

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES: MARCH 1, 2011**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cecile Daniel, Township Manager  
Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor  
Chuck Frantz, Township Engineer  
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer  
John Moran Sr., Road Master

Richard Kratz called the March 1, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting to order in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the February 7, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon motion of Edward Savitsky 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 written State Police Report for February.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **CPVRPC** – Copies of the meeting minutes for January and February, 2011.
2. **PSATS** – PSATS Bulletin
3. **TRAPPE AMBULANCE & LOWER FREDERICK REGIONAL AMBULANCE CORPS** – Report

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Kenneth Picardi reported on the following items:

1. **HYK** – Mr. Picardi presented to the Board the final Stipulation of Settlement and Agreement (“Agreement”) between Perkiomen Township and HYK Construction Company. Paul Ober, HYK’s attorney, and Daniel Condiles, the person designated as the contact person for Perkiomen Township, were present to answer any questions. Also, present at the meeting was Robert Riefer of the Village of Rahns. Mr. Riefer informed the Board that he and a few of his neighbors reviewed the Agreement. On the whole, Mr. Riefer indicated that the residents were satisfied with the Agreement. Mr. Picardi informed the Board the Agreement was executed by the principals of HYK Construction. The Agreement is now before the Board for consideration and

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to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. Gordon MacElhenney made a motion seconded by Dean Becker to approve the Stipulation of Settlement and Agreement between Perkiomen Township and HYK Construction Company and authorized the appropriate Township Officials to execute the Agreement. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. T-Mobile – Calabretta – Mr. Picardi requested an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss with the Board the appeal filed by T-Mobile to the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County.
3. Betcher Road (Shared Maintenance Agreement) – Mr. Picardi is working on the revised Agreement and will soon have a draft Agreement to share with Trappe Borough.
4. Godshall Road Bridge Project – Mr. Picardi requested an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss the offerings to be made to the three affected property owners for the Temporary Construction Easements and the Permanent Right-of-Way Easements for the Godshall Road Bridge Project.
5. Airport Hazard Ordinance – Mr. Picardi is preparing a draft “Height Restriction” Ordinance with regard to the airport in Skippack, as requested/directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
6. Comcast Franchise Renewal – Mr. Picardi is making revisions to the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement tendered to us by Comcast. Once these revisions are made, the revised agreement will be sent back to Comcast for review and comment.

**ROAD MASTER’S REPORT:** John Moran Sr. submitted to the Board his Road Master’s Report dated March 1, 2011 for activities taking place during the month of February. After Mr. Moran’s report, Dean Becker indicated his concern regarding the condition of the existing trees along Mayberry Road. Mr. Becker was concerned that some of the trees may be dead and may need to be removed. Cecile Daniel indicated that she will talk to SSM about an arborist.

**FIRE MARSHALL’S REPORT:** John Moran Sr. submitted to the Board his Fire Marshall’s Report dated March 1, 2011 for activities taking place during the month of February.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** John Moran Jr. submitted to the Board his Code Enforcement Report dated March 1, 2011 for activities taking place during the month of February. In addition to his report, Mr. Moran reported on the Zoning Hearing Board Application filed by Norman Leeser seeking a variance for a shed on his property located at 620 Grater Avenue. The Board will not oppose the requested relief nor attend the upcoming hearing.

