

January 27, 2015
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA, following three (3) Public Hearings.

Present:

Todd E. Burns

Travis L. Brookens

Shawn M. Corwell

Gregory Lambert

Daniel Bachman

Diann Weller

Welton Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 7:35 P. M..

The Minutes from the Public Hearing held January 13, 2015 regarding vacating a portion of Pine Stump Road (T-613) shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

Supervisor Brookens noted a correction to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 13, 2015 as follows: Page -3-, second paragraph where it references ‘... the grant received for the project at *Exit 17* ...’. He stated it should note “... the Township is participating in a PennDOT grant with Summit Health and Chambersburg Borough for the construction of Parkwood Drive Extended ...” It was consensus of the Board that the approval of those Minutes shall reflect those changes.

There was no public comment offered by those in attendance at this Meeting.

Supervisor Corwell, who serves as Township Emergency Management Coordinator, informed the Board that the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is reviewed every year. He recommended adding one new category to the “Operations Center” under “Incident Commander” and that being “Intelligence Investigations”. Following that change he would recommend adoption of the *Greene Township 2015 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)* and will need a resolution for that adoption. Supervisor Brookens asked if this item could be added to the Re-Organization Meeting and Supervisor Corwell stated ‘no’ due to needing time for review. 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 adopt Township **Resolution No. 6-2015**, identified as the *Greene Township Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for 2015* as presented. The Township Solicitor noted that if there is any type of right-to-know request or request to see this, Township officials/staff are to contact him before doing so, noting the State statute refers to sensitive and/or specific information contained within such a document. Supervisor Brookens noted it is a procedural policy to contact the Township Solicitor. Supervisor Corwell noted that only three (3) copies are produced and need signed out. The Solicitor recommended the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator also be informed of this policy.

The Chairman noted the next item on the Agenda pertaining to setting a fee to be charged by the Township Tax Collector for added cost of providing tax status information for properties refers back to the second Public Hearing held prior to this Regular Meeting regarding amending Chapter 90 of the Township Code. This resolution would set the fee that is to be charged by the Tax Collector for those purposes and that fee would be \$10.00. There were no further comments or questions offered by either the Board or those present in the audience. 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 Township **Resolution No. 7-2015** thereby setting the fee the Township Tax Collector may charge at \$10.00 for providing tax status information.

The Township Engineer noted that last fall it was announced that Greene Township Municipal Authority (Sewer) would be granted \$150,000 to continue the on-going project of the Fern Grotto Circle sewer. He noted that Supervisor Corwell, who also serves on the Authority Board on behalf of the Supervisors, was successful in pushing the project forward. This project will be funded through the Franklin County Planning Commission who are the administrators of the Community Development Block Grant. The State gave out grant monies but one requirement is the Township must request by resolution to authorize the County Commission to submit the Grant on behalf of the Fern Grotto Circle Sewer Project; a copy of that proposed resolution was provided to the Supervisors. The Sewer Authority was able to obtain the funding but the State never told the County Planning Commission until after the Grant was awarded that a resolution from the Township was required. Supervisor Corwell gave a brief update on the project noting that after the monies are released, hopefully bids will be out by spring or summer. 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 adopt Township **Resolution No. 8-2015** authorizing the Franklin County Planning Commission to submit a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Fern Grotto Circle Sewer project.

Supervisor Corwell informed the Board that this year law enforcement classes were incorporated to current classes at the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center and presented correspondence, documentation, and a request for funding for 2015; a copy of all documents was provided to each Board Member for their review. He noted the funding request is based on municipal population and this year were requesting 15 cents per capita. Supervisor Corwell noted among the items being proposed for 2015 which included maintenance of the burn building, updating the coroner's office, and various projects that needed to be completed this year. Greene Township's share portion is noted at \$2,505, based on a population of 16,700. Supervisor Corwell noted the funding helps the volunteers obtain the necessary training which in turn helps the Township to utilize and benefit from that training. He further noted the Center is looking in the future for someone to help with maintenance which is not included in this year's budget figures, only the projects. The Township has provided funding in the past. Supervisor Brookens inquired as to why training classes jumped from \$11,600 to \$30,000 (projected) and Supervisor Corwell stated he had attended the meeting when the budget was presented. He stated the training goes through Bucks/HACC and they have increased their prices greatly. They sell a block of training

whether you use it or not and that overall, there is not a large increase in the total requested contribution. The largest training is the Junior Firefighter. Supervisor Corwell suggested that perhaps the Township might be able to help with smaller projects. Supervisor Brookens stated he would certainly be in favor to help as much as possible when the Center would ask because of the great training programs they offer. Following review and discussion, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request from the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center for 2015 funding in the amount of \$2,505.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for a refund of fire insurance escrow for property of Francis Knoll, 29 East Main Street, Fayetteville. The ZO noted the State Law requiring fire escrow be submitted to the local municipality to be held when damages exceed a certain amount and the escrow is calculated per lost value. He stated he had issued a Land Use Permit for the work to be done at the property. He stated that both he and CCIS (Commonwealth Code Inspection Service) have inspected the property, found the structure to be repaired, and would recommend the fire insurance escrow amount of \$12,000 currently being held by the Township be refunded to Mr. Knoll. Supervisor Brookens inquired if the amount as shown was correct because it and the next item appearing on this Agenda were the exact same amount which seemed odd but was assured it was correct and was only a coincidence. 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 refund of the fire insurance escrow for the property of Francis Knoll, 29 East Main Street, Fayetteville, in the amount of \$12,000 with the check to be made payable to Francis Knoll.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for a refund of fire insurance escrow for property of Dale Kessinger, 471 Mount Pleasant Road, Fayetteville. He stated the escrow was for a detached accessory structure and has issued a Land Use Permit to Mr. Kessinger to reconstruct the structure. The ZO stated he has checked the site and all debris has been removed, therefore, he would recommend refunding the fire insurance escrow in the amount of \$12,000 currently being held by the Township. 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 the fire insurance escrow for the property of Dale Kessinger, 471 Mount Pleasant Road, Fayetteville, in the amount of \$12,000 with the check to be made payable to Dale Kessinger.

Supervisor Corwell presented the purchase of two (2) Motorola portable radios for the Board's consideration. He stated that each employee on the road crew is issued a radio to be in contact while out on projects, emergencies, etc. The Township recently hired both a full-time employee and part-time employee who will each need a radio. Supervisor Corwell explained the Township radios are obsolete and needed to obtain prices. He described two (2) models that appeared to meet the Township's requirements; namely, the APX6000 with 1,000 channels and the APX4000 with 500 channels with prices quoted including accessories. He noted radios cannot be purchased with just one channel. One radio comes standard with GPS

so if lost, the 9-1-1 Center would be able to locate; the other radio you would have to pay for the GPS feature. The radios being considered for purchase come equipped with 2-year repair warranty and 2-year hardware with CoStars pricing as follows: APX4000 - \$6,145.60; APX6000 - \$7,340; both would have GPS for this quote. Supervisor Corwell informed the Board that after his review of the pricing, features, etc, he would recommend purchasing the APX4000. He further stated he had sent the information for both radio models to the 9-1-1 Center for their review to be sure they were compatible and they were. He also checked with other departments to see if anyone else needed so that a larger quantity could be purchased at perhaps a lower price but no one else needed radios, only buying batteries at this time. The Chairman asked if Supervisor Corwell knew if the County was looking to upgrade the radios and Supervisor Corwell stated there was some talk about the federal government being involved at some time but nothing for certain at this point. The Solicitor inquired if they made radios that could be upgraded to be reprogrammed. Supervisor Corwell stated the area is on a 400 trunking system but if they (County Center) were to go to an 800 trunking system, the Township would have a problem. The Chairman thought the Township had two (2) spare radios but Supervisor Corwell noted that according to inventory, all 17 radios are accounted and present. The Chairman stated there were always two available and Supervisor Corwell noted they had been in the office but with more drivers, they had to give the extra radios so that all drivers had a radio. The Chairman recommended the Board consider purchasing a third radio as a spare/backup. The Solicitor inquired if there were any channels that were not available, i.e. restricted and Supervisor Corwell stated the federal government is looking because so many are currently on the 400 trunking system. Supervisor Corwell noted the radios have an emergency button in case a person is having a problem and needs immediate assistance and unable to request that assistance. Following review, 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 to authorize the purchase of three (3) Motorola portable radios; namely, the APX4000 Model; and, the purchase not to exceed \$10,000.

The Board reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly (December 2014) Report as submitted. Supervisor Corwell commented they are doing a very good job. Following the Board's review of the Report, the Chairman stated it shall become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for review time extension submitted by Mr. Joe McDowell, Martin & Martin, Inc., on behalf of his client, Grand Point Crossing, regarding Phase I Subdivision Plan; requesting ninety (90) days; current deadline is February 1, 2015; second extension request to address concerns of GTMA (Greene Township Municipal Authority); Revision Plan currently in process. He stated he had spoken to Mr. McDowell who is trying to work through some problems encountered and addressing concerns of GTMA. The Board briefly discussed some of the concerns that may be occurring and Supervisor Brookens suggested the Township investigate what is occurring. Following further review and 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 grant the request for review time extension of ninety (90) days commencing February 1, 2015.

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

The Township Solicitor stated he had no further comments 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 approve the payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 22391 through 22428, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3158 through 3162, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, one on-line pay to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 8:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary