

October 8, 2013
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA, following a Public Hearing that was scheduled but missed being advertised, therefore, had to set another hearing date.

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 7:06 P. M..

The Minutes from the Continuation of a Public Hearing held September 24, 2013 regarding Sewer Ordinance (original Public Hearing held August 27, 2013) shall stand approved as presented.

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There was no public comment offered at this Meeting.

Before action was considered regarding an appointment to the Greene Township Municipal Authority Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Lynn Rotz, who recently resigned from the Authority Board and said term to expire December 31, 2016, Supervisor Todd E. Burns wished to offer comments. He stated there were a few individuals that were considered but at this particular time with the situation with (PA) DEP and the Sewer (Municipal) Authority, it makes good sense to have a connection between the Authority and the Board of Supervisors, therefore, he would nominate Shawn Corwell to fulfill Lynn Rotz's unexpired term. Chairman Charles D. Jamison, Jr. stated he agreed with Supervisor Todd Burns noting that with the Consent Order and now becoming a part of the Consent Order legally, to have a member (Township Supervisor) there (Authority Board) and have some insight and input would be a good step to take at this time. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that Shawn Corwell be appointed to Greene Township Municipal Authority Board to fulfill the unexpired term of former Authority Board Member, Mr. Lynn Rotz, until December 31, 2016.

Supervisor Todd E. Burns noted the Township had been requested to forward a letter of support regarding the protection of the 1,100 acre Eagle Rock tract. Supervisor Burns stated the project had been on-going for several years to secure federal funds and now those funds have been realized. The tract currently is privately owned; located along White Church Road and Stillhouse Hollow Road; all contained within Greene Township. The property will be purchased by the Conservation Fund then to be transferred to the Pennsylvania Department

of Conservation and Natural Resources as an addition to the Michaux State Forest. Supervisor Burns stated the Conservation Fund is to receive 1.5 million dollars with another 250 thousand dollars under Act 13 to be put towards this effort. The plans will take the 1,100 acres and return to state forest lands to be utilized by residents and visitors. He stated a letter of endorsement was needed from the Township and also stated the County Commissioners had also been contacted for endorsement. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that a letter of endorsement regarding the purchase of 1,100 acres in Eagle Rock to be transferred to state forest lands be approved and forwarded with all three (3) Board Member signatures on said endorsement letter.

The Chairman noted he had received a question from a resident regarding currently posted speed limit signs in the Village Greene Development and had asked the Township Engineer to research. The Engineer stated he had reviewed past Township Resolutions and found streets that had been dedicated to the Township in 2007 or 2008 but could not find any speed limits by resolution for this development so it is presumed it was never done. Supervisor Brookens inquired as to the signs that are posted as well as stop signs and the Engineer stated he did not find any proof the stop signs had been approved. The Engineer stated that 14 stop signs were bonded but never ordained. The Solicitor noted that usually stop and speed limit signs are handled at the same time as the Township accepts a street dedication so if one was not done then most likely neither were done. 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 to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a resolution for 25 mph speed limit within Village Greene Development and prepare an advertisement for adoption of ordinance for stop signs in the Village Greene Development by public hearing to be held November 12, 2013, at 7:00 P. M., prevailing time, at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

The Township Engineer presented a request for escrow refund in the amount of \$1,830 from Curfman & Zullinger Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Roger Wingert for his Land Development Plan, Project #13-008. The Engineer noted the Supervisors had approved the Land Development Plan last month and all outstanding review fees have been paid for a total of \$670. Mr. Wingert had posted an original escrow in the amount of \$2,500, less \$670 in fees, for a remaining balance of \$1,830 which is being requested as the refund amount. The Township Engineer stated there was no amount to be retained and recommended a full refund of \$1,830 be returned. Supervisor Brookens noted the letter of request had come from the engineer of the project but asked who would be receiving the refund. The Township Engineer stated that Mr. Wingert had posted the original escrow bond and would be receiving the refund as noted in the project engineer's letter of request. Following review 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 for escrow refund for the Roger Wingert Land Development Plan, Project #13-008, in the amount of \$1,830 be approved and returned to Roger Wingert.

The Chairman noted that Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department (BVVFD) had requested to use Township properties for another training exercise later this month. They asked if one or more houses would be available for firefighter training as they had done a few months before. The Chairman stated that BV had requested if they could use both Township properties but there would be no burning due to being prohibited by the State. He stated that BV would pump the houses full of smoke to send trainees into the buildings and wanted to use one house where they could breach the walls. The Chairman asked Shawn Corwell to explain in more detail the action of breaching the walls since he was familiar with the process being proposed. Mr. Corwell stated that when someone is in another room and others are not able to get through the hallway, they would use hydraulic tools, chain saws, etc to cut through the room's dividing wall(s) to more readily get to the person. The Chairman stated he had emphasized to BV's Training Officer that **no** exterior walls were to be breached during the 2-day training exercise. The Chairman further noted he had reviewed the training site after the last exercise and was very impressed how everything appeared 'normal', that it was almost impossible to see what had occurred. Supervisor Todd Burns inquired if a waiver of liability would be required and the Chairman confirmed and noted the training exercise is scheduled for October 26 and 27. 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 Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department be granted permission to use 2 houses owned by the Township for fire training on October 26 and 27 on the condition that BVVFD submit a copy of insurance and a waiver of liability.

The Board reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly Reports for August and September (2013) and it was consensus of the Board the Reports shall be accepted as presented.

The Zoning Officer presented and reviewed the Monthly Zoning Office Report for September 2013. There being no questions or comments, it was consensus of the Board the Monthly Zoning Office Report for September 2013 shall be accepted and approved as presented.

The Zoning Officer presented a 1-lot Final Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan, Burkman Enterprises; property located at the intersection of Elevator and Scotland Main Streets in the R-2 and FH (Medium Density Residential and Flood Hazard) zoning districts; L-shaped lot; propose subdivision of parcel as lot addition to adjacent property. The ZO noted there is an existing driveway between the two properties and there is a maintenance agreement which is shown on the plan. He further noted the maintenance agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township Solicitor. The Chairman inquired if the one house is deeded separately from the other house and the ZO stated he was not sure at the moment. The Township Engineer noted they are two separate properties with a right-of-way for the driveway; the existing shared driveway is currently for garages to the rear of each property. The Chairman noted it (driveway) had originally been shared by four properties. Supervisor Travis Brookens inquired as to the absence of a "lightning strike" and the Township Engineer noted it was not on the plan and should be shown. A copy of the *Approval Checklist* with comments from the various reviewing agencies was distributed to each Board Member for

their review as follows: Franklin County Planning Commission – reviewed with no comment (8.23.13); non-building waiver forwarded to PA DEP (8.9.13); Guilford Water Authority – reviewed and approved (8.16.13); Township Engineer and Planner – found plan to be satisfactory and would recommend approval (10.8.13/9.26.13); plan was staff reviewed on behalf of the Greene Township Planning Commission and recommended approval. 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 Burkman Enterprises 1-lot Final Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan be approved as presented with the comment regarding the “lightning strike” be applied to the plan.

The Zoning Officer presented a 2-lot Final Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan, Angle/Rawlings; property located along Letterkenny Road; propose subdivision of parcel B to be conveyed to the front property (Sharon Rawlings); other lot addition is a strip of land currently labeled a 25-foot private easement for access to the Eckenrode property. The ZO stated a maintenance agreement was reviewed and approved by the Township Solicitor. A copy of the *Approval Checklist* with comments from the various reviewing agencies was distributed to each Board Member for their review as follows: Franklin County Planning Commission – reviewed with no comment (8.23.13); Greene Township Municipal Authority – no comment offered; non-building waiver forwarded to PA DEP (8.23.13); Township Engineer and Planner – found plan to be satisfactory and would recommend approval (10.8.13/9.26.13); plan was staff reviewed on behalf of the Greene Township Planning Commission and recommended approval. Following review and discussion, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted the Angle/Rawlings 2-lot Final Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan be approved as presented.

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

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 20653 through 20678, inclusive, and one on-line pay, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3062 and 3064 to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Numbers 2023 and 2024 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:38 P. M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary