

June 25, 2013
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.
Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens

Daniel Bachman
Diann Weller
Welton J. Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P. M..

The Minutes from the Public Hearing held June 11, 2013 regarding *Conditional Use Permit* request for installation of Verizon cell tower on property of Ernest Rotz, 592 Pine Stump Road, Chambersburg, shall stand approved as presented.

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There was no public comment offered at this Meeting.

The Chairman noted that in the Sunset Townhomes development there were currently no speed limit signs posted and one Stop sign yet needed for the intersection of Cornerstone/Milestone/Landmark Courts. He stated that if the area qualifies under the Vehicle Code regarding the streets being located in a residence district, the speed limit could be automatically posted at 25 mph by resolution. The Township Solicitor noted that a legal notice is not required for resolutions but is required for ordinances. The Chairman noted that a public hearing would need to be held to consider adoption of the ordinance for “stop” signs to be held within thirty (30) days. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted the Township Solicitor be authorized to advertise a legal notice regarding a public hearing to be held to consider an ordinance for a stop intersection at Cornerstone/Milestone/Landmark Courts; said public hearing to be set for July 23, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., at Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA; and, further, authorize the passage of a resolution for a speed limit on the previously mentioned streets to be limited to 25 mph.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for refund in the amount of \$119.00 for Application for Land Use Permit #13-103 received from Michael Ehrhart for property located at 1010 Pine Stump Road, Chambersburg. The ZO stated the Application was submitted by Mr. Ehrhart’s mother for placement of a mobile home on the property but it was denied due to septic issues. The ZO stated he had discussed the matter with Mr. Vince Elbel, Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Mr. Elbel stated the property did not have acceptable means of sewage disposal. Supervisor Brookens asked the Township Solicitor if it was acceptable to issue a check (refund) to Mr. Ehrhart since the Application had been submitted and signed by

Joyce Ehrhart (Michael's mother). The Solicitor stated it (refund) should go back to the permittee unless you know who actually paid it (Application fee). The ZO stated it was noted on the Application the fee had been paid by credit card. The Secretary retrieved the receipt book from the (main) office, researched and it was found that Michael Ehrhart had paid the fee. The Board and Solicitor discussed the matter as to whose name was listed on the receipt, the Solicitor asking if Michael had actually paid the fee, etc, and the Board also noting that a credit refund could be made rather than a check being issued by the Township but the Solicitor stated only upon verification of who actually paid the fee, especially in view of the requested refund amount. The Solicitor recommended the Administrative Assistant be consulted to verify the name on the receipt. Following discussion and consideration, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted the request from Michael Ehrhart for refund of Application for Land Use Permit fee for property located at 1010 Pine Stump Road, Chambersburg, following denial of permit issuance in the amount of \$119.00 be issued and returned to him. The Township Solicitor cautioned the Board to be sure the refund is returned to Michael Ehrhart if it is confirmed he paid the fee. The Chairman stated the record is to show who is to receive the refund once clarification from the Administrative Assistant is obtained who signed the credit card receipt.

The Chairman noted the Township's intention to purchase a new tractor and mower to mow along roadways. The Township currently has one that is a 2001 (John Deere) and the other a 1988 or 1989 (John Deere). The 2001 is currently broken down with an electronics issue and is being checked by a local company but is being pulled and going to be checked by someone else (mobile unit). The Chairman reviewed information on the new tractor and mower that had also been distributed to the other two Board Members which showed features, pricing, changes, etc. He further noted the '88 or '89 unit (Model 2555) will be sold and the 2001 will be moved down in the fleet sequence as a backup or second unit with the new tractor/mower being placed in service for main duties. He stated the 2555 will most likely be sold to a local municipality who has expressed interest in purchasing it. Supervisor Burns inquired as to features in the cab portion (i.e. heat, air conditioning, etc) and the Chairman noted these items have all been included. The Chairman further noted the Township will be receiving a \$481 credit from Smith's Implements due to deletions on the mower portion the Township does not need due to the placement of the oil tank for the mower. He noted the 2555 air conditioning stopped working today (this date) while out mowing. He did state the tractor has serviced the Township well over the years and has been good mechanically. He then asked if the other Board Members had viewed the regular price (included in the information packet) if bought through a regular dealer and stated the Township was discounted \$32,000 by purchasing it off the "Piggyback" contract. Following review, discussion, and consideration, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the purchase of a new four-wheel drive John Deere tractor and Diamond mower for a total price of \$107,610.15 from the Piggyback contract.

The Zoning Officer informed the Board the Township had received an application from Wilson College for a Conditional Use Permit to install a solar energy conversion system on the rooftop of a building currently under construction and the property is located on the farm across the stream. He stated a public hearing could be held in sixty (60) days from today's date if the Board wished to do so. The ZO stated the request is basically straightforward and is not a residential installation but more institutional. He noted that additional information was provided to the Township and the request is scheduled to go to the Township Planning Commission at their next meeting scheduled in July, if all information has been received by the Township at that time. Supervisor Burns inquired if the public hearing should be held the first (Supervisors) Meeting in August or the second and Supervisor Brookens noted that sixty (60) days would be passed if held the second Meeting in August. Following review and consideration, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that a public hearing date regarding the Conditional Use Permit Application from Wilson College for a rooftop solar energy conversion system be set for August 13, 2013, at 7:00 P.M., in the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Solicitor confirmed with the Zoning Officer as to who would place the legal notice and the ZO stated he would handle.

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

The Solicitor had no further comments to offer.

On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, 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 20296 through 20319, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3028 through 3030, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2011 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting at approximately 7:25 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary