

October 23, 2012
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

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

Gregory Lambert
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 Chairman inquired if there were any students in the audience; there was one and the Chairman asked the student to introduce herself and informed her that if she had any questions, she should feel free to ask during the Meeting or after the Meeting. He welcomed and thanked the student for attending.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 9, 2012 shall stand approved as presented.

Cynthia Gee of Shippensburg addressed the Board stating she and her husband were interested in purchasing a property on Scotland Main Street which has a large yard but someone previously had “chopped” off a portion and now the yard is L-shaped. She stated she currently owns ‘pet’ chickens where she is currently living in Shippensburg and wants to buy the house in Greene Township but was told by the Zoning Officer this property could not meet the requirements for having “fowl” on this property. She was asking the Board if the ordinance could be changed so that she could buy the house and have her three (3) pet chickens. The Chairman stated he was not in favor of changing the ordinance. Mrs. Gee did not understand why she couldn’t have her pet chickens and stated that many other towns and cities allow them and feels that 100 feet (setback) is unreasonable. The Chairman stated he did not agree because if this requirement were changed then Greene Township would open itself to a whole set of problems. Supervisor Brookens stated this has been a problem (with animals) and noted that she could appeal the ordinance to the Zoning Hearing Board regarding a waiver and stated he also was not in favor of changing the ordinance for one person for a few chickens. Supervisor Burns stated the reason the ordinance states the number of animals is due those wanting (animals) that do not have the required property setbacks. Mrs. Gee suggested that a limit be put on the number of birds and low the setbacks. Supervisor Burns stated he was of the same opinion as Supervisor Brookens in that she has the option of appealing to the Zoning Hearing Board and also is not in favor of changing the ordinance for one or two persons. Mrs. Gee appeared to have difficulty in understanding the Township’s ordinance requirements and the Chairman informed her the entire board is not in favor of changing the ordinance. Mrs. Gee continued asking how the ordinance is changed and at this point the Township Solicitor informed her the Board already had noted her option of appealing the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Gee appeared to be displeased with the Board’s comments and decision and left the Meeting.

The Chairman stated the Township had taken a former “work truck” out of service due to purchasing a new one and the truck is still a good one, has some life in it, and time to put out for bids to see what type of offers the Township receives. 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 placement of legal advertisement to accept sealed bids for the sale one (1) F350 four-wheel drive utility body truck. Bids must be received by the Township no later than 3:00 p.m., November 27, 2012, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland; bids will be opened and read aloud at the Supervisors Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. of that evening.

The Township Engineer noted the Board had authorized at a previous meeting to move forward to obtain price proposals based on the technical proposals received and stated after reviewing would recommend accepting the price proposal received from McMahan Associates, Inc.. The Engineer stated he had also forwarded the price proposal to PennDOT for their review and the liaison officer received it who then forwarded it to the traffic unit. He stated he had received some comments back from PennDOT late this day and forwarded them to McMahan who made a brief review and stated the comments appeared satisfactory. The Engineer stated that preliminarily it looked good and appears to be in line with other similar projects the Township has done in the past and stated this project is actually two intersections. The Chairman asked Board Members to consider *conditional approval* this Meeting after PennDOT has a chance to review. Vice Chairman Burns stated he had reviewed the proposals and feels that McMahan is above others. 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 the engineering proposal for I-81 Interchange/Exit 17 signalization design from McMahan Associates, Inc. be accepted *condition* upon a favorable report from PennDOT and all criteria is met.

The Township Solicitor presented an agreement for the Board’s consideration and signature to vacate a portion of Grand Point Road (T-519) stating that a portion of Grand Point Road was cut off when I-81 was built. This portion is on lands owned by Karen Wildeson and Stanley and Janice Burkholder. An agreement was prepared with them and asked that a dedication from Ms. Wildeson for the portion known as “Grand Point Road Extended” and the Solicitor stated that what needs done now is to request permission for the Township to sign the agreement to vacate. He further stated that a public hearing will need to be scheduled to consider this matter, which will be discussed later on this Agenda, but that the agreement is the starting point. The Chairman further explained that originally the width was 33 feet but now it would be 50 feet to be dedicated to the Township. The Solicitor stated he has the boundary description and the Township has reviewed and noted it looks fine. Following 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 Chairman to sign the agreement to vacate a portion of Grand Point Road (T-519) as presented by the Solicitor.

The Township Solicitor noted that after the Agreement, as noted in the previous item of discussion, was signed, the deed of dedication for a portion of Grand Point Road Extended as accepted by the Township would need to be recorded. The Solicitor stated the Deed has

been reviewed by the Township Engineer regarding the accuracy of the description and the Engineer concurred the description as accurate. The Solicitor noted the Deed is properly signed and can be recorded but there is no intention to record at this moment; just wanted the Board to be informed this is one of the steps of the whole process. Following 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 Township Solicitor to record the deed of dedication for a portion of Grand Point Road Extended as presented.

The Township Solicitor requested the Board to set a date for a public hearing to be held regarding the vacating of a portion of Grand Point Road. The Chairman asked if there was a certain amount of time required for County review and the Solicitor stated 'no'. The Chairman then asked the Solicitor if thirty days would be ample time and the Solicitor stated 'that will be fine'. Following 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 schedule a public hearing regarding the vacating of a portion of Grand Point Road to be held November 27, 2012 at 7:00 P.M., at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, and authorize the legal notice of that public hearing.

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

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

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 payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 18238 through 18265, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 2131 and 2132 to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 1498 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary