

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisors** met on **January 6, 2024**, for their 2025 Organizational and regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David E. Gemmill (Chair), Michael E. Kahl (Vice Chair) and Andrew K. Jarvis.

The secretary asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

- Supervisor Kahl nominated Supervisor Gemmill as Chairman and was 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.
- Supervisor Gemmill nominated Supervisor Kahl as Vice Chairman and was 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

- **Motion** starting in February, to hold all Board of Supervisors Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2nd Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

- **Motion** to appoint GHI Engineer and Surveyors as Township Engineer was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to reappoint Planning Commission Members David Stewart and Wesley Carter for another 4-year term was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to appoint Alan Bleacher for a 3-year term to the Zoning Hearing Board was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

- **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Public Comment

Dan Blake, Chairman of the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors introduced himself and requested any questions, concerns or issues be directed to him.

Supervisor Gemmill questioned Richard Brooks concerning the ambulance club. Mr. Brooks explained how it works when the patient is transported by another company (mutual aid).

Executive Sessions were held on December 27th, December 31st and January 6th.

Subdivision & Land Developments

Gross Brothers – 233 Gross Road, Map AO Parcel 4A. Update provided.

Under the Farm Stead Exclusion, they are planning to divide off 16 acres.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 2025-02, Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Annual Solar Fees

Zoning Ordinance Section 339A - Principal Solar Energy Systems

This would change \$2,000.00 per megawatt of capacity to \$2,360.00 per megawatt adjusted yearly instead of every 5 years to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The York County Planning Commission comments were reviewed and explained by the solicitor.

- **Motion** to advertise Ordinance No. 2025-02 for adoption, was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0

Ordinance No. 2025-01, Amending the Zoning Ordinance to provide for Prime Farmstead Exemptions and the Subdivision of such lands as a Permitted Use by Right in the Agricultural Zone.

- **Motion** to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-01, Regarding Prime Farmstead Lots was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Reports

Solicitor

Volunteer Service Credit Program, originally enacted in 2019 will need to be amended to clarify that DCVFC members can receive credit points when volunteering for CVFC and vice versa.

- **Motion** to amend & advertise for clarity the Volunteer Service Credit Program Ordinance was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

2025 Increase in Bidding Thresholds

- Purchases and contracts below \$12,900 require no formal bidding or written / telephonic quotations.
- Purchases and contracts between \$12,900 and \$23,800 require three written / telephonic quotations.
- Purchases and contracts over \$23,800 require formal bidding.

Manager/Treasurer

- Liquid Fuels Fund- \$6,591.33
- Sewage Fund - \$25,888.42
- Recreation Fund - \$7,110.74
- General Fund - \$2,960,793.05
- **Motion** approving payment of reviewed bills was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to approve the MS965 yearly Liquid Fuels Report was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

Public Works –

For the past month the road crew has been boom mowing and conducting dirt road & sign maintenance with a few winter events added to the mix. They will be working on replacing the steps to field 3 at the ball fields.

Supervisors - Employment Issues

- **Motion** to terminate Meredith Robinson Yakelis effective Jan. 6, 2025. The Township shall pay wages and health insurance until the end of January, contingent on receiving a signed release agreement was made by Supervisor Kahl & 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Position	2025 APPOINTEE
Secretary/Treasurer	Catherine Bilger
Manager	Catherine Bilger
Solicitor	CGA Law Firm - Craig Sharnetzka
BCO - Building Codes, Zoning Officer	Commonwealth Code Inspection Services
Zoning Officer alternate	David Thompson
Sewage Enforcement Officer	South Penn Code Consultants
SEO Alternate	Susan Miller
Emergency Management Coordinator	Jacqueline Arsenault
EMC Deputy	Michael Kahl
EMC Deputy	Donald Robinson
York Area Earned Income Tax Bureau	Catherine Bilger
York Area Earned Income Tax Bureau -Alt.	David Gemmill
Planning Commission Secretary/Treasurer	Catherine Bilger
Planning Commission Solicitor	CGA Law Firm - Craig Sharnetzka
Soil Conservation Rep	South Penn Code Consultants
Vacancy Board	Kimberly Maglaughlin
Zoning Hearing Board Alternate	Sammy McConnell
Zoning Hearing Board Attorney	Anstine & Sparler - J. Elliot

- **Motion** to reappoint the existing positions as listed was made by Supervisor Kahl & 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Mr. Donald Robinson requested clarification regarding the termination of Ms. Yakelis. The solicitor clarified that there is a statutory requirement that a Township Treasurer have a bond in place and because that statutory requirement could not be met, therefore we cannot continue with that employment. A bond is an insurance policy against the employee. There was no impropriety and no fraud, it was just simply the inability to get bonded.

- **Motion** to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.