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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PERRY TOWNSHIP  
May 14, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024 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 (by phone)  
Robert Harron- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen Shollenberger, Esq. – PRESENT  
Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

**Public Comments:**

**Gregg Bogia-** Continued discussion with Rusty Wagner, Allen Shollenberger, and Ryan Rhode on the best solution for potential EV fires at the proposed Moyer Auto. The main concern is the lack of water supply at or near the site.

**Marsha Kulp-** Discussed her husband's qualifications and interest in holding a position with the township. Allen provided clarification on the procedure of appointing someone to a vacant position. Discussed the importance of diversity and experience when appointing interested candidates. Marsha requested duck crossing signs on Mohrsville Road.

**Lesile Herring-** from Hamburg EMS- Discussed the memo sent out by Hamburg EMS pertaining to non-emergency transports. Lesile gave an over-view on how the operation at Hamburg EMS works. Lesile encouraged officials and residents to attend the "Honorable but Broken" screening about the current EMS crisis. Reviewed current revenues and expenditures, as well as, current hardships. Lesile stated "the residents of our municipalities are our priority. Non-emergency transports are not." Kathy DeCarlo questioned how the rumor started? Lesile stated "by a memo that was sent out." Kathy questioned who sent the memo? Lesile stated she did. Lesile provided clarification on the meaning of the memo. Supervisor Daly questioned how many trucks are on duty at any given time? 2 during the day and 1 at night. Supervisor Daly questioned if one only truck is on duty, will that truck be taken out for non-emergency transports? Yes, they will sometimes transport critical patients, but try to stay local. Supervisor Harron questioned who controls the dispatches? Berks County controls the 911 dispatches and hospitals/care facilities will call the ambulance center directly for transports. Supervisor Daly questioned if any 911 dispatches are taken when doing a transport? Is it a first come, first serve situation? Lesile stated they will take ALS critical transports during the night, but 90% of the time is 911 calls. Leslie and Rusty

Wagner discussed a situation with Hamburg Fire Company and invoicing. Leslie provided clarification on how they chart and invoice. Discussed how many trucks other EMS services have. Leslie offered to send monthly reports; township agreed.

**Chuck DeCarlo-** Chuck read a letter he wrote about his displeasure towards the township providing 100% health insurance coverage. Chuck feels the decision was made in “haste”. Chuck is in favor of the township paying 100% of the employee’s insurance, but the tax payers should not be responsible for paying for the health insurance of an employee’s family. Chuck hopes to revisit the subject next year. Chuck feels the township receives no benefit from paying the insurance of the family. Chairman Adam commented all budget items are reviewed every year. Supervisor Daly also commented the insurance will be reviewed every year as well. Chuck felt it was “pushed through without a lot of thought”. Supervisor Daly appreciates the comments and apologizes if that is how it made residents feel. Supervisor Daly pointed out the township wanted to “retain the talent that we have”. Supervisor Harron pointed out that even though it is 100% paid, the employee’s have a higher out-of-pocket deductible and co-pays.

**Kathy DeCarlo-** Wanted Supervisor Harron to be officially introduced.

**Donna Long-** Agreed with Chuck DeCarlo.

\*Chairman Adam gave a brief introduction of Robert “Bob” Harron. Supervisor Harron elaborated on his history and qualifications.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the minutes from the Supervisors meeting April 9, 2024. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Supervisor Harron abstained.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the Treasurer’s report dated April 30, 2024. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Bills for Payment:** Administrator Dreibelbis noted the EMC Insurance renewal is included on the bills for payment. Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Bills for Payment dated May 14, 2024. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Berks County Tax Collection Committee-** Through Berks EIT, each municipality must appoint a primary and alternate delegate to the Berks County Tax Collection Committee. The primary delegate is Amy Botwright and alternate delegate is Amy Beakley. Chairman Adam made a motion to adopt Resolution 5-14-24 appointing Amy Botwright as the primary delegate and Amy Beakley as the alternate delegate to the Berks County Tax Collection Committee. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Zoning Hearing Board-** A letter of resignation was received from Robert Harron for the Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman Adam made a motion to accept Robert Harron’s resignation letter for the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with two Supervisors voting yes. Supervisor Harron abstained. Two letters of interest were received for the vacant seat on the Zoning Hearing Board: Ray Hepner and Jeffery Kulp. Both resumes have been

reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Adam made a motion to appoint Ray Hepner to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending December 31, 2026. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

### **Reports:**

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

**Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief-** A detailed monthly report will be sent to the township office. Rusty thanked the roadcrew for assisting with a removal of a trailer being donated to the fire company. The trailer will be used for training and storage. Rusty also thanked the roadcrew for helping with fallen tree removals throughout the township. Rusty thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing the fire department to review plan submissions for EMS compliance.

**Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC-** 1 building permit (electrical) issued for the period with an improvement value of \$8,000.00. 1 certificate of occupancy issued. 4 building inspections performed. 4 property maintenance issues addressed. 4 zoning enforcements.

**Gene Buck, Planning Commission** – Not present.

**Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)-** The damaged hydrant on Main Street was replaced. Working through an easement agreement with HLP for a manhole issue. Telescoped the lines at HCP; will need to line the manholes at HCP to stop the infiltration.

**Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering-** Report distributed. HCP Lot 1 has reached the end of its 18-month maintenance period. Request for full release of security received from HCP, in the amount of \$338,405.54. After review, Ryan deemed the project adequate for security release. Chairman Adam made a motion a grant full release of the security for HCP Lot 1 in the amount of \$338,405.54. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Ryan noted the HCP Infrastructure Letter of Security will also be due for release. Ryan would like to review the areas with Lance for any deficiencies. 2024 Street Work has been advertised. Administrator Dreibelbis will open the bids at 10:00 AM on May 30, 2024. Supervisor Harron questioned if the cement pad area in HCP is included in the infrastructure security? The cement pad area (Lot 6) is called the Auxiliary Work Area within the Infrastructure agreement, but the township obtains a separate letter of security for that area. Discussed where Glen Gery and the hand-made brick addition stands. Currently, the building addition does not have an occupancy permit.

**Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor** – Discussed the default judgement on Dominic Santangelo regarding his failure to pump out the septic tank at his Moselem Springs Road residence. Property is currently liened. Allen will work with Kraft on Santangelo's other outstanding violations. Discussed the Birch Hill Warehouse request for time extension. The concern is who will be financially liable if a traffic light is required in the future. Discussed what is an appropriate time frame to hold the land owner responsible for the funding of a traffic light. Supervisor Harron made a motion to allow Allen Shollenberger to negotiate a 25-year agreement for the financial responsibility of a traffic light at the Birch Hill Warehouse site. Supervisor Daly seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Allen announced an executive session will be held after the meeting to discuss pending litigations. No actions will be taken.

**EMC-** Jarrod Emes requested adding the requirement of a generator hook-up whenever any new traffic light is negotiated. Jarrod asked for the township and its residents to give the local Senators and Congressmen support in passing a House Bill revamping the limitations on federal funding and grants for fire protection.

**Road Master-** March and April reports provided. Discussed the issue of unpredictable, rotted trees falling on the roadways. Asked residents to be aware and report any issues to the township.

**J B Environmental-** Complaint investigation on Dreibelbis Mill Rd.

**Recreation Park-** At the Recreation Board meeting on April 30, the Rec Board voted to approve the expansion of the lower parking lot, with the installation of piping for the drainage swale. The Rec Board approved the option of 15in pipe for the swale, in the amount of \$1,821.60. With the addition of labor hours and other materials, Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the expansion of the lower parking lot in an amount to not exceed \$3,000.00. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comments:**

**Donnie Mast-** Donnie confirmed hand-made bricks are being made in the new addition at Glen Gery.

**Glenn Weyer-** Looking for clarification on the Birch Hill Warehouse traffic light discussion. Allen Shollenberger provided.

**Vas Hinkle-** Questioned if all the warehouses were occupied? There are a few partially occupied buildings.

**Leroy Hinkle-** Questioned if anyone knows the life expectancy of a warehouse building? No definite answer.

**Kathy DeCarlo-** Questioned what the EMC Insurance is for? This is the township's general liability insurance, workman's comp, auto and equipment coverage, business, property, umbrella insurance, etc. Kathy questioned if Bob needed to resign from the Zoning Hearing Board? Yes, he cannot hold both positions. Allen clarified "the Zoning Hearing Board sits adverse to the township".

**Supervisor Harron** shared the history on how the mile marker came to be in front of the monument.

**Adjourn:**

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
June 11, 2024

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator