

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile Daniel, Township Manager
David Allebach, Township Solicitor
Chuck Frantz, Township Engineer
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement Officer
John Moran Sr., Road Master (Absent)

Edward Savitsky called the September 2, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting to order in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 5, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Dean Becker and seconded by William Patterson. 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 August. Lt. Buckley of the PA State Police was in attendance for this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CPVRPC- Minutes of their meeting for August.
- PSATS Alert Bulletin

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: By written report, Kenneth Picardi updated the Board on the following activities:

- (1) An EXECUTIVE SESSION was held between the Township and HYK on August 15, 2008. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss a possible settlement of the ongoing litigation with HYK.
- (2) Land Acquisition Huber Tract: An Agreement of Sale has been approved by both parties. A settlement dated needs to be established. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Allebach requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss another land acquisition matter.
- (3) Gambone/Fontaine – The Board was informed that the Zoning Hearing Board had set a public hearing on the Fontaine Application for Thursday, September 18, 2008. As directed by the Board, Chuck Frantz, the Township Engineer, reviewed the information that was submitted in the Fontaines' Application. In a letter, Mr. Frantz informed the Board that the applicant needs

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to submit additional information so that he can complete a full review of the engineering related items. Mr. Frantz informed the Board that he cannot provide the Board with a recommendation without receiving and addressing the comments in his letter. The Board still feels that both the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer should attend this public zoning hearing on behalf of the Board and authorized their attendance. At the public hearing, the Township Solicitor should request that the applicant address the items listed in Mr. Frantz's letter as well as express the displeasure of the Board with what Mr. Fontaine did in violating the steep slopes provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

ROAD MASTER'S REPORT: In Mr. Moran's absence, William Patterson submitted the August Report to the Board.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT: In Mr. Moran's absence, William Patterson submitted the August Report to the Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: John Moran Jr. submitted his August report to the Board. Also, Mr. Moran informed the Board that he was in receipt of another application to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Moran informed the Board that the public hearing has been set for September 25, 2008. This application is with regard to the conversion of a garage into an apartment. Mr. Moran explained that this conversion had already taken place and that this application was filed after the fact. After review of the application, the Board directed that the Township Solicitor be in attendance at this public hearing in opposition of this application. The Board wished to send a message that people should check to ensure that they are in compliance with the Township's Zoning Ordinance before they proceed. Next, Mr. Moran informed the Board that Robert Caprio was in to discuss with him the possibility of removing the two existing structures and build one structure. The building would be two stories in height with twenty, one bedroom apartments, each with its own kitchen and living facilities. In order for Mr. Caprio to due this, he will need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Based upon the information presented, the Board had no objection to Mr. Caprio filing an application before the Zoning Hearing Board to allow for the demolition of the two existing structures and the construction of one structure with twenty apartments.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The August Planning Commission was canceled.

PARK & RECREATION/MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORT: Cecile Daniel updated the Board on the Municipal Authority Meeting held on August 12, 2008.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Frantz discussed the following item with the Board:

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- **2008 ROAD PROJECT:** Mr. Frantz informed the Board that the 2008 Road Project is moving forward. The project is scheduled to begin next week. In the meantime, Mr. Frantz informed the Board he is proceeding with the bidding of the Guiderail Project. It is Mr. Frantz's intention to have the award of this project at the October Meeting.

- **2009 ROAD PROJECT:** Mr. Frantz submitted the General Permit 11 to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for the bridge work on Godshall Road and the replacement of the culvert on Seitz Road. With regard to the GP 11 Permit on Godshall Road, Mr. Frantz received acknowledgement of the Permit. With regard to the GP 11 Permit on Seitz Road, the base plan and the Wetland Delineation Plan was complete. Mr. Frantz informed the Board that he is trying to contact some vendors that are in the business and supply culverts for this type of construction projects. Mr. Frantz informed the Board that the purpose of contacting these vendors is to discuss culvert options and scheduling. The present schedule is to submit the information to PA Department of Environmental Protection to obtain the necessary permit(s). The target date to have the project ready for bidding is December 31, 2008.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES: The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of August. After review of same, Richard Kratz made a motion seconded by William Patterson to authorize payment of the August bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **RESOLUTION 2008-18:** Jones Property – The Board of Supervisors has an executed Agreement of Sale for the Jones Property. Settlement of this property is scheduled for later in the month. As part of this settlement, the Board has before it a Resolution regarding this purchase. By Resolution the Board authorized the purchase of the Jones Property by Fee Simple Deed, and authorized the filing of a Declaration of Taking in this friendly acquisition. The purpose of such a filing is to avoid paying Real Estate Transfer Taxes on the purchase of this property by the Township. There was a discussion on the intent of the Resolution after which, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by William Patterson to approve Resolution 2008-18. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- **FIRE POLICE:** Perkiomen Township received two requests for the services of the Perkiomen Township Fire Police Services. One request was received from Skippack Fire Company to aid in traffic control for the dedication of the new Skippack Fire House. This event is scheduled to take place on September 13, 2008. The Board reviewed the request and Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by William Patterson, to approve the request of Skippack Fire Company pending availability of the Perkiomen Township Fire

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Police. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. The second request was from Tommy Mo's Steak and Family Restaurant to aid in traffic control for a fundraising event that is being held on September 20, 2008. John Moran Jr. informed the Board that half of the 50/50 proceeds raised would go to the Perkiomen Township Fire Company. The Board reviewed the request and Dean Becker made a motion, seconded by Richard Kratz, to approve request from Tommy Mo's pending the availability of the Perkiomen Township Fire Police. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- **MCATO:** The Board received notification that the Fall Convention of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials was to be held on September 19, 2008. Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by William Patterson to authorize the attendance of Edward Savitsky and William Patterson. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Cecile Daniel requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters.

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