

February 25, 2014  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

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

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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 11, 2014 shall stand approved as presented.

Sgt. Randy Kane of the Pennsylvania State Police (Chambersburg Barracks) was in attendance to present an update as to incidents occurring in the Township. He noted that crashes have decreased in the County with Greene Township being the busiest; DUI crashes were at 3% in January; three (3) fatalities in Greene on I-81 due to the recent ice storm; a murder investigation is on-going and hopes to resolve soon. The Chairman stated that he and certainly the residents appreciate what the PSP are doing; understands work load has increased over the years and the Township offers any help and appreciates the services they (PSP) provide. Supervisor Corwell noted he agreed very much with the Chairman's comments and also voiced his appreciation for all the hard work by the PSP. Supervisor Brookens also noted he agreed with the Chairman's comments and again stated that if PSP would need anything, to contact the Township for manpower, etc and the "door is always open". The Township Solicitor commented that a person reads and sees so much overseas that so often the police are depicted as bad guys; it is a good feeling to see the police in a much different category and to realize they are on 'our' side and do not really appreciate them (PSP) until you see what is happening in other countries. The Chairman asked Sgt. Kane if there was anything (new, threatening, happening) that residents should be aware of as to safety or crime related. Sgt. Kane stated that mostly persons need to be aware of thefts from motor vehicles because they have been left unsecured and some have just been broken into. He also noted home invasion robberies, preying on the elderly who are home alone but stated the biggest threat currently is theft from motor vehicles. Supervisor Corwell asked if metal thefts have decreased and Sgt. Kane stated 'yes, but will probably pick up again when better weather returns'. The Board thanked Sgt. Kane for attending the Meeting and updating them.

The Chairman noted the presence of two (2) students attending the Meeting as required for their Civics class. He welcomed the students and informed them that if they had any questions during the Meeting, they should feel free to ask during, or after the Meeting, if they preferred.

The Chairman asked Supervisor Travis L. Brookens, Director of Parks and Recreation, to present the next item on the Agenda. Supervisor Brookens presented a quote received from Turf Equipment and Supply Company, Inc. through E. H. Griffith, Inc. to purchase a Toro Workman MDX off State Piggyback Purchasing. The Township is purchasing the Toro to be used at the Township Park as a general maintenance vehicle. In addition to the vehicle, only two (2) optional accessories for the Workman MDX will be purchased: one (1) receiver hitch and one (1) high capacity battery kit. The PA State Contract Award Price for the Toro Workman MDX is \$10,310.42 and the two (2) optional accessories' prices are \$145.36 for the receiver hitch and \$215.46 for the high capacity battery kit (sub-total of \$360.82) for a final total price of \$10,671.24. Following review and consideration, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to purchase a Toro Workman MDX off State Piggyback Purchasing from Turf Equipment and Supply Company, Inc. through E. H. Griffith, Inc. at the price of \$10,310.42 for the Toro Workman MDX and the two optional accessories at the prices of \$145.36 and \$215.46 for a final total price of \$10,671.24, as presented.

The Chairman noted that Occupational Services, Inc. (OSI) of Chambersburg had presented the Board with information regarding their work force and services they can provide to the Township and other businesses. He stated the Township is looking to partner with OSI for the cost to provide at least two (2) employees for a period of time to perform certain tasks (i.e. filing, scanning documents, and similar). He further noted that over time the Township has become backlogged on various items and these persons would be providing a tremendous help to the Township, at a cost savings, and putting individuals into the workplace. Their (OSI) *Service Proposal* noted the Township would be reimbursing OSI for the client wages only and outlined the average wage per hour, average number of working hours, number of clients, for a total cost per day; job coach wages will be paid by OSI and both clients and staff would be covered under OSI's Worker's Compensation Insurance. The Township Solicitor asked if there was any problem regarding a wage issue and the Chairman stated there would not be because they are offset and that a job coach would be with the clients to oversee the work being performed. Supervisor Corwell noted his agreement with the proposal and that it is a great opportunity for the Township and for OSI clients and is definitely in favor; it will help the Township get caught up with jobs and offers the clients job experience. 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 accept the *Service Proposal* from Occupational Services, Inc. (OSI) as presented.

The Township Engineer presented a request for refund of remaining plan review escrow from Dennis E. Black Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Platea USA Land Development Plan, Project #13-024, in the amount of \$1,854.00. He noted that in December the Board had approved the Final Plan, said property located along Opportunity Avenue. An original escrow of \$2,820 had been submitted with \$966 being expended in various review fees. He requested that \$500 be retained for stormwater construction and recommended that \$1,354 be refunded with the check made payable to FCADC (Franklin County Area Development Corporation). Supervisor Brookens verified with the Engineer that a reduction be refunded and not a full refund and the Engineer confirmed. 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 reduce the request for refund of the remaining plan review escrow for Platea USA Land Development Plan, Project #13-024, to the amount of \$1,354 to be paid to FCADC (Franklin County Area Development Corporation) and also \$500 be retained for future stormwater inspections by the Township.

The Chairman stated that on an annual basis the Township designates contributions to specific recreational groups and is a line item on the Budget. He further stated the Township has been doing for a number of years and now is the appropriate time to consider and provide to the four (4) youth organizations located within the Township; namely, Fayetteville Athletic Association, Greenvillage Youth League, Guilford Area Athletic Association, and Scotland Youth League; all budgeted at \$5,000 each. Supervisor Brookens further explained the reason why those were chosen is because they all own their own physical properties and the Township chose to donate prior to the (Township) Park being opened. He stated the contributions are used to maintain those properties, etc. The Township Solicitor stated it is important to further note that if any of the youth leagues were to dissolve the Township Park could not handle them. 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 disburse contributions for 2014 in the amount of \$5,000 to each of the organizations as noted previously noted.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for refund of overpayment for a *Land Use Permit Application* submitted by S & A Homes, Inc.; proposed permit for property located at 3628 Mountain Shadow. He stated one (1) check was submitted for both the traffic impact fee (\$1,000) and the permit but had over paid for the permit by \$6.00 which needs to be refunded to S & A Homes. 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 overpayment for a *Land Use Permit Application* in the amount of \$6.00 to S & A Homes, Inc..

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

The Zoning Officer presented written correspondence from Dr. David Newell on behalf of the Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Scotland Campus (former Scotland School for Veterans' Children) requesting consideration to proceed with an application for a zoning map amendment. The ZO stated Winebrenner is only asking to proceed with the request at this time. The property is currently zoned as 'residential' and their request would be for an extension to 'community commercial' which adjoins the (Winebrenner) property; they are asking the Board of Supervisors if they would accept a request for a zoning change so they would know whether to pursue this matter or not. Dr. Newell was present at the Meeting and the Chairman asked if he had anything further to add to the correspondence. Dr. Newell had nothing further to add but did express his appreciation to the Township for all their assistance in the past up to this point and would ask for a favorable response which would be appreciated. Supervisor Brookens asked Dr. Newell if he had been reaching out to the community to keep them aware of what is happening on the campus. Dr. Newell understood that when the School was closed the property started deteriorating and with the blessing of the

neighborhood felt it was time to entertain the request being submitted. The Chairman voiced his agreement stating it is a very intriguing request and could be beneficial to all including the Township; worth moving forward. 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 accept the inquiry regarding zoning map amendment from Winebrenner Theological Seminary and to allow them the opportunity to move forward and all documents and fees be provided with that request.

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

On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, 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 21145 through 21189, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3090 through 3092, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and two (2) on-line pays to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary