

February 23, 2010
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens

Daniel Bachman
Todd Dusman
Gregory Lambert
Diann Weller

Visitors: See list

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

The Minutes of the February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting stand approved as presented.

Mr. Kenneth Mummert, Township resident, offered the following comments to the Board: (1) commended the Board on the work (traffic signal installation) at Route 11 and Sunset Pike; stated he hadn't seen any major backups since work done; also, noted that lowering of drain in the area is taking at least ninety percent of the water away; Township Engineer, Gregory Lambert, commented it is still not taking all of the water but the Township is working on; (2) dangerous situation at traffic signal at (Route) 997/Rowe Run Road/997 Truck Route that people are still not heeding the signal or giving right-of-way especially when turning onto Greenvillage Road; Mr. Lambert stated the Township is working with PennDOT's engineering department and the (Traffic Signal) Permit would have to be changed for any changes, revisions, etc; he further stated the Township is contemplating a type of "markings/cross-hatchings" similar to those used at I-81; (3) Mr. Mummert complimented the Township on snow plowing but did note problems on Rowe Run Road and the Vice Chairman reminded Mr. Mummert that Rowe Run Road is a State Route; (4) Mr. Mummert commented on the upcoming electricity problem and asked if the Township could state what type of electricity came into the Township and the Vice Chairman stated the Township could not regulate, it is governed by the PUC (Public Utility Commission); Mr. Lambert noted how much Borough electric rates have been increased; the Township Solicitor stated the Borough buys its power "off the grid" and the Borough contract expired and had to increase its rates.

The Zoning Officer presented a request from Jay and Marlene Lytle to add their two (2) properties to the Township's Agricultural Security Area. He noted that in order to proceed with the request, the Board of Supervisors must acknowledge receipt of the application and authorize a public notice containing certain information. He stated that in the past the Township would allow to expire the 180 days from date of receipt deadline which is July 24, 2010 and the next Board Meeting after that date would be July 27 in order to adopt the requested properties into the Ag Security Area and then proceed with recording same. The Township needs to authorize the advertisement and posting of same in five (5) different locations in the Township. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the request from Jay and Marlene Lytle to

add their properties to the Township Agriculture Security Area be granted and also the public notice be authorized and posted and that by default the properties be included in the Ag Security Area after 180 days has expired.

Mr. Lambert presented the Agenda's next item regarding a request for grant funding for Parkwood Drive Extension (Norland Avenue to Grandpoint Road). He noted a recent meeting where Congressman Shuster had been requested if there were any sources that could be tapped at the federal level for funding and an application was sent to the Township to attempt for funding. The application has been completed by the Township Engineer, Township Planner, and the Board and needs an authorized signature for submittal due by Friday, February 26, 2010. Mr. Lambert stated the Township is requesting \$975,000 for the project area which encompasses from Kohler Road to the Borough (boundary) line. Supervisor Brookens asked if the Borough was going to submit on the request and Mr. Lambert and the Solicitor noted a letter of support received from the Borough. Mr. Lambert also noted receipt of support letters from various government officials and entities. Supervisor Burns noted this amount (being requested) does not take into consideration the cost of any construction in the portion of the Borough. Following review and discussion of this matter, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the request for grant funding for Parkwood Drive Extension (Norland Avenue to Grandpoint Road) be accepted and authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman to sign the application and submit said application to Congressman Shuster no later than Friday, February 26, 2010.

Mr. Lambert presented a request from JJG Enterprises for refund of remaining plan review escrow funds. He noted this involved a minor subdivision plan in Orchard Estates to re-balance property lines. Initially \$1,500 was submitted to the Township and \$140.55 was expended for costs incurred leaving a balance of \$1,359.45. The Engineer noted there was no reason to retain any of the remaining funds and recommended the balance could be refunded. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to refund the remaining balance of the plan review escrow funds to JJG Enterprises in the amount of \$1,359.45.

Mr. Lambert presented a request from Franklin County Area Development Corporation for refund of remaining plan review escrow funds. Initially \$3,850 was submitted to the Township and \$686.44 expended for costs incurred leaving a balance of \$3,163.56. Mr. Lambert recommended the Township retain \$1,000 for future inspections of improvements that are required and refund a partial amount of \$2,163.56. Supervisor Burns asked what is anticipated and Mr. Lambert stated basin work and the retainer should cover same. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the refund request of plan review escrow funds from Franklin County Area Development Corporation be granted and the Township retain \$1,000 for future stormwater inspections and the amount to be released will be \$2,163.56.

Mr. Lambert presented a request from G & R Enterprises for refund of remaining plan review escrow funds. Initially \$2,500 was submitted to the Township and \$196.85 expended for costs incurred leaving a balance of \$2,303.15. Mr. Lambert recommended the Township retain \$1,000 for future inspections and refund a partial amount of \$1,303.15. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the refund request for plan review escrow funds from G & R Enterprises be released with the condition the Township retain \$1,000 for any future inspections and release a partial refund of \$1,303.15.

Mr. Lambert briefed the Board of his limited knowledge of the next Agenda's item noting it appeared there is a proposal for a cooperative of all municipalities in the South Mountain area (Guilford and Quincy Townships and into Cumberland County) to create a South Mountain Conservation Landscape Initiative. He stated the Township Planner had recently attended a meeting and it was being proposed to bring together municipalities to preserve the mountain landscape, etc and asking for support from surrounding municipalities, etc. Both Board Members also stated they were not fully informed of this request. Therefore, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to table this matter for consideration until further detail is provided by the Township Planner.

The Zoning Officer presented a request from Orrstown Bank on behalf of Beechwood Associates to release a Letter of Credit (LOC) with regard to top coat/paving on Bramble Court. The ZO stated the LOC had been issued in 1999 and renewed in 2001; Bramble Court has been a Township roadway for a number of years; correspondence from the Bank stated the LOC had expired September 30, 2002. The Township Solicitor commented there was no problem because the LOC had expired therefore worthless and the Township had accepted dedication of the street. Glenn Shetter, resident and past Board Member, noted that due to this developer not addressing certain issues on a Township roadway could this LOC be held to ensure correction and the Solicitor stated 'no' because the Letter has expired. The Solicitor explained the difference between accepting the roadway and the Letter expired. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request to release the Letter of Credit for Beechwood Associates and return Letter of Credit No. 01-298 to Orrstown Bank.

On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously approved payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 15117 through 15137, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; and, Check Numbers 1776 through 1780, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Vice Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:37 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary