

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES: FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Savitsky, Chairman
Richard Kratz, Vice-Chairman
Gordon MacElhenney, Member
William Patterson, Member

ABSENT: Dean Becker, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile Daniel, Township Manager
Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor
Pamela Stevens, Township Engineer
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement Officer
John Moran Sr., Road Master

Edward Savitsky called the February 5, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting to order in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 7, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon a motion made by William Patterson and seconded by Gordon MacElhenney. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the PA State Police Report for January.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CPVRPC- Minutes of their meeting for January.
- Lower Frederick Ambulance Report for January.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Kenneth Picardi reported on the following activities:

- (1) T-Mobile: Mr. Picardi is still waiting for the sublease agreement with Nextel;
- (2) HYK: Responded to Paul Ober – awaiting his response;
- (3) Land Acquisition: Being handled by David Allebach, Mr. Picardi's partner.
- (4) Eagleview Estates – Barking Dogs – There was a hearing before District Judge Augustine regarding a noise ordinance violation issued as a result of these dogs barking incessantly. The District Justice found the owner guilty.

ROAD MASTER'S REPORT: John Moran Sr. submitted his report for January to the Board. In addition to his report, Mr. Moran was directed to obtain information regarding the purchase of a new backhoe. The money for the purchase of this backhoe was included in the 2008 Budget as approved by the Board at the end of 2007. Before the Board agreed to proceed with the purchase of this backhoe, the Board requested additional information from Mr. Moran. Mr. Moran discussed with the Board the information they directed Mr. Moran to obtain. After the Board

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reviewed this information, the Board directed Mr. Moran to proceed with the purchase of the new backhoe.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT: John Moran Sr. submitted his January report to the Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: John Moran Jr. submitted his January report to the Board. In addition to this report, Mr. Moran updated the Board on the following:

First, Mr. Moran received the annual request from Keystone Novelties LLC for the sale of novelties as allowed by Act 204 of 2004 which amended the Fireworks Law of 1939. This request is for property owned by Birds & Beyond at 87 Gravel Pike. Permission is being requested for the sale of these novelties between the dates of June 26, 2008 through July 5, 2008. Mr. Moran informed the Board that all information has been submitted to his office by Keystone Novelties. Mr. Moran has reviewed said information and found it to be in compliance with the Township's requirements, including proper insurance coverage naming the Township as an additional insured, therefore, he recommended that the Board approve this request. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Moran, Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the request of Keystone Novelties LLC for the sale of novelties during June 26, 2008 through July 5, 2008 on property located at 87 Gravel Pike. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Second, Mr. Moran updated the Board on the work that was to be completed at 182 Gravel Pike (the O'Neill property). Mr. Moran had reviewed the work to be completed by the property owner at the January Board Meeting. Mr. Moran indicated that three of the repairs were completed, one was substantially completed, and one had yet to be addressed. Mr. Moran informed the Board that he will be in contact with the property owner concerning the items that still need to be addressed.

Third, Mr. Moran updated the Board on the work that was completed at 539 Gravel Pike. Mr. Moran had reviewed the work to be completed by the property owner at the January Board meeting. At the January meeting, the Board informed Mr. Caprio that sufficient time was given to complete the repair items on the existing structure. At the January meeting, the Board granted a thirty day extension to complete the necessary repairs. At this meeting, Mr. Moran informed the Board that of the thirty-eight items to be repaired, twenty-seven have been completed, nine have been substantially completed, and two have not been addressed. During the meeting, Mr. Caprio informed the Board that the remaining two items could be completed by the end of February; therefore, Mr. Caprio requested an extension to complete the items until February 29, 2008. Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the request of Mr. Caprio and agreed to extend the deadline to repair the remaining items until February 29, 2008. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Mr. Moran will return at the March Board meeting with an update.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The Planning Commission held their meeting on

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January 15, 2008. At that meeting, the only item discussed was the reorganization of the Planning Commission for 2008.

