

**Perry Township Board of Supervisors  
January 6, 2020 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Perry Township Board of Supervisors held their reorganization meeting at 4:00 p.m. with their regular meeting immediately following on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Perry Township Municipal Building. Supervisors in attendance were: John Zias, and Tim Boots. James Radich was absent. Secretary/Treasurer Janice Marshall and Solicitor Greg Fox were present. One visitor attended.

Tim Boots nominated/motioned and John Zias second for John Zias to be **temporary chairman**. Motion passed with all in favor. John Zias nominated/motioned and Tim Boots second for Janice Marshall to be **temporary secretary**. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Temporary Chairman** John Zias called the meeting to order with all present taking part in the Pledge of Allegiance. Temporary Secretary was Janice Marshall. **Public Comments:** Sam Pawlowski- electric pole removal on McCartney Hollow Road, correct way of conduction meeting is done, the Moving Wall is to come to Ellwood City in mid-August.

**Chairman position:** Boots motioned and Zias second for John Zias to be Chairman of the Board. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**Vice-Chairman position:** Zias motioned and Boots second for Tim Boots to be Vice-Chairman of the Board. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**Secretary-Treasurer position:** Zias motioned and Boots second to appoint Janice Marshall as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Roadmaster position:** Zias motioned and Boots second to appoint Tim Boots as roadmaster. Motion passed with all in favor.

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***Section A: Appointments and compensation: Boots motioned Zias second to pass all items and Resolutions listed in Section A of the agenda. Motion passed with all voting in favor:***

**Vacancy Board Member:** William Matheny to be the vacancy board member.

**Township Solicitor:** Greg Fox to be the township solicitor at the rate of \$250 per month with \$90 per hour for extra work.

**Dog Catcher:** Sherri Hoellein to be dog catcher at the rate of \$50.00 per call out plus mileage and any fees charged by the Humane Society. Must be called out by a Supervisor and must present a detailed and receipt for each call to be paid.

**Township Building Permit Officer for Non-UCC and Planning Process:** Tim Boots as the township Non-UCC Building permit officer. The job duties to include: verification of septic/planning requirements prior to permit being issued for ALL building permits (Non-UCC and UCC applications); review and completion of application, verification of the site location and size, need for flood zone requirements, completion and verification of all storm water ordinance compliance forms, issuance of the "begin construction permit" and the issuance of the "occupancy permit" upon the completion of the final inspection of the construction. The building permit shall also determine the requirements for all demolition applications.

**UCC Building Construction Inspections:** CODE.sys to be the inspection company for all state required UCC construction inspections.

**Stormwater Ordinance Exemption Officers:** Tim Boots to the Stormwater Ordinance Exemption Officer and James Radich to be the alternate.

**Flood Plain Administrator:** Tim Boots to be the Flood Plain Ordinance Administrator: duties to include determining need for compliance with the Flood Plain Ordinance requirements and signing off on the building permit documents.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer and Alternate:** To pass Resolution 1-6-20-1 appointing Doug Duncan-03657 to be the Sewage Enforcement Officer and David Ice-02523 to be the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer.

**Driveway permit officer:** Tim Boots to be the driveway, road occupancy/opening and road bond permit officer. Job duties to include review applications, photographs or video of roads involved and do verification of site location with determination of type of entrance onto the township road before construction begins, inspection of completed construction, issuance of the "begin construction permit and the occupancy permits following the final inspection. Notices and copies to Secretary of approval to refund deposit.

**Emergency Management Coordinator:** Janice Marshall to be the emergency management coordinator for Perry Township.

**Agricultural Security Committee Member:** John Zias is the Supervisor/member of the Agricultural Security Committee. Committee members are: John Zias, James Radich, David Weller, Thad Sturgeon and Delvy McElwain.

**Earned Income Tax Committee delegate and alternate:** Janice Marshall, is to be the delegate and Tim Boots is to be the alternate for the Earned Income Tax Committee.

**Local Services Tax (LST) Hearing Officer:** Tim Boots to be the LST hearing officer per the regulations of the Earned Income Tax Act 50. Duties to include receiving and making determinations on appeals and to contact the county tax collection committee Appeals Board to have a determination relating to the assessment, collection, refund, withholding, remittance or distribution of earned income taxes.

**External Audit:** To re-approve Resolution 11-14-19 the appointment of the firm of Herrmann and Loll to complete the 2019 financial audit for Perry Township.

**Right to Know Officer:** Janice Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer to be the Right to Know Officer.

**PA One Call contact and alternate contact:** John Zias to be the PA One Call contact and Tim Boots be the alternate contact and James Radich to be the second alternate.

**PA State Convention:** The supervisors, secretary/treasurer, laborers, and roadmaster eligible to attend the state convention and be reimbursed for registration, mileage, tolls, food and lodging following approval from two Supervisors prior to submission of registration.

**Township Engineer:** F. B. Taylor Engineering as the township engineer.

**Voting Delegate:** Tim Boots be the voting delegate and James Radich to be the alternate voting delegate and Janice Marshall to be the second alternate for the County Associations and Janice Marshall to be the delegate for the State Convention.

**CDL Enforcement:** John Zias to be the designated person to enforce the CDL regulations.

**Mileage Reimbursement:** To pay the mileage reimbursement at \$.575 per mile for elected officials, employees, permit officers and appointed officials for official township business: meetings/seminars, training, conventions, travel for equipment, building, office supplies, etc. as a representative of Perry Township.

**Reimbursement for meeting/seminar expense:** To pay mileage and meeting expense for the supervisors, secretary/treasurer, auditors, tax collectors and road laborers as representatives of Perry Township for attending any meeting/seminar, provided prior approval from two supervisors is received.

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***Section B: Perry Township Employees and Compensation: Zias motioned Boots second to pass all items listed in Section B of the agenda. Motion passed with all voting in favor:***

**Road Laborers-Full Time/Part Time:** Larry Houk, Glenn Czerpak and Bryan Czerpak as full time road laborers. Larry Houk and Glenn Czerpak at \$15.25 per hour with health insurance coverage and Bryan Czerpak at \$16.25 per hour with no health insurance coverage. There will be a \$ .50 per hour contributed by the employees enrolled in the health insurance plan through the township. Full time employees will follow the full time laborer job description. It is recommended that the Township Auditors set the road laborers pay for a working Supervisor full or part time, to be \$15.50 per hour. (At the Auditor reorganization meeting, the Auditors set the working Supervisors pay at \$15.50 per hour)

**Full time employee's health insurance reimbursement:** (In combination with their spouses when applicable) who are enrolled in the health insurance plan through the township may be reimbursed as follows: Larry Houk-\$1,150; Glenn Czerpak-\$1,150 for any medical/dental deductible/expense paid by them - provided proof of payment is received.

**Full time employees** are eligible for paid vacation time and personal days as described under the section "Paid vacation and personal days".

**Part time employees** are to be designated and called out as needed at \$13.00 per hour and will follow the part time laborer job description

**Disability Insurance:** Full time road laborer employees are enrolled in a disability/life insurance policy through the township. (To include Glenn Czerpak, Bryan Czerpak and Larry Houk)

**Pension Fund:** Following the completion of their probationary period, full time road laborers are to be entered into an IRA Plan established by the township for each full time road laborer: Glenn Czerpak, Bryan Czerpak, and Larry Houk. A new employee shall have the amount of \$1,800 submitted for opening their plan. For each year after the employees initial set-up, the township shall contribute \$500.00 into each IRA in **January** and in **June** and a matching amount of up to \$800.00 annually in each IRA will be made to for any contributions made by the employees into their IRA's.

**Incentive Pay:** Each full time road laborer is to be paid an incentive pay raise twice a year: \$1,000 in June and \$1,000 in December. The Secretary/Treasurer is to be paid the incentive pay: \$500 in June and \$500 in December. The employee must still be employed to receive the incentive pay.

**Road Laborer-full time-reimbursement for work shoes:** Full time road laborers are eligible for reimbursement for up to \$250.00 per year for the purchase of work shoes after the probationary period is reached and with proof of purchase submitted to the township.

**Roadmaster Pay:** Set the roadmaster pay at \$16.00 per hour and to recommend that the Auditors set the roadmaster pay at \$16.00 per hour for a Supervisor working as roadmaster.

