

Perry Township Board of Supervisors
February 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Perry Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Perry Township Municipal Building. Supervisors in attendance were: John Zias, Tim Boots and James Radich. Secretary/Treasurer Janice Marshall, Solicitor Greg Fox and five visitors were present.

Chairman John Zias called the meeting to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitor's comments: Brian Bush discussed the intersection of Portersville Road and Lookout Avenue. Stated concerns and suggestions to help with the poor visibility for Lookout Avenue. Bush proposed a type of sensor signs on the east and west side of Lookout Avenue that would eliminate a sign placed across from Lookout Avenue. Zias motioned and Boots second to allow up to \$10,000 to purchase the sign system and to assist Brian Bush to get it in place. Motion passed with all in favor. Bush is to work on getting the details to the Supervisors.

Rick Burkett presented the Supervisors with a possible subdivision on the Blackwell property between Mountville Road and Nye Road and questioned the possibility of the township maintaining the drive for the subdivision which would possibly run between the two roads.

Zias motioned and Boots second to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting. Motion passed with all in favor. Boots motioned and Radich second to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Motion passed with all in favor. The Roadmaster, Tax Collection, and Permit reports were presented.

Elected Auditor Report: The elected auditors set the pay rate for a working Supervisor at: Roadmaster \$16.00 per hour and working laborer \$15.25 per hour. They also approved reimbursement for mileage at \$.535 per mile. The elected Auditors selected Walter Bates as Chairman and Teresa Sinclair as Secretary.

Boots motioned and Radich second to pass Ordinance 2-9-17 The Revision of the Perry Township Communications "Cell" Tower Ordinance. An approval was received from the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development. Motion passed with all in favor.

The Supervisors discussed the status of the Council of Governments and the Asphalt Zipper. The former administrator Robert Callen has been charged with 6 counts of felonies and one count of unlawful activity. The courts seized the COG's funds and submitted funds in the amount of over \$46,000 with the balance of the lawsuit needing to be settled by the COG and its membership municipalities. Commissioner Robert DelSignore suggested that the five municipalities who own the asphalt zipper turn it back over to the COG to pay the debt over. The Supervisors decided that a letter should be sent to the COG officers stating that Perry Township is willing to pay up to \$1,500 to settle its share of the lawsuit in order to prevent being sued by CODE.sys and having court and attorney fees to pay.

Following discussion: Boots motioned and Radich second to trade the 2007 CAT Skid Steer in for \$15,000 to Walsh Equipment to be put toward the purchase of a 2017 JCB 260 Skid Steer for \$36,964. Motion passed with all in favor.

Boots motioned and Zias second to approve the purchase of a 2017 JCB skid steer and to the pass the required resolutions for its purchase: Resolution 2-9-17-1 Authorization of small borrowing for capital purchases including to accept the loan proposal letter dated February 7, 2017 and to apply for a loan with First National Bank in Portersville for the purchase of the 2017 JCB 260 Skid Steer in the amount of \$36,964; to pay the estimated loan fees of \$221.50 separate from the loan; 60 month term at 3% loan rate and with monthly payments of \$664.86. A letter is to be sent to the First National Bank stating that once the February minutes are approved, a copy will be forwarded to the bank.; and Resolution 2-9-17-2 designation of authorized signers for the First National Bank Loan. Motion passed with all in favor.

Boots motioned and Zias second to purchase a set of forks for the new JCB Skid Steer for \$900.00 from Walsh Equipment. Motion passed with all in favor.

Boots motioned and Radich second to donate \$100.00 to the Ellwood City Area Egg Hunt and that the funds were to go toward two "Golden Eggs". Motion passed with all in favor.

Nellcom Technologies in New Castle is now collecting electronic recyclables.

New officers for the Perry Township Municipal Authority are: Lynn LeViere, Chairman; Brian Bush, Vice-Chairman and Ron Cowan, Secretary.

Boots motioned and Zias second to reimburse the resident on Robin Street who damaged his lawnmower blades on a broken sign post once a signed receipt is received. Motion passed.

The latest time for the demolition/replacement of the second bridge is March to December 2018.

The state budget was discussed with fees to be charged in the amount of over \$48,000 for state police coverage if it passes.

Zias motioned and Boots second to adjourn. Motion passed.

These minutes are duly presented by Janice Marshall.