

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a two Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202. (Note: Due to COVID-19, all persons maintained an additional distance during this meeting.)

Present:	Todd E. Burns	Kurt Williams	Lindsay Loney
	Travis L. Brookens	Gregory Lambert	
	Shawn M. Corwell	Daniel Bachman	

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at noon, advised that the meeting will be recorded for accuracy purposes and asked visitors to please sign in.

At this time, the Chairman opened the Public Hearing scheduled for this date, time and place to review and consider Greene Township Proposed Ordinance 2021-3, Fire Hydrant Regulations. The Solicitor explained that the proposed ordinance adds Chapter 54 to regulate and protect the integrity of fire hydrants within Greene Township. The proposed ordinance legislates the prevention of obstructions in the area of fire hydrants, prohibits depositing snow and ice within 3 feet of a fire hydrant and puts penalties into place for violations of the ordinance. The proposed ordinance also allows the Township to move an obstruction and place a lien on the property if necessary. Mr. Shetter (resident) asked if this will include alerting the snow plow operators not to push snow onto the fire hydrants. The Chairman responded that the snow plow operators are already alerted to that, but sometimes there are instances where it is unavoidable. Supervisor Corwell noted two instances within the last year where the fire department had trouble accessing fire hydrants due to obstructions; this ordinance will address these issues.

The Solicitor inquired if the fire departments periodically inspect fire hydrants for obstructions and problems. The Chairman responded that the Guilford Water Authority (GWA) flushes and maintains the hydrants, but he is unsure of how often it is done. The Zoning Officer (ZO) stated that he and Supervisor Corwell met with Gary Yeager (GWA) and were informed that they do have a maintenance schedule and if they notice a problem like this, they notify the property owner. Most of the time that is enough to correct the issue, but if not, this ordinance will allow the Township to step in. The Township Solicitor spoke to GWA's Solicitor and was informed that they do not have an ordinance regulating fire hydrants. The Solicitor asserted that if the ordinance is adopted, a copy should be given to GWA and Letterkenny.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at approximately 12:10 pm and then convened the Regular Meeting by entertaining a motion to adopt Greene Township Ordinance 2021-3, Fire Hydrant Regulations. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Greene Township Ordinance 2021-3, Fire Hydrant Regulations, as presented.

At approximately 12:11 pm, the Chairman opened the Public Hearing scheduled for this date, time and place to review and consider Greene Township Proposed Ordinance 2021-4, Animal Nuisance Amendment. The Solicitor explained that the proposed ordinance would replace Sections 45-5 and 45-6 of the Township Code with a new penalties and enforcement section. The new section would allow proceedings of a summary criminal nature rather than a civil one; fines are not to exceed \$1,000 per violation. The Township may commence enforcement or an individual may institute a private criminal complaint by filing with the District Magistrate. The ZO added that it brings the penalties of the animal ordinance in line with the noise ordinance – both being criminal complaints rather than civil.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at approximately 12:15 pm and then convened the Regular Meeting by entertaining a motion to adopt Greene Township Proposed Ordinance 2021-4, Animal Nuisance Amendment. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Greene Township Ordinance 2021-4, Animal Nuisance Amendment, as presented.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 10, 2021 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment; none was offered.

The ZO presented a request for review time extension for Randy's Lawn Care LDP, located along Route 30. This will be the second extension and will carry the plan through December 8, 2021. The ZO reported that PA DEP did approve the Sewage Planning Module and the Greene Township Municipal Authority (GTMA) just reviewed it. There are a few minor items yet to be addressed: the traffic impact fee needs to be determined, the easement issue for a water connection off Main Street Fayetteville needs to be worked out, and the planner's screening comment needs addressed. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the review time extension for Randy's Lawn Care LDP, commencing September 8, 2021 and extending until December 8, 2021.

The ZO presented the David Drake, 1 Lot Final Subdivision Plan, located off Orchard Lane in Scotland. The Plan proposes to subdivide a residential building lot approximately 4 acres in size. The Franklin County Planning Commission reviewed the Plan with no comment. The Sewage Planning Exemption was approved by PA DEP. The Plan was approved by GTMA and GWA. The Franklin County Conservation District has deemed the erosion sediment controls adequate. Township Planner and Engineer comments were all addressed, with the exception of the comment regarding the address. The ZO explained that typically addresses are given at the time a Land Use Permit is applied for, not when the Plan is approved. The Plan is in transportation service area 3 and will generate one new peak hour trip for a traffic impact fee of \$1,404. The Plan is exempt from the recreation impact fee because it is a single lot being subdivided off of an existing property. The Plan was staff reviewed on behalf of the Greene Township Planning Commission; the ZO has no comment and recommends approval of the Plan. Supervisor Brookens asked why the address cannot be provided prior to the Land Use Permit being applied for. The ZO explained that there is no way of knowing how long it may be after a plan is approved before building takes place, and in that time new plans may come in which could cause addresses to be out of order. With larger subdivision plans, addresses are typically listed on the plans but not smaller ones such as this. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the David Drake, 1 Lot Final Subdivision Plan as presented, with the condition that the traffic impact fee in the amount of \$1,404 be posted at the issuance of the Land Use Permit.

Supervisor Corwell explained that the Township releases donations semi-annually to each of the four fire companies serving the Township, typically in March and September. He reported that he has met with the fire companies this year, and they have all provided 2020 financial statements as required. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize release of the semi-annual donations to the Township fire departments as follows: Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department \$31,801, Franklin Fire Company \$21,879, West End Fire and Rescue \$7,500 and Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department \$7,500.

Supervisor Corwell presented a proposal from Lurgan Township to purchase the New Holland Bi-Directional Tractor. He explained that the tractor and accessories (bucket, mower booms and brush heads) were purchased by the Township in April, 1999 with a DEP recycling grant. The Township continues to recycle, but the operations have changed and the tractor is no longer useful. Supervisor Corwell explained that he contacted DEP and received permission to sell the tractor, provided that 50% of the funds are reimbursed back to DEP. Lurgan Township has agreed to purchase the tractor and accessories for \$30,000, so the Township would be required to reimburse \$15,000 to DEP. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens,

seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the sale of the New Holland Bi-Directional Tractor to Lurgan Township in the amount of \$30,000 as presented.

On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the payment of invoices as follows: check numbers 29779 through 29804 and three ACH transactions to be paid from the general fund, check numbers 3758 through 3763 to be paid from the liquid fuels fund, and check number 2241 to be paid from the electric light fund.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary