

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES: JANUARY 4, 2010**

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

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

Richard Kratz called the January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting and Board of Supervisors Meeting to order in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. The first item of business was the Reorganization Meeting.

REORGANIZATION MEETING:

The reorganization meeting was conducted by William Patterson who acted as temporary chairman. Mr. Patterson called for nominations for the position of Chairman. Edward Savitsky nominated Richard Kratz as Chairman. Gordon MacElhenney seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Dean Becker moved to close the nominations. On motion of Mr. Savitsky, seconded by Mr. MacElhenney, Richard Kratz was elected as Chairman by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Patterson then turned the meeting over to Mr. Kratz as Chairman. Mr. Kratz asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. William Patterson nominated Dean Becker as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Edward Savitsky seconded the motion. Edward Savitsky moved to close the nominations. On motion of Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Savitsky, Dean Becker was elected as Vice-Chairman by a vote of 4 – Yes and 1 No (Gordon MacElhenney).

Holiday Schedule: The Board reviewed the proposed 2010 Holiday Schedule for the paid full time employee holidays. Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the holidays for 2010. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the following 2010 appointments that were approved:

Township Road Liaison:	William Patterson
Township Treasurer:	Cecile M. Daniel
Township Secretary:	Cecile M. Daniel
Township Solicitor:	Yergey, Daylor, Allebach, Scheffey, & Picardi
Township Engineer:	Spotts, Stevens & McCoy
Township Fire Marshall:	John Moran Sr.
Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor:	Nancy Hopkins Wentz
Chairman of Vacancy Board:	Nancy Gaugler

There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Next, Cecile Daniel recommended that the Treasurer's Bond remain the same in 2010 as was set in 2009. The amount of the Treasurer's Bond will remain at \$3,000,000.00 (Three Million Dollars).

William Patterson made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to approve the following Committee Appointment:

Zoning Hearing Board - January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012: John R. Moyer
Municipal Authority – January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2014: Janet Heacock
Planning Commission – January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013: Ronald Smith &
Timothy Ott
Park & Recreation – January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2014: Abbe DeMaio & Thomas
Blomstrom

There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Edward Savitsky to close the reorganization meeting. There were no public comments. The vote was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Richard Kratz then called the regular meeting of the Perkiomen Township Supervisors to order.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 1, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon a motion made by Gordon MacElhenney and seconded by Edward Savitsky. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- **CPVRPC** – Minutes of their meeting for November. There was no meeting in December.
- **PSATS** – PSATS Bulletin
- **LOWER FREDERICK REGIONAL AMBULANCE CORPS** - Report

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Kenneth Picardi reported on the following items:

- (1) HYK Stipulation: Mr. Picardi will return the Stipulation to HYK’s Attorney with some compromise language. Once the attorney reviews and responds to Mr. Picardi’s latest version of the Agreement, the Board will be given the final draft stipulation for consideration.
- (2) Gambone (Conservancy Subdivision) – There was a meeting between the Township staff and representatives of Gambone regarding the last three lots which Gambone sold to Horgan Brothers. There is a tri-party agreement between the Township, Horgan, and Gambone that is being negotiated. This tri-party agreement will cover those items that will become the responsibility of Horgan Brothers. Presently there is an impasse as to this agreement.
- (4) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon Mr. Picardi’s request, the Board informed the public that there will be an Executive Session immediately following this Board meeting. The purpose of this Executive Session will be to discuss a matter related to potential litigation and T-Mobile and a real estate issue.
- (5) Buxmont Academy – Real Estate Tax Exemption – Mr. Picardi informed the Board that he filed papers regarding the appeal from the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals decision to grant Buxmont tax exempt status.

ROAD MASTER’S REPORT: John Moran Sr. submitted to the Board his Road Master’s Report dated January 1, 2010 for activities taking place during the month of December.

FIRE MARSHALL’S REPORT: John Moran Sr. submitted to the Board his Fire Marshall’s Report dated January 1, 2010 for activities taking place during the month of December.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: John Moran Jr. submitted to the Board his Code Enforcement Report dated January 1, 2010 for activities taking place during the month of December.

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PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Cecile Daniel reported that the Planning Commission held its meeting on December 15, 2009. At that meeting the Planning Commission discussed the draft Zoning Amendment regarding SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS. The discussion of this draft Zoning Amendment will be discussed at the Joint Meeting being held later in January.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- (1) Fox Heath: The Board authorized the staff and the Solicitor to review of the Homeowners Association documents and some deeds for property in the development with regard to the Right of Way width for the roads in the Fox Heath Development.
- (2) T-Mobile: This topic is to be discussed in Executive Session.
- (3) Act 32: Another meeting of the TCC was held on December 7, 2009. The TCC is in the process of putting together a RFP so that the TCC can hire a solicitor. At the same time, the TCC is working on adoption on the by-laws for this committee. The present schedule is to have draft by-laws by the middle to end of January. Also, the Board of the TCC estimates that during 2010, the budget amount to run this TCC would be initially around \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Although the calculation of how the expenses will be divided amongst the group has not been finalized, the initial thought is to base the payment on the percentage of Earned Income Tax Collected. According to the information put together by the Dept. of Community & Economic Development, Perkiomen Township's Municipal Proportional EIT Revenue is .78%.
- (4) Recycling: As approved by the Board at the December meeting, the agreement was executed by both parties. As a result, work has begun on acquiring the information needed to begin the work as set forth under the Agreement.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Chuck Frantz was present to review the following items:

- **2008 GUIDERAIL PROJECT – STATUS REPORT:** Mr. Frantz reported that his office inspected the work completed by J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons, Inc. for the 2008 Guiderail Project. His office reported that everything was satisfactory; therefore, the Maintenance Period will end on January 30, 2010.
- **2010 ROAD PROJECT – STATUS REPORT:** Mr. Frantz discussed with the Board the summary of the items inspected during the road field inspection. The items, as discussed were as follows:

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- (1) Godshall Road Bridge – Mr. Frantz reviewed a tentative timeline with the Board that ran from January, 2010 to the end of August, 2010. Mr. Frantz explained that this was a very tight schedule. The concept of this project is to replace the bridge with a ConTech ConSpan prefabricated bridge system. The dimensions of this proposed bridge will be a 48’ span length with approximately a 26’ width. The cartway will remain at the present width of 24’. SSM will begin the GP-11 permitting process. Based upon the present wetland analysis, it was determined that wetlands will not have an impact on this project. Due to the permitting process in this project, Mr. Frantz is not sure whether or not SSM can keep to the present time schedule. Mr. Frantz will return at the February meeting with a recommendation as to whether this project can be completed in 2010 or will carry over into 2011.

- (2) School House Road Guiderail Damage – Upon inspection of the guiderail along School House Road, two areas were identified that need to be replaced. There were three options discussed. Option 1 – Repair just the damaged areas using salvageable posts and panels; Option 2 – Repair just the damaged areas with the metal panels coming from the guiderail panels on Mayberry Road and replace the panels on Mayberry Road with wooden panels; Option 3 – Remove the entire length of guiderail along School House Road and replace it with the entire guiderail from Mayberry Road and replace the guiderail on Mayberry Road with a wooded guiderail system. It was agreed that Mr. Frantz will contact a contractor and return to the Board with some cost figures as to the price to do this work. During this discussion, the Otts questioned the expense necessary to replace the guiderail on School House Road with the guiderail on Mayberry Road and then install wooden guiderail on Mayberry Road. The Board indicated that no decisions will be made until they have an idea as to the cost on all three options,

- (3) Regents Road – The repair to be considered at 110 Regents Road would be a small project; therefore, it can be completed separately. Mr. Frantz will contact three contractors and obtain verbal quotes for the cost to complete this work.

- (4) Burgess Road, Acoma Lane, and Mayberry Road – During the field inspection, the Board looked at the condition of Burgess Road, Acoma Lane, and Mayberry Road. At this meeting, the Board discussed with Mr. Frantz the work that was needed to repair these roads. Based upon the condition of the roads, and the work needed to repair the roads, the Board determined that for 2010, Acoma Lane and Mayberry Road (from the gate to Godshall Road) should be repaired and the Burgess Road will be moved to be repaired at a later date.

- (5) Township Parking Lot & Fire Company Parking Lot – The Board still needs to take a look as to what, if any, work they would consider doing in these areas.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES: The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of December. After review of same, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to authorize payment of the December bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **RESOLUTION 2010-1:** Depositories 2010 shall be the Union National Bank and Trust Company, with the main office in Souderton, Pennsylvania, Harleysville National Bank And Trust Company with the main office in Harleysville, Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), with the main office in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and United States Treasury. Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by Dean Becker to approve Resolution 2010-1. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.
- **RESOLUTION 2010-2:** Special Crossing Guard - appoint Executive Protective Services, LLC as the special crossing guard for the year 2010. Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by William Patterson to approve Resolution 2010-2. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.
- **RESOLUTION 2010-3:** Engineering Fees – to incorporate the 2010 rate schedule for Spotts, Stevens & McCoy, Township Engineer, for both the township and anyone using their services while working within the Township. William Patterson made a motion, seconded by Dean Becker to approve Resolution 2010-3. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.
- **RESOLUTION 2010-4:** Audit 2009 under Section 917(b)(2) of the Second Class Township Code to appoint Dreslin and Company of Norristown, PA to complete the required Perkiomen Township 2009 Annual Audit. Dean Becker made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to approve Resolution 2010-4. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.
- **RESOLUTION 2010-5:** Perkiomen Township Fire Company authorizing and recognizing the Perkiomen Township Fire Company and to officially accord it the status of Volunteer Fire Company for Perkiomen Township. Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by William Patterson to approve Resolution 2010-5. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

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- **PSATS CONVENTION:** The annual PSATS Convention is scheduled to be held from April 18 through April 21, 2010 in Hershey, PA. Dean Becker made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to authorize the following people to attend: Edward Savitsky, William Patterson, William DeMaio, and Cecile Daniel to attend PSATS Annual Convention. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0. William Patterson made a motion, seconded by Dean Becker to designate Edward Savitsky as Perkiomen Township's voting delegate. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

William DeMaio mentioned two items. The first item was an area of water and ice on Kagey Road. It appears that this water is coming from a sump pump located in the backyard of a property located on Stewart Road. Chuck Frantz will investigate this situation and get back to the Board as to his findings. The second item that was brought to the Board's attention was the timing of the traffic light at Township Line Road, Wartman Road, and Graterford Road. The loop detectors were fixed a couple of months ago. Chuck Frantz will check the light and contact Signal Service regarding the timing.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Richard Kratz mentioned that he would like to see a passive park built in the Township where there would be no active recreation. Mr. Kratz's idea of this passive park would include such items as walking trail and benches.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Dean Becker and seconded by Edward Savitsky.