**Supervisor pay** is set by the state per the township ordinance # 1 of 1995: \$468.75 per quarter - recommend to the Auditors to approve.

**Secretary/Treasurer Pay:** To set the Secretary/Treasurer pay at \$1585.00 per month for office hours plus the monthly and special meetings, banking, and other official township business. The Secretary/Treasurer is to have eight personal days.

**Paid vacation and personal days:** Full time Road Laborers are eligible for two weeks paid vacation after six months employment and after 30 days of employment eligible for five personal days. The vacation and personal days must be utilized within the said year of qualifying term. No vacation or personal time will be carried over to the next year. Vacation time: to equal the number of hours for two 40-hour weeks or 80 hours total. Personal days: to equal total of 40 hours. If not used, the vacation and personal/sick time not used will be paid to the employee.

**Paid holidays:** Paid holidays: New Years Day, Good Friday, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving Day, and the first Monday following Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day plus the day before or following (2 days total). Holidays worked will be holiday pay (regular pay) plus time and half for the hours worked. In the event a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the employees shall have the government observed day off for that holiday. The road laborer employees may switch a holiday day for another day with approval from the roadmaster which will result in the official holiday being at the regular pay rate.

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***Section C: Permits and Fees: Boots motioned Zias second to pass all items listed in Section C of the agenda. Motion passed with all voting in favor.***

**Building Permit Process:** No building permit application for construction involving sewage/water is to be given out until approval is received by the Supervisor Building Permit Officer and the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. In the event of construction involving sewage/water where there is service by the Perry Township Municipal Authority, approval must be received from the Authority that the tap-in has been approved prior to issuance of the application. Any Subdivision/Planning procedures will be completed by the Supervisor Building Permit Officer assisted by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. Applicant will have five years to begin - if inactive for 180 days, the permit becomes invalid. All fees must be paid when the application is submitted to the township.\*\*\* In the event of repeat violators who do not get building permits prior to beginning and or completion of any construction, an additional fee of \$25.00 will be added to the cost of the permit.

**Non-UCC building permits:** To charge the following for non-UCC building permits: a base fee of \$50.00 plus an additional fee of \$.10 per square foot for new construction, additions, renovations, etc. for 1000 square feet or less and for agricultural construction. Repairs shall pay the \$50 base fee but be exempt from the cost per square foot. **All commercial, residential and agricultural structures over 2,500 square feet MUST comply with the Stormwater Regulations (and pay for the processing by the township engineer).**

**UCC building permits: Residential:** To obtain an application the applicant will be charged the Code.sys rates for permit reviews and inspections: (must pay a minimum of \$150.00): \$50.00 township fee, \$.18 per square foot, planning review fee \$100.00 and permit fees for each type of permit, the State training fees - \$4.50 per each type of permit: (electric, mechanical, construction, plumbing). Additional fees for pools include: \$125 above ground and \$160 for in-ground or per the CODE.sys fees. Fees may be more or less per the Code.sys fee schedule and inspections. **All commercial, residential and agricultural structures over 2,500 square feet MUST comply with the Stormwater Regulations (and pay for the processing by the township engineer).**

**Commercial:** To obtain an application, applicant must pay a minimum fee of \$525.00, the \$50.00-township fee, plus \$.33 per square foot-Code.sys and the state fees of \$4.50 for each type of permit: electric, mechanical, construction, and plumbing. Fees may be more or less per the Code.sys fee schedule and inspections. **All commercial, residential and agricultural structures over 2,500 square feet MUST comply with the Stormwater Regulations (and pay for the processing by the township engineer).**

**Additional fees for both residential and commercial may be required depending on the magnitude of the construction project. These fees are to be submitted with the application. Additional fees are to be paid to the township prior to the permits being distributed to the applicant to begin construction.**

**Stormwater Permit Fees:** Residential less than 2,500 square feet that qualify for exemptions will have no fees. Residential, agricultural or commercial 2,500 square feet and over must complete an Agreement with the township and must submit a \$1,500 fee for the township engineer review fee. Any additional fees must be paid prior to construction commencing. **All commercial, residential and agricultural structures over 2,500 square feet MUST comply with the Stormwater Regulations (and pay for the processing by the township engineer).**

**Demolition permits:** The Township requires demolition permits for demolition/removal of any structure in Perry Township with the exception of residential houses. No fee will be charged for residential/farm structures under 1000 square feet. A minimum fee of \$150.00 residential and minimum fee of \$150.00 or as set by Code.sys for commercial, plus demolition cost to be charged for all structures over 1000 square feet. All commercial structures demolition applications will be submitted to CODE.sys for action and fees will be according to their rates.

