The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Todd E. Burns  Gregory Lambert
Travis L. Brookens  Daniel Bachman
Shawn M. Corwell  Diann Weller
          Welton Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. and informed those in attendance the Meeting was being recorded.

The Chairman stated the consideration of sealed bids for Cold-in-Place Recycled Bituminous Paving had been tabled from the Regular Meeting held February 27, 2018 to allow sufficient time for the Board and staff to review the two (2) sealed bids received and compare pricing. He then asked the Township Engineer to continue explanation of this item. The Engineer reviewed a list showing comparison of the two (2) bidders pricing, a copy of which had been distributed to each Board Member for their information and review, and stated the Board could decide what they wished to do, whether to complete the entire proposed project or if they wished only portions. The Chairman noted that approximately $400,000 is available from the General Fund and also $400,000 from the Liquid Fuels Fund; pricing appeared to be good competitive prices for the projects the Township is considering. Supervisor Brookens stated he agreed with the Chairman’s comments and noted the Township has been holding off for several years to perform such work and that (State) allotments of Liquid Fuels funds have been accruing. He further noted the roads listed are some of the higher priority in need of updating and maintenance. Supervisor Corwell stated he also agreed with the other Board Members and had no problem with the repair work progressing as proposed. He asked the Township Engineer of the proposed start date to which the Engineer stated he had spoken with the bidder for the Cold-in-Place project and initially work could begin in May but suggested the Township wait to begin the project after school was dismissed. He further noted that because the Township was able to receive the bid early enough the project could be placed on the (early) schedule. The Engineer noted the reconstruction work, as bid late last year, must be completed by June. Following review and consideration, on a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to award the sealed bid for Cold-in-Place Recycled Bituminous Paving to Asphalt Paving Systems Inc., in the amount of $341,779.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 27, 2018 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Minutes of the Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting held February 20, 2018 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.
Resident Chris Cassada addressed the Board regarding the intersection of Kohler and Grandpoint Roads and asked if any consideration was being given to a traffic light being installed to which the Chairman stated ‘yes’. Mr. Cassada noted of an accident he saw on his way to this Meeting.

Supervisor Brookens (serves as Director of Parks and Recreation) presented two (2) pieces of playground equipment to be considered for purchase at the Township Park. Each Board Member had received a copy of the pieces being considered; namely, (1) Cozy Dome from Landscape Structures at a price of $3,795; and, (2) RoxAll See-Saw from Game Time at a price of $9,679. Supervisor Brookens stated that both prices are CoStars (pricing); equipment to be located in area of part of next phase of the (Park) Playground project. The Chairman inquired if prices also included installation of the equipment to which Supervisor Brookens stated they are part of the project although there should not be much installation with these two particular items. Following review and consideration, 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 purchase of playground equipment for the Greene Township Park from Game Time for the RoxAll See-Saw and the Cozy Dome from Landscape Structures at the CoStars contract pricing.

The Township Engineer presented a request for refund of remaining plan review escrow submitted by Mann Investments LLC for Project #17-014, a 1-lot Final Land Development Plan approved in February (2018); original escrow of $2,500; expended $1,505 in fees; Engineer recommended Township retain $250 for inspection of stormwater facility which is part of the Plan; Engineer recommended release of partial refund in the amount of $745, with the check made payable to Mann Investments LLC. Following review and consideration, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request for refund of remaining plan review escrow for Mann Investments LLC, Project #17-014, in the amount of $745 payable to Mann Investments LLC with condition the Township retain $250 for future inspections.

Supervisor Corwell presented and reviewed a report submitted by the Franklin Fire Company No. 4 that listed expenditures utilizing the Township’s allotment to them in 2017. He stated he was unable to contact the Fire Chief this date to obtain more detail. The Township provides bi-annual donations to four fire companies that respond in the Township and per the Second Class Township Code before the first-half donation is released to a fire company, they must submit expenditures of the previous year. He further noted that the recommended donation is much less than having a (fully) paid service; provide good service; recommend same donation as previous year of $18,753. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the release of Franklin Fire Company No. 4 first-half year donation in the amount of $18,753.

Supervisor Corwell informed the Board that Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department planned to hold a “Cash Bash” fundraising event again this year where they would be serving alcohol and again was requesting the Township to provide a letter acknowledging the Department would be holding this event; said letter will be forwarded with the Department’s
request for a one-day permit to the Liquor Control Board. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to acknowledge the fundraising event for the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department to be held May 19 and to provide a letter indicating the Township has no objection to their event.

The Board received and reviewed a copy of the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly Report for February 2018 noting that several incidences were not located in Greene Township although the Department responded. Following review it was consensus of the Board to accept the Report as submitted and it shall become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented and reviewed the Monthly Zoning Office Report for February 2018. Following review it was consensus of the Board that the Report shall become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for review time extension of sixty (60) days submitted by Lance Kegerreis of Dennis E. Black Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Menno-Haven (Brookview) Project Genesis Final Land Development Plan; first extension request; current deadline is March 15, 2018. Supervisor Brookens inquired if there was a reason why this was being referred to as “Genesis” rather than “Brookview” to which the Zoning Officer confirmed this is Brookview. Following review and consideration, 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 request for review time extension for Menno Haven, Brookview, for sixty (60) days commencing March 15, 2018.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for waiver of Greene Township Code 85-18.A., Minimum Plan Scale, for Menno-Haven, Brookview, submitted by ELA Group, Inc.. The ZO stated that due to the size of acreage and in order to place the property on one plan set, they are requesting a scale of 1” = 100 feet. He stated this type of request has been granted in the past (i.e. Luther Ridge project); makes it easier to depict on the plan and then the Engineer follows up with a letter with a larger scale. Supervisor Brookens asked the Township Engineer if there was any problem to which the Engineer stated ‘no’. Following review and consideration, 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 request for waiver of Greene Township Code 85-18.A., Minimum Plan Scale, for Menno-Haven, Brookview, as submitted.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for waiver of Greene Township Code 85-51, Requirement to Construct Sidewalks, submitted by Jamey DeShong of Dennis E. Black Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Hudson Companies, Pennsylvania State Police Barracks; property located along Route 997 (Black Gap Road). The ZO stated the nearest sidewalk presently is approximately 1/4 mile from Doron Drive to the proposed project. The ZO displayed the plan and indicated the location of the proposed structure. The Solicitor reminded the Board of a previous warning (comment) placed on previous plans when a waiver was granted. The ZO stated that even though sidewalks may not be constructed at this time, they should still show the location of any future sidewalks on the plan. He stated there are ‘dirt banks’ that need to be cut back significantly. Supervisor Corwell asked the ZO regarding
property located between Doron Drive and the proposed project. The ZO stated it is all one property and this project is subdivided off a larger area and that in front of existing homes along Doron Drive is PennDOT right-of-way. The Solicitor stated the Second Class Township Code gives the right to Townships to require sidewalks. The ZO reminded the Board that residential (housing) is a permitted use in the Highway Commercial zoning district. Following further review and consideration, 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 request for waiver of Greene Township Code 85-51, Requirement to Construct Sidewalks, for Hudson Companies, Pennsylvania State Police Barracks with two conditions: (1) Greene Township reserves the right to require the construction of sidewalks if necessary in the future; and, (2) the Plan should show the location of all future sidewalks.

There were no Subdivision and/or Land Development Plans to be presented at this Meeting.

It was noted that two (2) Board Members will be absent at the time of the scheduled Regular Meeting to be held March 27, 2018. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to cancel the March 27, 2018 Regular Meeting as scheduled.

The Township Solicitor had no further comment to offer at this Meeting.

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 payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 26293 through 26327, two direct deposits, three credit card payments, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; and, Check Number 2134 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:41 P.M..

Resident Cassada asked one final question of the Board regarding the State Police Barracks on this Meeting’s Agenda; if they would have direct access to I-81 to which the Chairman responded they would not; their only access will be directly to Route 997.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary