

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES: APRIL 5, 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  
David Allebach was present in place of Kenneth  
Picardi, Township Solicitor  
Chuck Frantz, Township Engineer  
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer  
John Moran Sr., Road Master (Absent)

Richard Kratz called the April 5, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting to order in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

**EAGLE SCOUT – NICKLAUS ANDREW MCCOY:** Prior to the beginning of the April Monthly Meeting, the Board acknowledged the achievement of Nicklaus Andrew McCoy of 730 Queen Road. Present at the meeting were Mr. McCoy and his mother, Delena McCoy. The Board personally recognized Nicklaus McCoy for his achievement in earning the rank of Eagle Scout. In June, 2011 an Eagle Scout Court will be held in honor of Mr. McCoy's achievement.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 1, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon motion of Gordon MacElhenney and seconded by Dean Becker. 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 March.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** David Allebach reported on the following items:

1. T-Mobile – Calabretta – In March, the parties met with Judge Del Ricci for an initial conference and, after some discussion, Judge Del Ricci ruled that the Fox Heath Homeowners Association would be permitted to intervene in the case. There is nothing further to report at this time.
2. Godshall Road Bridge Project – The Release and Easement Agreements have been signed by Susan Mruskovic and returned to the Township for the Board's consideration. Ms. Mruskovic accepted the Board's offer for the Temporary Easement and the Permanent Easement. The Board needs to approve the Easement Agreements and the payment so that Mr. Picardi can complete this matter. Edward Savitsky made a motion seconded by Dean Becker to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to sign the Temporary Easement and the Permanent Easement with Susan Mruskovic and pay the agreed upon amount of \$2,500.00 for these easements. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0. There are two other property owners involved in this project. One of those property owners is Boyd and Rebecca Abbott. Mrs. Abbott was present and informed the Board that they will accept the Board's offer for the Temporary Easement and the Permanent Easement. Mrs. Abbott indicated that she will sign both Easement Agreements and forward them to the Township. In anticipation of receiving those agreements, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by William Patterson to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to execute the Temporary Easement and the Permanent Easement and pay the agreed upon amount of \$3,100.00. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

**ROAD MASTER'S REPORT:** On behalf of John Moran Sr., William Patterson submitted to the Board the Road Master's Report dated April 1, 2011 for activities taking place during the month of March.

**FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT:** On behalf of John Moran Sr., William Patterson submitted to the Board the Fire Marshall's Report dated April 1, 2011 for activities taking place during the month of March.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** John Moran Jr. submitted to the Board his Code Enforcement Report dated April 1, 2011 for activities taking place during the month of March. In addition to his report, Mr. Moran reported on the Zoning Hearing Board Application filed by Kenneth & Ilene Rutter. The Rutters are seeking a variance to allow the expansion of their home at 851 Limerick Road. 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 there was only one item listed for the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 22, 2011. This item was the proposal by Eric Swarr for his proposed Doggie Day Care in the Village of Rahns.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. School House Run Streambank Restoration Project: On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, the Letter of Intent for the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant Program was sent by e-mail to Tim Fenchel of the Schuylkill River Organization. The hard copy was delivered to their office on March 24, 2011. A meeting was held on April 5, 2011 with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on site. During this meeting Karl Lutz of the PA Fish & Boat Commission discussed what the Township was proposing in terms of the restoration of the streambank. Mr. Lutz explained about the state's Technical Assistance Program. This program would provide technical assistance with project review, design, and permitting. Ms. Daniel pointed out that there are no guarantees that the Township will be awarded a grant from the Schuylkill River Grant Program; therefore, is the Board willing to proceed with the Technical Assistance Program of the PA Fish & Boat Commission? The Board discussed this project and directed that Ms. Daniel proceed with completing and submitting the Technical Assistance Application to the PA Fish & Boat Commission.
2. Census Information: According to Census Fact Finder, the 2010 Census Population for Perkiomen Township is 9,139 people.

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

1. Godshall Road Bridge Replacement: Mr. Frantz informed the Board that on March 23, 2011 the bids for the Godshall Road Bridge Replacement Project were opened and read aloud. There were six bids received for this project. The lowest base bid was received from Flyway Excavating of Lititz, PA. In evaluating the base bid and the alternates, Mr. Frantz prepared a spreadsheet showing all of the financial possibilities depending on what decision the Board made on this project. Based upon the bid prices received, Flyway Excavating was the lowest responsible bidder in each case. The base bid amount was \$453,500.00. Alternative A involved the façade on the parapet walls. If the Board decided to complete only the alternative for the façade of the parapet walls, the price would be adjusted as follows: (a) if the façade is installed only on the inside of the parapet walls, the price would increase by \$9,400.00; (b) if the façade is installed only on the outside of the parapet walls, the price would increase by \$18,700.00; and (c) if the façade is installed on both the inside and the outside of the parapet walls, the price would increase by \$27,000.00. Alternative B was with regard to the type of guiderail that would be used for the project. The base bid included using the standard steel guiderail. If something other than the standard steel guiderail was used, the base price would be adjusted accordingly. If the Board decided to complete only the

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alternative guiderail, the price would be adjusted as follows: (a) if wooden guiderail is used for this project, the price would increase by \$8,700.00 and (b) if steelback timber guiderail is used, the price would increase by \$22,800.00. The Board discussed the different scenarios and associated cost. Both Mr. MacElhenney and Mr. Becker felt that utilizing the steelback timber guiderail and the installation of the façade on both the inside and the outside of the parapet walls would give the Township a bridge that is more aesthetically pleasing. This bridge is located in an area where the grove to the Birchwood Area is located to the east and the walking path along a portion of Mayberry Road is located to the west. To complete all the façade areas and the steelback timber guiderail, the price of the project would increase by \$49,800.00. The remaining Board members, Richard Kratz, Edward Savitsky, and William Patterson felt that this increase was too expensive. After further discussion, the majority of the Board indicated that they were not willing to go with Alternative B; therefore, the guiderail would stay as the standard steel guiderail. The discussion continued as to the façade on the inside and the outside of the parapet walls. The Board discussed the increase in the price for all three options for adding the façade to the parapet walls. Mr. Savitsky and Mr. Patterson indicated they would be willing to consider adding the façade to the inside of the parapet walls only. After discussing this further, Mr. Kratz asked for a motion as to the scope and expense of this project. Edward Savitsky made a motion seconded by William Patterson to award the based bid of \$453,500.00 and the installation of the façade on the inside of the parapet walls for an additional cost of \$9,400.00 for a total cost of \$462,900.00. The motion passed by a vote of 3 – Yes (Edward Savitsky, William Patterson, and Richard Kratz) to 2 – No (Gordon MacElhenney and Dean Becker). Last, Mr. Frantz recommended that the contract be award to Flyway Excavating, Inc. Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney that the Godshall Road Bridge Replacement Project be award to Flyway Excavating, Inc. of Lititz, PA. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

2. 2011 Roads Project – As discussed at the March Board meeting, Mr. Frantz prepared an opinion of probable construction costs for the following potential project areas:
  - A – Seitz Road – Kreibel frontage remaining from the 2010 project (\$38,000.00)
  - B – Godshall Road – South limit of the bridge replacement project to Bridge Street (\$20,000.00)
  - C – Mayberry Road – From Godshall Road to the Closure (\$46,000.00)
  - D – Acoma Lane – From Wartman Road to Burgess Road (\$55,000.00)
  - E – Trappe Road – From 2010 paving limit to Schoolhouse Road (\$94,000.00)
  - F – Schoolhouse Road – From 2008 paving limit to Gravel Pike (\$87,000.00)
  - G – Meyers / Ott Road – Spot repair (near cross culvert) (\$19,000.00)

Items A through D were previously discussed with the Board and represent the basis for the Township's budgeted amount for the 2011 Road Projects. Items E through G were items recently investigated by SSM to determine the anticipated scope and cost in order to discuss the potential for substitution or inclusion as alternate bid items.

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The scope of Item E (Trappe Road) would include select base repair to areas of severe fatigue cracking, application of a bituminous leveling course to re-establish the crown of the road and improve drainage, some concrete repair work to existing curb and sidewalk, replacement of an existing curb ramp to conform to current ADA guidelines, shoulder adjustments and a full width overlay from the limit of the 2010 paving project to Kagey Road / Schoolhouse Road. Due to the amount and type of traffic that uses Trappe Road, the Board should either make this a part of the 2011 Road Project or consider making this area a priority for the 2012 Road Projects.

The scope of Item F (Schoolhouse Road) would include additional storm sewer facilities and adjustments to the cross slope of the road in order to improve the existing drainage patterns near the bend east of Greene Blvd. and a full width overlay of Schoolhouse Road from the limit of the 2008 overlay to Gravel Pike (approximately 1500 LF). Due to the additional storm sewer work, the scope of this segment would require additional engineering. Due to the timing of the 2011 Road Project, this scope of work would be more reasonable to include in the 2012 Road Projects.

The scope of Item G (Meyers/Ott Road) would include select base repair to areas of severe fatigue cracking and a full width mill and overlay of approximately 200 LF of Ott Road to address surface raveling and cracking thereby improving the driving surface. This area of Meyers/Ott Road has continued to steadily deteriorate.

Mr. Frantz explained that of the items A through G, the Board may wish to consider setting Acoma Lane as an alternate and removing Schoolhouse Road as a possible choice. The reason for setting Acoma Lane as an alternate is due to the connection into the existing sewer main for 391 Wartman Road. At this time, it is unclear as to when this work will be completed. The Board discussed adding this to the bid specifications as an alternate. As to the Schoolhouse Road portion, the Board discussed making this aspect of the road project a part of the 2012 Road Project. Depending upon the final cost, the 2011 Budget may need to be amended to cover the total cost of the 2011 Road Project. Dean Becker made a motion seconded by William Patterson to set the 2011 Road Project as follows:

- A – Seitz Road – Kreibel frontage remaining from the 2010 project (\$38,000.00)
- B – Godshall Road – South limit of the bridge replacement project to Bridge Street (\$20,000.00)
- C – Mayberry Road – From Godshall Road to the Closure (\$46,000.00)
- D – Acoma Lane – From Wartman Road to Burgess Road (\$55,000.00) – As an Alternate
- E – Trappe Road – From 2010 paving limit to Schoolhouse Road (\$94,000.00)
- F – Schoolhouse Road – From 2008 paving limit to Gravel Pike (\$87,000.00) – Pushed to 2012
- G – Meyers / Ott Road – Spot repair (near cross culvert) (\$19,000.00)

There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0. Also, the Board discussed the overall picture as to the condition of the roads in the Township. It was decided that a Road Inspection should be conducted to develop a plan on what the prior and current maintenance program should be for the roads in the Township.

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In addition to approximating construction costs, Mr. Frantz included a line item under each section which approximates the potential tonnage of bituminous millings. This approximation is based on the assumption that the contractor will use a mill head to excavate select base repair areas. The Board discussed the disposition of the millings. Mr. Frantz indicating that, due to the amount of estimated millings, the financial impact on the project with the Township keeping the millings would be minimal. Based upon Mr. Frantz's opinion, the contractor will not be responsible for the disposition of the millings; the Township will be responsible for the arrangement of the millings.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES:** The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of March. After review of same, Gordon MacElhenny made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to authorize payment of the March 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 April.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Violet Kriebel and her son Paul Minford wanted to discuss with the Board issues that have arisen in the area where Mr. Minford has recently constructed his new home. This new home was constructed on Lot 3 of the subdivision that was completed by Mrs. Kriebel. Recently there was some vandalism along Harrison Avenue. During the State Police investigation Mr. Minford had a discussion with the state trooper on the installation of curbing and sidewalk. During the approval process of Mrs. Kriebel's subdivision, the Board required the installation of curbing and sidewalks along that portion of Mrs. Kriebel's property that abuts Harrison Avenue. Mr. Minford gave the Board some pictures of the area showing an approximate location of where this curbing and sidewalk would be located. According to Mr. Minford, this sidewalk would be a sidewalk to nowhere until such times as the Ott property or Bryan Hunsbergers' property are developed. As part of the development process, Mrs. Kriebel was required to post monies to cover the cost of the public improvements. As part of the Developer's Agreement, Mrs. Kriebel posted a Letter of Credit. Due to the economy, no one is sure when the abutting properties will be developed. In the meantime, Mrs. Kriebel is required to pay for the Letter of Credit for these improvements. It was the request of both Mrs. Kriebel and Mr. Minford, that the Board revised the Developer's Agreement. The revised agreement would still require that these public improvements be installed by Mrs. Kriebel, but that their installation be required when one of the other properties is developed, and, that the Board waive the requirement that Mrs. Kriebel continue to post a Letter of Credit to guarantee the funding of these public improvements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Gordon MacElhenny and Dean Becker.