

November 10, 2015
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens
Shawn M. Corwell

Gregory Lambert
Daniel Bachman
Gina Griffith
Welton Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM and advised that the meeting is being recorded for accuracy. He noted the attendance of school students, welcomed them to the Meeting, and informed them that if they had any questions they were welcome to ask during or after the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 27, 2015 stand approved as presented and will become part of the official record.

There was no public comment offered at this Meeting.

The Chairman presented the *2016 Greene Township Preliminary Budget* noting a projected revenue of \$4,284,600.00 which is offset by the same in expenses. Some slight increases in revenues are projected in areas such as landfill fees and earned income as well as an increase in the Liquid Fuels allocation from the state. He stated that the expenses remained the same and no significant changes have been made to the individual line items. What this means for Greene Township residents is that they can expect the same level of service that they have become accustomed to over the years (bulk collection, composting facility, road maintenance and winter maintenance). He stated that it has been many years since Greene Township has had a property tax and this will continue in the year of 2016. The Preliminary Budget will be available for review at the Township Municipal Building for the next thirty (30) days before adoption. Supervisor Corwell stated he is happy that again there will be no property taxes while still maintaining the services provided to the residents. Supervisor Brookens agreed and noted some other things provided by the Township that make up a significant amount of what is spent in revenues are donations to the volunteer fire companies, the Drug Task Force, the Franklin County Animal Shelter, and the recreation facilities within the Township. He noted that one of the biggest increases in line items from last year is snow and ice removal and hopes to have a milder winter in order to save monies that can be allocated elsewhere. 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 the *2016 Greene Township Preliminary Budget* as presented, which will be available for review at the Township office for a period of thirty (30) days and will be scheduled for adoption on December 22, 2015 at the Greene Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting.

The Chairman presented the consideration of Franklin County Area Tax Bureau's (FCATB) proposed 2016 operating budget. He explained that the FCATB is the tax collection agency for earned income tax for all school districts, boroughs and municipalities within Franklin County. He stated that their Board has approved the budget but in order for it to be adopted, each municipality must make a recommendation as to whether they are in favor of the operating budget or opposed to it. He stated that as the Township delegate for this committee he sees no reason to oppose it. There are no significant changes from previous years and the projected cost of collection for 2016 is 1.89% which is slightly below the contract goal of 2%. He noted that they are requesting a 2% pay increase for their full time staff and the part time staff will remain the same as 2015 with no changes to their benefits. The projected collection for 2016 is \$38,923,000.00 which is slightly up from 2015. Supervisor Corwell noted the insurance rate increase of 5.1% but stated he is in favor of approving the budget. Supervisor Brookens stated that he also is in favor of approving it and asked if FCATB is requesting the Board to designate the representatives for next year at this time. Chairman Burns stated that the request is included in the letter every year and he recommends that this be done at the Organizational Meeting held in January. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Franklin County Area Tax Bureau's proposed Operating Budget for 2016.

Supervisor Corwell presented the consideration of **Resolution No. 21-2015** to apply for funding for the DEP 902 Grant. He explained that this Resolution is part of the grant process to apply for funding for an amount of up to \$250,000.00 through DEP for a grinder to be used at the compost facility located on Mickey Inn Road. The current grinder is getting old and the maintenance cost is starting to affect the Township. Supervisor Brookens noted that the Board spoke with a DEP representative in preparation to submit this information and explained that the Township would either trade in the existing grinder or sell it with the proceeds going back to the state since it was purchased that way. 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 **Resolution No. 21-2015** to apply for funding for the Department of Environmental Protection 902 Grant Application.

The Zoning Officer (ZO) presented the consideration of **Resolution No. 22-2015** as requested by Vince Elbel, Township Sewage Enforcement Officer (S.E.O.), for public sewer for the proposed Sheetz located at the intersection of US Route 11 and PA 997. He explained that the sewage planning module that has been provided stipulates that the new Sheetz store will generate 6 EDU's of sewage flow to service the new building. The planning modules have been submitted for the project and both the Greene Township Municipal Authority and the Borough of Chambersburg have approved the project. 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 22-2015** as requested by Vince Elbel, Township S.E.O., for a public sewer extension for the proposed Sheetz located on US Route 11 and PA 997 in Greenvillage.

The Chairman presented the consideration to purchase fencing for the Letterkenny project. He explained that the Township has property located at Letterkenny that is being revamped and needs to be fenced in order to protect the equipment and other items located there. The Township has received quotes from two of the three bids that were sent out. The first one is from Perry Fence Company for a price of \$12,400.00 and the second one received was a phone

quote from Tyson Fence for a price of \$15,000.00. Pricing was also requested from Long Fence but nothing has been received from them to date so the assumption is that they are not interested in bidding the project at this time. The Chairman explained that the proposed fence will be six (6) feet high and will be approximately 600 linear feet of fence from top to bottom rail and includes two (2) aluminum twenty (20) foot gates. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the purchase of fencing for the Letterkenny project from Perry Fencing in the amount of \$12,400.00.

Supervisor Brookens presented the consideration to purchase playground equipment from Bitting Recreation, Inc. Included in the packets is a quote from Bitting Recreation for a play structure suitable for children aged 2–5 to be placed in the area where the Knouse Food building was demolished. This will be an additional piece of equipment to be used in conjunction with the piece purchased last year for the 5–12 year age group. The quote indicates the state contract pricing and Bitting has provided a grant total of \$15,681.00 towards the initial price of \$35,283.00. The total of the equipment, including freight and with the grant deduction will be \$22,255.55. Chairman Burns asked if this was part of the approved plan for that area and Supervisor Brookens stated that it is. Supervisor Corwell asked if the color of the new equipment will match the existing equipment and Supervisor Brookens explained that it will be a color called “fresh” which is a green and brown combination and this will match the existing equipment. 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 the Game Time PS Plus playground equipment from Bitting Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$22,255.55.

The Board reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) Fire Police Monthly Report for October (2015) as submitted. The Chairman asked if Dan Whitfield is the new fire police and Supervisor Corwell explained that he was a previous member and has officially returned to the company, which now gives the Township four (4) active fire police. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Report and it will become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented the Monthly Zoning Office Report for October 2015. Following review, it was approved as presented and will become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for waiver of Greene Township Code 85-51.A, *Requirement to Construct Sidewalks*, for the Wayne Helman subdivision plan located off of Salem Road. Included in the packets is a letter provided by Curfman and Zullinger Surveying requesting the waiver. The Plan proposes to create a 6.3 acre single family residential lot out of a 52.2 acre farmstead. The residual 46.1 acre parent tract is to remain in agricultural use and a non-building waiver has been include on the plan. The nearest sidewalk to the property would be in the area of the Salem Road subdivision located behind Presidential Heights. The Engineer noted that there are no sidewalks in or around this proposed subdivision and stated that he would concur that the applicants request for a waiver be granted. The Chairman noted that there was not much basis provided in the request letter from the Curfman and Zullinger Surveying and the Zoning Officer agreed but noted that the site conditions speak for themselves. Supervisor Brookens stated that he too thinks the request lacked substance, but the basis for it makes sense looking at the physical characteristics of the subdivision. He noted that there are no sidewalks

anywhere near the property and it wouldn't make sense to install sidewalks in that particular area. He then stated that he would be in favor of granting the request. 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 waiver of Greene Township Code 85-51.A, the requirement to construct sidewalks for the Wayne Helman subdivision Project #15-020. The Engineer suggested that the Board reserve the right to require construction of sidewalks at any time in the future. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell and by a vote of 3-0 the motion was amended to include the requirement to construct sidewalks in the future if deemed necessary by the Township for the Wayne Helman subdivision project #15-020.

The Zoning Officer presented the 1 lot Final Subdivision Plan for the Wayne Helman property located on Salem Road. The Property is zoned R-1 and is approximately 6.3 acres and will remain an agricultural use. The property is located in the R-1 Zoning District and is provided with on-lot sewer and water. The non-building waiver for the proposed subdivision was submitted to the PA Department of Environment Protection on October 19, 2015. The plan has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and Township Planner. It has also been reviewed by the Greene Township Planning Commission. The ZO stated that he has no comment on the plan and recommends approval as presented. Supervisor Brookens asked if this plan makes note of the recreation requirements. The ZO stated that it does not and explained that there is a provision that because it's an existing dwelling unit and they are not proposing a new building lot the recreational fee would not apply. He explained that there is a one lot exemption for it and it doesn't require a note to be specifically listed and it would not be subject to recreation or traffic impact fees. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Wayne Helman 1-lot Final Subdivision Plan as presented.

The Township Solicitor 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 23500 through 23535, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; one on-line pay to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and Check Number 2066 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 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Secretary