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**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** Cecile Daniel reported that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011 was canceled.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Plank/Ott/Meyers Roads Realignment Project: Cecile Daniel informed the Board that she received a telephone call from Valerie Temino of PADOT regarding the paperwork for the Plank/Ott/Meyers Roads Realignment Project and the swapping of Wartman Road. The telephone call was in response to the information given to Ms. Temino per her request. In reviewing the 2003 paperwork, Ms. Temino indicated that the paperwork was not completed as required by the Regulations. As a result, Ms. Temino sent an example of what the corrected version of the documents should look like. This example was forwarded on to Chuck Frantz to be reviewed. The proper paperwork must be completed before PennDot moves forward in the process with preparing the proper documents for the condemnation of those areas necessary to complete the Plank/Ott/Meyers Roads Realignment Project. As to Wartman Road, Ms. Temino explained that the Township can take Wartman Road as a turn-back or abandonment. Based upon the two options, Ms. Daniel felt that the turn-back was financially the better option; therefore, unless the Board objected, Ms. Daniel will inform Ms. Temino that the Township will do the swap as a turn-back. There were no objections from the Board. Ms. Daniel asked Mr. Frantz to research his files for the list of repairs that was put together for Wartman Road by John Moran Sr. and Pamela Stevens. According to Ms. Temino, the Township needs to update the list of repairs that the Township feels should be made to Wartman Road. Once the list is completed, a copy of the repairs will have to be sent to Ms. Temino for approval by PennDot in Harrisburg. Once the list is approved by Harrisburg, the final copy of the repairs will be sent to the Township. Upon receipt of this list, three quotes must be received from three contractors. The three quotes are then sent to Ms. Temino; whereby, the determination will be made as to the amount of money that PennDot will give to the Township to make these repairs. Once the repairs are made, the final step will be to complete the necessary paperwork for the turn-back. At the same time this work is being completed, Mr. Frantz is working on putting together the information that Ms. Temino needs to take ownership of Ott Road and Meyers Road.
2. Snow Budget: Ms. Daniel updated the Board that, as of February 28th, the financial status of the expenses to handle the snow and ice storms for the 2011 winter places the Township at approximately 114% of the total money budgeted. When trying to make an estimate of the final expenses for the 2011 winter, Ms. Daniel estimated that the Township could end up being at 125% of the total amount budgeted.

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3. Schwenksville Borough Authority: Ms. Daniel informed the Board that Schwenksville Borough Authority has approached the Township's Municipal Authority on the use of a portion of the Municipal Authority's Sewer Easement that runs behind the homes from 930 Gravel Pike to 982 Gravel Pike. Schwenksville Borough Authority is making this request so that they can install a transmission water line from North Penn Water Authority's Water System in Skippack Township to Schwenksville's water system in Maple Hill. A meeting has been scheduled with Schwenksville Borough Authority and these residents at 6:00 P.M. on March 8, 2011. At that meeting the representatives of the Schwenksville Borough Authority will discuss this project with these residents and our Municipal Authority.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Chuck Frantz was present to review the following items:

1. Godshall Road Bridge Replacement: Mr. Frantz informed the Board that he has received an adequacy letter from the Montgomery County Conservation District for the project. Draft specs for the project were delivered to Township staff and the Solicitor for review and comment. The intent now is to finalize the bid documents and advertise the bid documents on Wednesday, March 2nd. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled at the Township Building on Wednesday, March 9th at 10 a.m. Bids will be received until March 23rd and will be opened on March 24th. Once opened, Mr. Frantz will review the bids and prepare a recommendation letter to the Board for their consideration at the April 5th meeting. Per discussion with Township staff, Mr. Frantz has contacted the three affected residents to review the project one final time prior to issuance of bid documents. Lastly, as a follow-up to the discussion that took place at the February meeting regarding observation of the bridge fabrication, Mr. Frantz made the following summary of requirements that have been included in the bid documents to address some of the Township's concerns regarding fabrication of the structure:
  - Section 01400, Part 1, Section 1.4.A. requires the CONTRACTOR to provide the ENGINEER with results of the tests required in Section 6 (Sheet CT8 of CT9) of the Specifications for Manufacture and Installation of CON/SPAN® Bridge Systems. Results of the required testing will document the strength of the concrete used to fabricate the structure.
  - Section 01400, Part 1, Section 1.5.A. requires the CONTRACTOR to submit the fabricator's statement of certification that the structure was completed in accordance with the approved specifications.
2. 2011 Roads Project – In early March, Mr. Frantz verified the improvement quantities previously calculated for Acoma Lane and Seitz Road. Mr. Frantz also reviewed with John Moran Sr. the limit of work for Trappe Road (from limit of 2010 Project to Schoolhouse/Kagey) for potential inclusion in the 2011 Road Project contract. Mr. Frantz asked if there were other areas that should be inspected before the final recommendation is made as to the final scope of the 2011 Road Project. Ms. Daniel mentioned that Mr. Frantz should investigate School House Road closest to Gravel Pike. Mr. Becker mentioned that a section of Ott Road should be looked at.

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During the discussion, Cleveland Ott asked if the Board had any extra crushed stone that he could use on Grater Avenue. Although the Board was not inclined to give stone to Mr. Ott, Ms. Daniel asked whether the road project would create any millings that he could use instead. If so, then maybe the Board would be willing to have the millings dumped on Grater Avenue. The Board was open to consider this, and a final determination will be made during the final preparation of the 2011 Road Project.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES:** The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of February. After review of same, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to authorize payment of the February bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business for the month of March.

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