**Mobile Home Removal permits:** Prior to removal of a mobile home, a certificate must be received from the Lawrence County Tax Bureau that proves that all taxes have been paid. This certificate is to be presented to the Township Property Tax Collector who will issue a certificate that the removal can begin. A copy of the removal certificate must be submitted to the Township and the demolition application must be completed prior to removal of the trailer. **Failure to do so, can result in paying taxes for a structure that is no longer on your property.**

**Road opening, crossing, occupancy – “HOP”:** To follow the State Highway Occupancy Permitting Regulations for fees. All road openings must follow the Perry Township Guidelines under the supervision of the roadmaster.

**Driveway permits:** To charge the following for driveway and road opening permits: \$40 permit fee plus a \$300 deposit – the deposit may be returned after approval of final inspection. Lanes may not have more than three homes located on the lane. More will require the township approval/agreement to take over the “Lane” making it a road and must be approved by the Supervisors and the District Office.

**Road Bond Fees:** Fees will follow the Resolution # 1-6-14-2 - Setting the Road Bond requirements for Perry Township Roadways. The fee of \$12,500 paved and \$6,000 un-paved road bond per mile for road to be bonded with distances less than one mile to be charged the one-mile rate of \$12,500. An additional bond will be required and set to reflect the replacement cost per traveled bridge located on the bonded road/roads.

**Culvert replacement:** To charge a \$100.00 fee with no deposit required for culvert replacement and to require driveway culverts to be open-grated or per the specifications of the Driveway Permit Officer.

**Sewage Enforcement Fees:** Adoption of the 2020 SEO fee schedule for sewage enforcement by the sewage enforcement officer(s): To collect a fee of \$750.00 plus a 15% for township processing fee for all SEO work completed. The SEO will determine the total amount due for sewage enforcement with the amount required to be paid prior to the work being done, including residential, commercial, etc. Holding tanks: the original fees plus a \$100/month inspection fee; A payment of \$1,000 for each holding tank is to be received and deposited into an escrow account. Fees for all applications and any additional work, etc. must be paid prior to the work being completed. Sewage time permit/applications:

1. Once the testing is completed and the permit is issued - good for three years;
2. After initial application is picked up-it is good for six years and application will be voided after the six-year period;
3. After the original year of when the application was received and paid for, any SEO work that is done/completed the applicant will be required to pay any additional cost involved due to a change in the current SEO at their fees/rates for the work.

**Septic Agreements:** Fees to be \$2,000 to be deposited into an interest bearing escrow account for all septic agreements.

**Sewage Complaint Fee:** To charge a one-time fee of \$50.00 for complaints involving the Sewage Enforcement Officer with the fee to be returned if the complaint is found to be valid.

**No lien letter fee:** To charge a fee of \$15.00 for no-lien letters.

**Solicitation Fees:** The fee for Solicitation Permits is set at \$50.00 per permit. The applicant must comply with the Solicitation Ordinance.

**Junkyard/Junk Dealer's permits/renewals:** \$300.00 per year and per new and renewal applications for junkyard/junk dealer's permits. Each permit is pending compliance with the junkyard/junk dealer's ordinance. Failure to complete the renewal process in time will result in the dealer re-applying for a "New Junkyard" under the new regulations/ordinance. Any revisions to the existing junk yard/salvage yard/junk dealer's location/area shall

require the applicant to comply with the newer junk yard ordinance, thus losing the “grandfathered” status with the original junk yard ordinance.

**Clean-up Day Fees:** To charge \$10.00 per automobile or pick-up load for the clean-up day; \$50.00 for other larger loads – no large box trucks or commercial size trucks will be accepted.

**Permit Time limits:** Time limit for permits as follows:

Road Bond – 1 year or as per bond time allotment;

Building Permit – 5 years to begin construction and 2 years to complete after construction has begun - in the event of the construction not being completed in the allotted time, the applicant shall be required to apply for another permit at the renewal rate of \$50.00.

Driveway permit -6 months to begin and complete or deposit is forfeited;

Junkyard permit - 1 year; Solicitation permit – 1 year; Septic permit-per DEP regulations

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***Section D: Perry Township Listing of General Information: Zias motioned Boots second to pass all items listed in Section D of the agenda. Motion passed with all voting in favor:***

**Supervisors:** Timothy Boots-term expires 2026; James Radich-term expires 2024; John Zias-term expires 2022;

**Township Tax Collector:** Township Tax Collector is Dorothy Wallace-4 year term expires 2022 and she is to be paid 6% of the collected township taxes.

**Deputy Tax Collector:** Janice Marshall is the Deputy Tax Collector who will complete the Township Tax Collectors duties in the event they are not able to. The position is selected by the Tax Collector with approval of the appointment by the Supervisors.

**Auditors:** Teresa Sinclair six year term expires 2026; Walter Bates four year term expires 2024; Jodi Rock-two year term expires 2022. Their pay is set by the State at \$10.00 per hour/maximum \$1,000.00

**Township Constable:** Position is vacant.

**Local Tax Collection:** Berkheimer will collect the LST and Earned Income Taxes and delinquent earned income taxes.

**CDL Drug Testing:** On Site Drug Testing.

**Perry Township Municipal Authority:** Members and their appointed five year terms are 12/31/2024-Tom Hines: 12/31/23-Ron Cowan; 12/31/22-Jim Creese. 12/31/21-Lynn LeViere. 12/31/2020-Brian Bush.

**Insurance Carriers:** Kilmer Insurance-EMC, Guardian, UPMC and State Worker’s Insurance.

**Fire Protection:** Wurtemberg-Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Department

**Meeting day/time, place and office hours:** Day/Time/Place of meetings: Meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the municipal building and the office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Tax rates for Perry Township:** The tax mills for 2020 are set at 1.79 for general purposes; .29 mills for water; and \$.48 for developed and \$.12 for undeveloped road frontage for street light and .50 mills for fire apparatus.

**Job descriptions:** Approved the current job descriptions for the 2016-year including full time laborer, part time laborer, roadmaster, secretary and treasurer. (Each has a 90 day probationary period)

**Bank of deposit:** ESB Bank and First National Bank as the Perry Township banks of deposit.

**Treasurer bond:** To set the treasurer’s bond at \$200,000.

**Cleaning Person:** Janice Marshall, at the rate of \$50.00 per month.

**Perry Township Regular Meeting January 6, 2020**

Chairman John Zias called the Regular meeting to order.

Zias motioned and Boots second to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2019 regular meeting. Motion passed with all in favor. Boots motioned and Zias second to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion passed with all in favor. The Roadmasters report and reports were presented.

Boots motioned and Zias second to stay with CoStars for the salt contract for 2020-21 year and to submit 200 tons of salt requested. Motion passed with all in favor.

Boots motioned and Zias second to have the secretary and roadmaster determine the summer bidding products/quantities to bid out and to advertise for bids. Motion passed with all in favor.

Boots motioned and Zias second to annually request the Perry Township Municipal Authority provide the township with proof of Worker's Compensation and Liability insurance every January. And to check on their certification/training on confined space training. Motion passed with all in favor.

Boots motioned and Zias second to ratify the purchase of a spinner spreader for the 2011 F550 for winter maintenance from Stephenson Equipment for the cost of \$5,000.00 Motion passed with all in favor.

Greg Fox submitted Teresa Sinclairs oath of office for the position of Auditor.

Boots motioned and Zias second to pursue making a purchase/bid for a self-propelled chipper through the US Municibid that is owned by North Fayette Township. The maximum bid is set at \$25,000. Motion passed with all in favor.

Those in attendance were reminded that this meeting is the only meeting in January and that the remaining meetings will be held the second Thursday at 4:00 p.m. The Auditors will hold their reorganization meeting January 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Zias motioned and Boots second to adjourn. Motion passed.  
Perry Township Secretary Janice Marshall hereby presents these minutes.