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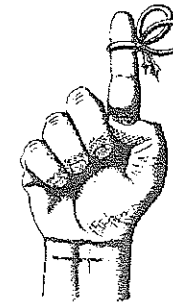
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BULK COLLECTION DAY HAS BEEN SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1998. THE COLLECTION WILL BE AT THE GREENE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 1145 GARVER LANE IN THE VILLAGE OF SCOTLAND. THE COLLECTION WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:00 AM AND WILL STOP AT 4:00 PM. ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDE: HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES SUCH AS STOVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, REFRIGERATORS, WATER HEATERS, BOX SPRINGS, MATTRESSES, MICROWAVES, FURNITURE, BICYCLES, AND LAWNMOWERS. ALSO ACCEPTABLE ARE: SCRAP IRON, TIN, METAL, BRASS, AND COPPER. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTABLE INCLUDE: BATTERIES, PIECES OF BATTERIES, GAS TANKS, TIRES, CLOSED CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND, MOTOR OIL, OR ANY MATERIAL CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS. REMEMBER: ITEMS THAT MAY BE COLLECTED BY REGULAR REFUSE SERVICE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. GREENE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THANKS THE RESIDENTS FOR MAKING THIS BULK DAY A HUGE SUCCESS.

MEETING DATES

- ✓The Board of Supervisors meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Township building in Scotland, 1145 Garver Lane. All meetings are open to the public. The Chairman of the board of Supervisors is Charles D. (Dave) Jamison, Jr.
- ✓The Greene Township Planning Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building in Scotland, 1145 Garver lane. The Chairman of the Planning Commission is Glenn O. Shetter. All meetings are open to the public.
- ✓The Greene Township Zoning Hearing Board meets the last Monday of each month, or on an "as-needed" basis. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., at the Township building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland. All meetings are open to the public. Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board is Kenneth H. Mummert.

STREET LIGHT MALFUNCTIONS: If Township residents note a street light is not functioning they may contact the Township office. The Township will then contact Allegheny Power. The information that Allegheny Power needs to make the necessary repairs is as follows: Pole Number; Location/Address; and the problem. By providing this information, Allegheny Power is better equipped to handle the problem. The Township thanks all its residents in advance for their cooperation.

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Greene Township Amends Ordinances and Implements New Ordinance

After many months of discussions, meetings and public hearings, the amendments to the Greene Township Zoning Ordinance and Map, as well as the Greene Township Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance, and a new ordinance, the Greene Township Storm Water Management Ordinance, are now in effect. Although amendments to the Ordinances had just been enacted in 1996, further changes were needed due to the proposed transfer of land within Letterkenny Army Depot from the federal government to the Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority (L.I.D.A.). While property is in federal or state government ownership, it does not come under the jurisdiction of the local township governing unit. However, when the land is transferred out of federal or state ownership, it then comes under township regulations. Although the actual transfer of the parcels of land at Letterkenny Army Depot has not yet taken place, the Greene Township Board of Supervisors have to enact zoning districts and regulations so that they are in place whenever the transfer of ownership does occur. Previously, the Township had only one classification for the industrial district uses which was simply the Industrial Zoning District. This has now been expanded to two districts called Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial. At present, all of the area zoned as Heavy Industrial is located within the area on Letterkenny Army Depot. The other areas in the remainder of the Township that were previously zoned as Industrial District are now rezoned as Light Industrial. The uses permitted in the Heavy Industrial district are also regulated with a percentage formula which will only allow certain percentages of the land in that district to be used for Heavy Industrial uses and a portion of that land must be allocated for Highway Commercial uses. The proposed zoning map was changed many times since the original draft was made last year. There were various changes in the text of the ordinances, most of them being in the Zoning Ordinance. The list of permitted uses in the Home Occupations section has been expanded to list a larger number of permitted types of home business uses. This was done in order to eliminate the need for property owners to file for a hearing with the Zoning Hearing Board particularly on uses that typically come before the Board on a regular basis. Other sections were changed to clarify certain items such as definitions, etc. Through input from area residents, the citizens group representing some of the residents, the County and Township Planning Commissions, the Planner and Engineer, members of the L.I.D.A. staff, Township staff, and the Board of Supervisors, these proposed changes and ideas were developed into a zoning map and set of Ordinances to try to accomplish the goals and objectives of this project. The last public hearing on the proposed amendments and new ordinance was held by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, and the amended GREENE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE & MAP, GREENE TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, and the new GREENE TOWNSHIP STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE all went into effect on Monday, March 2, 1998.

