

Perry Township Supervisors Minutes
May 9, 2023
3:00 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Ronald Howard, Chairman. Board members present: Frank Basile and Tom Brookover with secretary Christine Jarrell.

Call to order. Pledge to Flag

Public in Attendance: Dreama Frazier, Ron Phillips, Warren Headley, Doug Headley, Carl Basile, Pamela Eddy, Martha Eddy, Ron Eddy, Greg Evans, Jean Evans, Mary Ammons, Albert Ammons, Toni Gilbert, Brian Snyder, Catherine McClure, Nancy Lemley, Jenny Lemley, Glenn Statler, Rachel Wilson, Rep. Bud Cook.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Comments: Questions or comments can be presented in person, by email, mail or phone with all comments limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. American Legion was recognized first since they asked to be on Agenda. Ron Phillips questioned the Right of Way and the fence that was recently installed. Mr. Phillips inquired about the original deed from Mepco to the Township and if there were any plans at this time to create a separate access road to the pavilion/field area. Chairman Howard explained the ROW is 50' and provides access for the Legion, Township and Donald Lemon.
2. Mary Basile addressed the board as to why the grant for the walking track was given back. Chairman Howard stated the project came in so far above the projected cost, there are not funds to complete the project. Supervisor Basile stated he has worked for years on this project and broke the project out in to phases to rebid. Supervisor Basile also prepared a 2nd grant application with EQT and was starting a 3rd application. Pam Eddy again requested to know why the grant was returned and the meeting to vote on the issue was held without Supervisor Basile in attendance and no input from the community. Jenny Lemley addressed the board stating that she works with Federal grants and understands the process. It takes time and it the first bid packet was only for PennDot approved bidders. The revised phase one bid packet included all bidders.
3. Martie Eddy addressed the board regarding blight properties and what is being done to clean up the town. Several houses/lots are in disrepair and it makes the town look bad. Chairman Howard explained that the Board is voting on changing Engineering/Building Inspection companies and the new company we

are considering also offer code enforcement. It is not a fast or cheap issue but the Township is trying to move forward with these types of problems.

4. Pam Eddy questioned if the Community Center is now open for residents to use/rent? Chairman Howard explained Blueprints rents the building for the Senior Center and provides take out meals once a week.
5. Jean Evans expressed unhappiness with the mowing/ditching by her home – and the rest of the Township. Residents are not happy that the roads are not in good shape and feel that ditching/mowing is not being done to standards. Tom Brookover reported he has been ditching but not in town.
6. Catherine McClure asked what is being done to attract new (younger) residents to the Township. Several new families have moved to the area but there is nothing to do or attract new owners. The tax base needs to grow to fund the Township.
7. Representative Bud Cook (50th) gave a brief talk regarding his office and plans for the County. His Chief of Staff, Rachel Wilson, also spoke. Mr. Cook is passionate about promoting Greene County. He is trying to get out and meet people and visit Townships/school districts. He would like to see each municipalities assets, priorities and vision. He cannot help prepare a grant but once a grant is submitted, he can write letter of support. He encouraged residents to reach out for any concerns.
8. Albert Ammons inquired why the three Supervisors do not work together. He requested to know why Mr. Basile is being excluded. All 3 are equals and should be treated respectfully. Ron Howard and Tom Brookover explained that they feel that Mr. Basile violated the Ethics section of the Employee Handbook and that is why Mr. Basile was reprimanded by Solicitor Dennis Makel. Mr. Ammons asked who asked the Solicitor to reprimand Mr. Basile and Mr. Howard said he and Tom Brookover asked Mr. Makel to address the issue.
9. Motion is needed to approve minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting. Motion by Tom Brookover seconded by Ron Howard. VOTE: All in favor.
10. A motion is needed to approve the Treasurers report and pay bills. General Fund & Special funds \$18,265.46. Payroll \$25,138.03. Motion by Frank Basile seconded Tom Brookover. VOTE: All in favor.
11. Motion to change Engineering/Building inspection companies from K-2 Engineering and Widmer Engineering to Harshman Group. Harshman has proposed services where they can provide all services in one company as well

as code enforcement. Motion by Tom Brookover second by Frank Basile. Vote:
All in favor.

12. Motion to adjourn at 4:00 pm by Frank Basile seconded by Tom Brookover.
Vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald Howard, Chairman

Christine K. Jarrell, Secretary/Treasurer