original subdivision. The revised plan was reviewed by SSM and the Township Solicitor and found to be acceptable. As part of the building of this new home, the Board needs to approve the revised stormwater management plan and the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Project Improvements Agreement. There is also a Conservation Easement and Woodland Preservation Declaration that was a condition of the originally approved subdivision. Solicitor Picardi informed the Board that he has approved the proposed Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Project Improvements Agreement. As to the Conservation Easement and Woodland Preservation Declaration, there are some final changes that need to be reached with Mr. Buelow. Regardless, Solicitor Picardi did not have a problem with the Board approving the Declaration conditioned upon he and Mr. Buelow working out the final language. After review of the plan and agreements, Gordon MacElhenney made a





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motion seconded by William Patterson to approve the revised Stormwater Management Plan dated September 28, 2013, last revised June 19, 2015, the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Project Improvements Agreement, the Conservation Easement and Woodland Preservation Declaration subject to working out the language details in the Declaration, and, escrowing with the Township the funds necessary to complete the improvements set forth in the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement and Project Improvement Agreement. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. Ataxia Bike Ride Fundraiser: The Freidreich Research Alliance submitted the annual request for permission to use certain Township roads for the annual Ride Ataxia. The list provided indicates use of School House Road, Kagey Road, and Wartman Road. The Certificate of Insurance with the proper endorsement has been forwarded to the Township and is acceptable. Gordon MacElhenney made a motion seconded by William Patterson to grant permission to Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance to use certain Township roads for their annual Ride Ataxia which is schedule on October 11, 2015. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

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