PARK & RECREATION/MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORT: Cecile Daniel updated the Board as to the projects that both the Park & Recreation Board and the Municipal Authority have been working on. Regarding the Park & Recreation Committee, Ms. Daniel reviewed the proposed layout for the park development located on Mayberry Road. At this time this proposal is a concept only. The Park & Recreation Committee also discussed information to be added to the Township's web site. Regarding the Municipal Authority, Ms. Daniel reported at the end of 2007, the Municipal Authority raised the sewer rates from \$40.00/quarter/EDU to \$45.00/quarter/EDU effective January 1, 1008. Since the Municipal Authority bills in arrears, the increase will begin with the April billing of the Municipal Authority.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Pamela Stevens was present to review the following items:

- **2008 ROAD PROJECT:** Ms. Stevens informed the Board that she and John Moran Sr. have been working on the 2008 Road Projects. They are in the process of evaluating the work to be completed as a "Local Forces" Project as well as the areas where guiderail should be added along certain roads in the Township.
- **TRAFFIC SIGNAL:** Ms. Stevens informed the Board that the traffic lights installation at Township Line Road, Wartman Road, and Grateford Road is moving forward. Ms. Stevens informed the Board that an updated Certificate of Insurance has been received by the Township. The contractor contacted Ms. Stevens and will begin installation of the traffic signal during the month of February.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **PERKIOMEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Dr. Edwin D. Coyle, the Interim Superintendent of the Perkiomen Valley School District, was before the Board to update them on the activities going on in the School District. Dr. Coyle informed the Board that his contract with the School Board is for one year. The School Board is in the process of conducting a search for a permanent Superintendent. It was Dr. Coyle's opinion that the School District had a good group of teachers and that the academic program being offered at the School District was a good one.

Dr. Coyle informed the Board, that due to over crowding at the Elementary School in

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Skippack; the present plan is to move approximately eighty-four elementary students from the Skippack Elementary to the Schwenksville Elementary. Also, Dr. Coyle explained that the School Board needed to look at the conditions at PV South Elementary and Evergreen Elementary. Based upon the needs of the area, both Elementary Schools may need to be expanded to accommodate the future needs of the elementary students. In looking to address the future needs of the area, Dr. Coyle informed that Board that the School Board is going to create a Community Wide Task Force. This Task Force will be charged with looking at such things as: demographics, education or curriculum, all day kindergarten, classroom sizes, reconfiguration of the two middle schools as to grades in the middle school, etc. Dr. Coyle informed that Board that the sale of the Trappe Building, located in Trappe Borough, had fallen through. It was Dr. Coyle's recommendation to the School Board to take the property off of the market until the final recommendation of the Task Force comes in. One of the items the Task Force will assess is the future disposition of the Trappe Building, rehabilitation of the existing building versus constructing a new one. Dr. Coyle explained that Act 1 requires a referendum on the ballot regarding the project. This referendum could come about three to six months after the School Board decided to move forward on a future plan for the School District. Regarding the bussing of the students, Dr. Coyle indicated that the School Board has signed a six year contract with STA. Presently STA is working with the School Board to move the bus depot location to a new location. One of the items discussed with STA was having the bus company purchase diesel in bulk versus purchasing diesel on an as needed basis. In order to facilitate purchasing diesel in bulk, the School Board/STA would need to provide either above or below storage of the diesel. Dr. Coyle informed the Board that the School Board wanted participation by the Municipal Boards on this Task Force. Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by William Patterson to appoint Gordon MacElhenney to the Task Force being put together by the Perkiomen Valley School Board to analysis the future needs of the School District. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

MCATO SPRING CONVENTION: The Spring Convention of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials is scheduled for February 29, 2008. Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by William Patterson to authorize the following individuals to attend the MCATO Convention: Edward Savitsky, William Patterson, Dean Becker, and Cecile Daniel. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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William Meyers of Miller Road was in to discuss signs on Miller Road. The request was to ask that horse crossing signs be placed on Miller Road because of the horses that Mr. Meyers has on his property. The Board directed that two Horse Crossing signs be located on Miller Road near the barn area per Mr. Meyers' request.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Gordon MacElhenney, as required by the Second Class Township Code, presented a letter to his fellow Board members regarding dental insurance. In the letter, Mr. MacElhenney notified the Board of his desire to participate in the Perkiomen Township Dental Insurance Plan. None of the other Board members expressed any concern or objection to this request.

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