1997 ANNUAL REPORT - BUILDING PERMITS

Addition to Existing Dwelling (Signs included) - 114
Agricultural Structure - 5
Addition to Mobile Home - 3
Above-ground Swimming Pool - 19
Church Accessory Structure - 1
Commercial/Industrial Structure - 10
Duplex Dwelling - 0
Demolition - 1
Detached Structure (garage, etc) - 111
Fences - 16

In-ground Swimming Pool - 1
Multi-family Dwelling - 1
Municipal Use Structure - 1
New Mobile Home - 7
Reconstruction Renovation - 35
Single Family Dwelling - 69
Seasonal Use Structure - 1
Townhouse (# of Units) - 4
Used Mobile Home - 8
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED - 407*

(*Note: Some permits included multi-purpose--i.e. swimming pool with fence, etc)

Approximately 11.5 million dollars was spent by Greene Township residents and businesses on new construction as compared to 12.5 million dollars in 1996.

JACK FURRY, RETIRING SUPERVISOR, IS HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

Jack Furry, who retired as Greene Township Supervisor effective January 1998, was honored by family, friends, and co-workers at a surprise retirement party held Saturday, March 7, 1998, at the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Company's Community Hall. There were approximately 65 persons in attendance. Opening remarks were given by Marvin Borrer, Township Zoning Officer, who had known and worked with Jack for 25 years. Prayer was offered by Wayne Elliott, former Township Secretary/Treasurer. Light refreshments were prepared and served by Members of Fayetteville's Ladies Auxiliary along with ice cream and a beautifully decorated cake depicting a mountain scene in keeping with Jack's love of nature and hunting. Chairman Dave Jamison and Supervisor Paul Ambrose presented Jack with a gift in appreciation of his 28 years of service to the Township, as the Township's first Sewage Enforcement Officer and then as Supervisor. He received many cards and several gifts from those in attendance and others who were unable to attend. Jeff Baker, President of Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Company, presented a special plaque and gift on behalf of the Fire Company for his many years of service to the company as a member and as Supervisor to the Township. *The Board of Supervisors and staff wish Jack a long and fulfilling retirement!!*

SPOTLIGHT

- A REGULAR FEATURE OF THIS NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTING YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

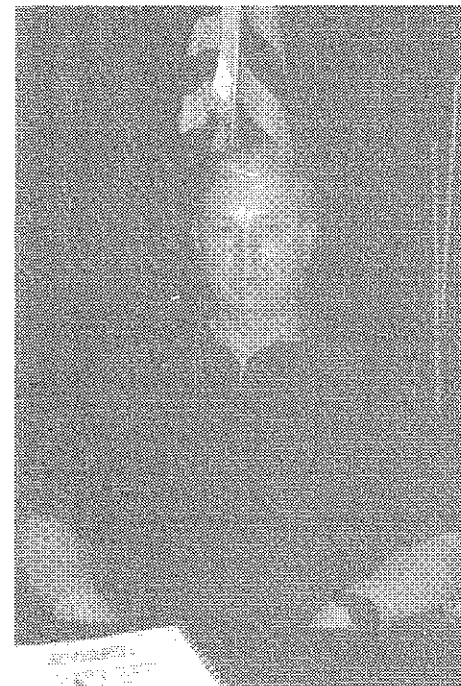
WELTON J. FISCHER - TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Welton has been a resident of Greene Township since the mid 1950's. After graduation from high school, he attended Kent State University (Ohio) and the American University (Washington, DC). He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in government, a Juris Doctor degree (law), and a Master of Laws degree in Taxation (L.L.M. Taxation). He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1966, the Tax Court of the United States in 1969, and the Pennsylvania Bar in 1972.

Welton's legal experience includes former Tax Law Specialist, National Office of Internal Revenue Services, Washington, DC; Tax Counsel to National Association of Life Underwriters, Washington, DC; Assistant Attorney General, Office of Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Revenue; Acting Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and since March 1974 has been in private practice in Chambersburg with his practice being limited to business, tax and municipal law. He has published a number of articles in various trade and professional publications as well as co-author of Dickinson School of Law published articles.

Welton is actively involved in many voluntary and service activities which include the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and for many years in youth baseball activities serving as coach, pitching instructor, and assisted with several other area teams. He was recipient of the "1992-1993 Citizen of the Year" award by the Greene Township Lions Club particularly in recognition of his work with community youth activities.

He is married and has two children.



WELTON J. FISCHER
TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

SNOW REMOVAL NOTICE: Please help the township road crew during snow storms. Remove all vehicles from the road right-of-way so that the snow can be removed completely from the road surface. Also, please clear all cul-de-sacs of obstructions so that they may be cleared effectively. Section 3709 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code prohibits the placement of rubbish, glass, metal, trash, or any other substance dangerous or detrimental to the safety of the traveling public. This includes shoveling or plowing snow or ice onto the road surface. Violators may be fined a maximum of \$300.00. Please keep clear of the rear of the snowplows due to salt and cinders being spread. When shoveling or plowing your driveways it is a good idea to wait until the plows have completed removal. Place the snow on the corner of your driveway that the plow passes last. Mailboxes or mailbox posts that are damaged by the plow or truck will be replaced by the Township one time. If it is determined that the damage came from snow being thrown by the Township snowplow then there will be no replacement by the Township. The Township Supervisors will have to determine how the damage occurred.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING EXPANDS: GETS NEW LOOK

The Greene Township Supervisors' Offices got a new look this year - on the inside. Township employees added an additional 858 square feet of space. Township employees supplied most of the labor finding the time between other Township demands. The work began in late February and due to the exceptionally mild winter weather, the employees were able to complete most of the work by early summer.

The expanded area includes one room strictly for filing, a new entrance and reception area, two new restrooms that meet the American with Disabilities Act specifications, separate offices for the Zoning Officer, Assistant Zoning Officer, Secretary/Treasurer and Supervisors, Administrative Assistant, and a Conference Room. Hallways were also widened and light

switches were lowered for ADA compliance. The result is a more "professional" look and more elbow room - which has been sorely lacking as Greene Township continues to grow. The biggest reason for the expansion which increased the office space to 1,794 square feet is space. Records previously stored all over the complex can now be stored in one area for easier access and safer keeping. Supervisors Chairman Charles D. Jamison, Jr., Supervisor Jack Furry and the four road crew members, Bill Beard, John Furry, Chris Thomas and Charlie Wingerd did most of the work with help from H & H Homes and Tad Norton Drywall and Painting.

The Township plans further expansion of the meeting room and more storage space and offices in the future. Materials and other expenses were paid from the General Fund and the cost was less than \$60,000.00.

STORAGE OF DISMANTLED OR NON-OPERABLE VEHICLES ON PROPERTIES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (REMINDER THAT WE WILL BE ENFORCING THIS HEAVILY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR).

Residents and property owners are advised that the storage of dismantled or non-operable vehicles in residential zoning districts is prohibited. Such vehicles are defined as being vehicles which do not display a current Pennsylvania inspection sticker and license plate. The Zoning Ordinance does allow no more than two such vehicles to be stored on the property providing the vehicles are completely screened from the view of all adjacent properties and from the road frontage. Screening is defined as a fence or vegetative material at least five feet in height and of a density to completely conceal the vehicles from view. The erection of a fence over four feet in height does require a building permit. In no case shall such storage take place in any front yards. Due to recent increases in the number of violations of this section of the Zoning Ordinance, the Township has no choice but to commence a concentrated enforcement of these regulations. Any

person who has such vehicles stored on their property should take steps to either remove them from the property or provide the required screening for no more than two such vehicles to bring the properties into compliance. This requirement applies to the areas of the Township that are zoned as Residential Districts only. The vehicles should be disposed of at a licensed salvage facility. One such facility is Beecher's Auto Salvage, Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville. They have informed the Township Office that they will pick up such vehicles at no charge but there is a fee of \$1.00 per tire on such vehicles. They also accept old tires at their facility at this same rate. For further details on the disposal of such vehicles, you may call Beecher's Auto Salvage at 352-2246. Bumbaugh's Auto Sales & Salvage, Anthony Highway, Fayetteville, has also informed the Township Office that they will pick up such vehicles. They do not have facilities to accept old tires. For further details, please call Bumbaugh's Auto Sales & Salvage at 352-3089. Both of these salvage facilities are located within Greene Township.

The Fall Bulk Collection Day was held Saturday, October 11, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The turnout for this bulk collection day was much smaller than the Spring Collection Day held Saturday, April 26, thereby making the tonnage of refuse removed from the Township complex much less by R & A Bender. Additionally, there was very little recyclable metal collected. There were the usual items collected such as couches, chairs, lawnmowers, and miscellaneous large appliances. One of the most unusual "bulk" item collected was a full-size outboard motorboat that was no longer "seaworthy".

The next Bulk Collection Day is tentatively scheduled for the Spring of 1998 with a specific date and time to be announced in a later issue of the "Greene Informer". Once again, the Township Supervisors extend their appreciation to all the residents of Greene Township who participated

Notice Regarding the "Greene Informer": Do you receive duplicates? Know someone who is not receiving? Need an address or name change? Need or desire any other changes on your newsletter mailing? If so, please contact the Township Office so that the corrections/changes can be made. If you have already notified us of any corrections/changes, **THANK YOU!**

SUPERVISORS ADOPT ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR

Effective March 16, 1998, Township residents and other persons making requests for duplicate tax bills will be charged \$2.00 for each duplicate. Any checks written to the Township Tax Collector returned to her for insufficient funds will be levied a \$20.00 "return check" fee. The Tax Collector will send notice to the person against whose account the check was credited on the records of the Tax Collector notifying that person that they shall have ten (10) days from the date of notice to pay in cash or with a certified or bank check the amount of the original check plus a \$20.00 return check fee. In the event of failure to submit the full amount to the Tax Collector within the time prescribed, the Tax Collector is authorized and directed to institute such proceedings appropriate before the District Magistrate for collection of the amount of the returned check, return check fee, and all costs and fees associated with the institution of suit to collect the same including reasonable attorneys fees.

TOWNSHIP ACQUIRES NEW EQUIPMENT

The Township recently accepted delivery of a new 1998 Dump Truck. The Township purchased the truck through Interstate Truck Equipment who submitted the only bid for the truck in August 1997. The truck chassis was purchased for \$59,945.00. The 10-foot aluminum bed, central hydraulic system and custom snow plow hitch was installed by Statler Brothers Inc. at the price of \$16,300.86.

The Township also recently purchased a 1998 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$24,715.00 from Day Fleet Sales, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Township purchased the Explorer under the State Piggy-back program which allows municipalities to purchase equipment without having to advertise for bids and at a substantial discount. The Explorer was purchased for use by the office staff and replaces a 1989 Buick Station Wagon.

The Township also acquired a used snow blower, a used Gradall, and a used Belt Loader, all pieces of equipment used for road work.

The equipment is paid for from the General Fund and partially from the Liquid Fuels monies received from the State. For 18 years the Township has not had a real estate tax and at year end of 1997, the Township had an excess of over \$300,000 in the general account and at least half of which will be invested in a Certificate of Deposit. Current surplus of the Township is \$3,200,000.00.

TOWNSHIP PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE

<u>Construction Value</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Building:	
\$0 - \$999	\$5.00
\$1,000 - 499,999	\$5.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000 above \$1,000
\$500,000 and above	\$1,000 plus \$1.00 for each additional \$1,000 above \$500,000
Certificate of Occupancy	No Charge (However, required for all new residential or commercial before occupancy may occur)
New Driveway or Reconstruction	\$20.00
Driveway Paving or Modification	\$10.00
Township Road Opening	\$
New Individual Well	\$50.00
New Semi-public Well (up to 15 connections)	\$75.00
Monitoring or Test Well	\$35.00
Production Well (farm, ag. irrigation use, etc)	\$25.00
Reconstruction or Relocation	\$25.00
Replacement or Major Repair	\$25.00
Reactivation or Abandonment	\$25.00
Conditional Use	\$75.00
Zoning Hearing Board	\$125.00
Zoning Amendment (Text and/or Map)	\$200.00

Subdivision & Land Development:

Preliminary Plan Review	- First lot	\$20.00
	- Each additional lot	\$5.00/lot
Final Plan Review	- First lot	\$20.00
	- Each additional lot	\$5.00/lot
Re-Approval of Plans	- First lot	\$20.00
	- Each additional lot	\$5.00/lot

Planned Residential Development Same fees as charged for Subdivision & Land Development

Planning and engineering review fees will be paid for by the applicant and all fees must be paid in full before the Township will release the plans.

Zoning Ordinance & Map	\$22.00
Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance	\$10.00
Storm Water Management Ordinance	\$3.00
Individual Zoning Map (larger scale)	\$5.00

Sewage Enforcement Officer Fee Schedule:	New Application	\$250.00
	Repair Application	\$80.00
	Renewal Application	\$55.00

(Suggestion: You may want to remove this insert and keep for future reference.)