

Perry Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2023

**Present:** Mark Fulks, Supervisor; Kelly Schmidt, Clerk; Troy Parmalee, Treasurer; Mark Fraser and Frances Griffith, Trustees.

**Guests:** Duane Wood, Tom Emery, Tim Kubu, Beth Andrus, Robin Leary.

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

The **agenda was approved**. Parmalee moved; Griffith seconded. All ayes Carried.

The **Thornapple Drive public hearing** was opened at 7:01pm.

The Supervisor and Assessing Officer of the township has with resolution of the Township Board prepared as a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$5700 per year for five consecutive years covering all parcels of land in the Thornapple Dr Special Assessment District of 2023.

By **Resolution 13-2023 to schedule a public hearing on the prepared special assessment roll for Thornapple Dr Special Assessment District of 2023** was adopted. Fraser moved; Griffith seconded. Roll Call: Griffith, Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser. All ayes Carried.

The Supervisor, Mark Fulks, stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the assessment roll for the Thornapple Drive Special Assessment District of 2023 which had been prepared by the Supervisor and Assessing Officer of the township in accordance with the resolution of the Township Board adopted October 4, 2023.

The Township Clerk reported that a Notice of Hearing on said assessment roll had been given by publication in the Argus Press on September 16, 2023 and on September 23, 2023 and by First Class Mail to each property owner of record as shown on the assessment rolls of the township within the Special Assessment District on September 13, 2023.

The Supervisor next called for any objections or comments to the petitions for the project, the estimate of costs of \$5,700 per year for 5 years. The sum shall be divided into 19 equal parts at \$300 on each parcel in the special assessment district to balance the benefit vs the burden on the assessment. There was one question in person and one objection in writing.

- Tim Kubu (in person) asked what the “annual adjustments in cost shall be made without further hearing unless there is incremental cost increase that exceeds the estimate by ten percent or more” meant. The Treasurer explained that the township has the authority to increase the assessment by not more than 10% without a public hearing if necessary.
- The in writing protest was from Ina Ehrhart. “I protest being included in the Thornapple Dr Special Assessment District because my frontage is on Beard Rd, not Thornapple Dr. I have no driveway on Thornapple Rd and do not use Thornapple Dr to access my property.” It was noted that the Ehrhart's have appealed the assessment multiple times and lost each time using the same argument at the tax tribunal.

After further discussion, the following preamble and **Resolution 14-2023** was adopted, upon motion, submitted by Parmalee and supported by Griffith. Roll Call: Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith. All ayes Carried.

The public hearing for Thornapple Dr. was closed at 7:09pm.

**September 6, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.** Fraser moved; Griffith seconded. All ayes. Carried.

**Sheriff:** 52 traffic stops in the Twp; 146 total calls for the month in the Twp.

**SSESA:** 24 runs for the month; 193 for the year; 1499 Total SSESA runs for the year.

The **financial statement was approved to pay the bills.** Fraser moved; Griffith seconded.

Roll Call: Fulks, Fraser, Griffith, Schmidt, Parmalee. All ayes. Carried.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- An **update was given on the Beardslee Rd** mining operation. The Board felt it was necessary for the township lawyer to attend the ZBA meeting Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### **New Business:**

- The Supervisor explained the need to **apply for the EGLE Water Funding Grant** for funding for the water project in 2025. The Board approved for the Supervisor to file a letter of intent. Fraser moved; Schmidt seconded. All ayes Carried.
- **The Treasurer reviewed the audit.** The audit went well with Perry Township in good standing. We will ask the Auditors to come in and talk at the Nov. or Dec. board meeting. A motion to accept the audit was made by Fraser; Griffith seconded. Roll Call: Fraser, Griffith, Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks. All ayes Carried.
- **A draft of the County Planned Unit Development (PUD)** was reviewed by the Township Planning Commission with the following recommendation to add language that a public hearing pursuant to Pub. Act 110 of 2006 be required prior to approval of any PUD. The Township Board concurs and would add that under section 13.1.1 the language be changed so that “The County Planning Commission is the authority on approving improvements that may otherwise not be accounted for in the Ordinance as long as a substantial benefit to the greater community is recognized” and remove “The PUD allows flexibility of approving”. The Township Board feels this gives too much authority to the Zoning Administrator. Parmalee moved; Fulks seconded. All ayes Carried.
- Snowplow bids were reviewed for 2023-2024. Focal Pointe was approved. Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. Roll Call: Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith. All ayes Carried.

**Adjourn:** Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. All ayes Carried.

Kelly Schmidt, Clerk

The full meeting can be watched on the You Tube link below.

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