

February 26, 2019
Scotland, PA 17254
Public Hearing and
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at approximately 12 Noon; welcomed everyone, noted the “sign in” sheet, and that Agendas were available.

At this time, the Chairman opened the Public Hearing scheduled for this date, time and place to review and consider an Amendment to Chapter 86, Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)/Traffic Impact. He asked the Township Engineer to explain the purpose of the proposed Amendment. The Engineer stated the reason for the amendment was borne out of what the Township Impact Committee had been working on the past year updating the CIP which was adopted by the Board in 2004. The CIP was created for developers to be charged fees dedicated to public improvement projects in various services areas in the Township. He stated the mission of the Committee has been to review projects, remove those that have been completed, update construction costs affiliated with public improvement projects, and include new projects. The Board had adopted a resolution at the last meeting (February 12, 2019) accepting recommendations from the Committee and then made a recommendation to adopt an ordinance that would assess the fees that are outlined in the updated ordinance which has the new service area fees listed. The Solicitor stated the only item that has been changed in the ordinance is Part B which actually sets the fees and he also retained the service area descriptions which did not change. The Chairman inquired if any of the service area fees changed to which the Engineer stated that only one area increased while most decreased from previous (fee) charges. The Chairman then inquired if the ordinance included all projects, any new and those removed and the Engineer stated that construction estimates were updated for each and removed those projects completed and added any new (projects). The Chairman then asked if Board Members had any further comments; none presented. He then asked if there were any comments from visitors present; none presented. The Chairman then noted the ordinance was straight forward; nothing new to the Township; have had traffic impact fees for some time and identified in the CIP. He further noted the Board has met numerous times over the year to update the list and have had alot of good points and discussion. Visitor Glenn Shetter stated this was coming in line with the Comprehensive Plan and Official Map and noted it was good that everything was coming together and all have worked well together. The Chairman stated alot of effort has been given from many people. The Engineer noted efforts from Township Planner, Zoning Officer, CAD/GIS Manager, and everyone else involved in this process. It was noted the Township can be proud of everything that is being pulled together. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at approximately 12:08 P.M..

Following review, discussion, 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 adopt Township ***Ordinance No. 1-2019***, Amendment to Chapter 86, Capital Improvement Plan/Traffic Impact.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 12, 2019 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

Mr. John Flannery introduced himself to the Board stating he is running for Franklin County Commissioner and is attempting to visit as many municipalities as possible to gather input from officials and residents regarding concerns, etc. He stated one of the greatest concerns is with regard to communication between County and municipalities. He stated he very much wished to hear from public officials regarding any of their concerns and can greatly appreciate what Board Members encounter in their daily operations and wanting to know what he could do to join all parties together. He thanked the Board Members for allowing him the time to speak.

The Board reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly Report (January 2019) as submitted. Supervisor Corwell noted that Michael Balsley is one of the most active Fire Police in the Township. He stated Mr. Balsley was in the hospital for knee surgery and presently in rehab so he won't be participating much for some time. The Chairman noted it will be good when Mr. Balsley returns to 'duty'. It was consensus of the Board to accept the Report as submitted and it will become part of the official record.

There were no Subdivision and/or Land Development Plans to be presented at this Meeting.

Fred Young, Antrim Township Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding the lack of Fire Police and wondered if Greene Township was experiencing the same issue. Supervisor Corwell stated he did not know of any (Fire) Department that has over five (5) Fire Police; everyone is in the same situation. He stated Fire Police attend more than just fire calls; they assist the Township when trees are down and numerous other situations. The average age of Fire Police are an older generation who may be retired and have a little more time but need younger persons to become involved. The Chairman further noted that Mr. Balsley has been very active not only with the Fire Department but also with the Township being generally always available to assist in different areas; does a lot and he stated he has truly missed Mr. Balsley's assistance.

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 27292 through 27319, two direct deposits, one online payment, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3518 through 3523, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2163, and one direct deposit, inclusive, to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business to be presented at this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 12:15 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary