

November 9, 2022
Chambersburg, PA 17202
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Present: Todd E. Burns Gregory Lambert
 Shawn M. Corwell Dan Bachman
 Kurt Williams Lindsay Loney

Absent: Travis L. Brookens

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, advised that the meeting will be recorded for accuracy purposes and visitors were asked to sign in.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 25, 2022 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment; none was offered. The Chairman acknowledged high school students in the audience and encouraged them to ask questions during or after the meeting.

The Zoning Officer (ZO) presented the Monthly Zoning Report for October 2022 for informational purposes. The report shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The ZO presented a request from Poetry Estates for a waiver of Greene Township Code 85-52.F, requirement to connect to public water facilities within 500 feet of subdivision. The Plan, which has yet to be submitted, proposes a subdivision of three lots off Woodstock Road. The Ordinance states if the property being subdivided is within 500 feet of public water, the property has to be served by public water. The closest water line is on Church Street, which is just under 500 feet away. Due to the distance the lines would need to be run, public water would make the subdivision cost prohibitive. The plan proposes that the lots would be served by onsite wells rather than public water. One of the lots already has a well from a previous dwelling that has been demolished; the other two lots would need to have wells drilled. The ZO noted that the Township code recommends that the utility provider be consulted before a waiver is granted, and he did speak to Gary Yeager at Guilford Water Authority. Mr. Yeager provided approval of the waiver but requested that when the residue property is developed and water is run there, the three lots in question would also be connected. The applicant's engineer, Lance Kegerreis (Dennis E. Black, Inc.) responded that the applicant would be agreeable to those conditions. He added that the Plan is ready to be submitted if this waiver is approved. The Chairman asked where the closest water connection is to the south, and the ZO responded it is on the other side of I-81. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the waiver of Greene Township Code 85-52.F for Poetry Estates with condition that when the residue property is developed and served with water, these three lots will also be connected.

The ZO presented a request for review time extension for the Grand Point Crossing Phase IIC Plan. This is the second extension, but the plan should be ready for review at the next Board meeting. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request of review time extension for the Grand Point Crossing, Phase IIC Plan through February 10, 2023.

The Engineer presented a request from Grand Point Church for the release of a sidewalk bond. He verified that he inspected the sidewalk and finds it to be in good condition and adequately built. He recommends releasing the cash bond of \$21,798.00. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to release the \$21,798.00 cash bond for the sidewalk construction at Grand Point Church; check to be made payable to Grand Point Church.

The Treasurer presented a request for refund of a fire insurance escrow for 5282 Greenvillage Road. She explained that the loss occurred on July 4, 2022 and the Township received a check from Erie Insurance Company for \$27,212.64. The property has been demolished and PMCA has issued a Certificate of Final Inspection. The funds should now be returned to the property owner, B&F Homebuilders. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to release the fire insurance escrow for the property located at 5282 Greenvillage Road, payable to B&F Homebuilders for \$27,212.64.

The Chairman presented Township Resolution 20-2022, Donation to the Scotland Youth Baseball League. He explained that the Board previously approved a donation to the Scotland Youth League for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and box blade, and this Resolution is to ratify that donation. The Solicitor added that the purpose of the Resolution is to reference the portion of the PA Second Class Township Code that allows the Township to sell or donate equipment to a non-profit organization without going through the normal bidding process. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Township Resolution 20-2022, Donation to the Scotland Youth Baseball League.

Supervisor Corwell presented a letter from Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) detailing major upcoming expenses for the EMS department. Supervisor Corwell explained that at the end of the year if the budget allows, the Board tries to provide a donation to help cover a large purchase for the fire departments. The letter lists three items, but Andrew Melius, Fire Chief, stated that the priority is the remount or replacement of ambulance 7-7. The ambulance is a 2014 with 140,000 miles. As of May, the cost to re-chassis the unit was \$122,793.64 with the possibility of a \$10,000 increase due to rising costs; the lead-time for orders was six months to a year. A new ambulance would be closer to \$400,000, which is why they are choosing to remount instead of replace. Chief Melius added that FVFD intends to seek additional funds from other local Townships that it serves. He briefly reviewed the other two items on the list, noting that a COVID grant and a state fire grant helped to pay for two Stryker Stretchers, which cost around \$26,000 each. The bariatric unit is more of a want than a need, and it would not serve all calls since it is only used for larger patients. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to donate \$20,000 to Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department EMS for the ambulance remount.

The Chairman reviewed the 2023 preliminary budget, highlighting some key points. Revenue is expected to remain consistent from 2022 to 2023 and is broken down as follows: general fund \$5,982,680, liquid fuels fund \$686,496, electric light fund \$37,500. Some of the major road related expenses include road paving and bridges and viaducts. The Township plans to replace two viaducts in 2023. The total budget for public works expense is \$1,932,100. There are some capital improvements planned for the park, which are projected to be around \$870,000. The Chairman pointed out that the budget does not include property tax income. This will be the 43rd year in a row that the Township has not levied a tax on its' residents, and he is proud that this Board can continue that for another year. The Township will continue to provide the same level of service to the residents in 2023. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by

Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2023 preliminary budget as presented. The preliminary budget will be available for public inspection for 30 days and final adoption will be considered at a later meeting in December.

The Solicitor had no comments this evening.

On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the payment of invoices as follows: check numbers 30767 through 30796 and six ACH transactions to be paid from the general fund, check numbers 3877 and 3878 from the liquid fuels fund and check number 2277 to be paid from the electric light fund.

Mr. Jason Little, resident of Lincoln Street, addressed the Board regarding overflow parking at the Township office for Lincoln Street residents. He stated that he has three kids driving that live at home, and six cars total at his house. He does not have enough parking at his house and he was always told that the Township parking lot could be used for overflow parking. Recently there has been Township equipment where they park, so they have been parking in regular parking spaces. He was recently told that the courthouse rents that space from the Township and there is an issue with them parking there. The Chairman confirmed that the facility is leased to the district magistrate. She has recently had some hearings where there was not enough parking for the attendees. He explained that the Board does understand that Lincoln Street has limited parking and the parking lot has served as overflow parking for weekends and evenings. The Chairman noted that the cars have been parked there for some time. Evenings and weekends are not an issue, but during business hours, those spaces are needed for Township and court use. Mr. Little replied that the one vehicle did sit for a long time because it was hit in the parking lot and could not be moved. He added that his kids do work with him, so the cars do sit during the day because they carpool. He asked if it was okay for his kids to leave their cars where they are sitting now, which is at the end of the parking lot where the equipment is normally stored. The Chairman replied that would be fine for now, but once leaf collection is complete and the space is needed for equipment, there will need to be another solution.

Ms. Emmanuella Cherisme, MD asked about the status of her mini grant application. The Chairman responded that due to Supervisor Brookens' absence this evening, the application did not make the agenda. The Board wanted to give him an opportunity to review the application.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary