

March 11, 2014
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, March 11, 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 25, 2014 shall stand approved as presented.

The Chairman noted the presence of two (2) students attending the Meeting as required for their Civics class at Career Magnet. 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 noted the Township's intention to install fencing and motorized gates, with time controls or similar, at the Township Park. He stated the estimated cost determined the need to advertise and receive sealed bids and suggested receiving and considering bids for said project at the first Meeting in April, the 8th. Supervisor Brookens noted that in the Township's rules for the Park that it is closed from dusk to dawn and certainly this will help control the access. He noted the vandalism that has occurred at the Park during winter which necessitates the need to control vehicular traffic and they have also mounted several cameras that will help deter trespassing. 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 advertise and receive Sealed Bids to install fencing and motorized gates at the Township Park April 8 at 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Greene Township Municipal Office Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA; then opened and read aloud that evening at the Regular Supervisors Meeting at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time, in the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

The Chairman noted a building formerly belonging to Knouse Foods, now belonging to the Township, and located near the Township Park, has become in extreme disrepair both inside and outside, deteriorating and an eyesore. He stated that nothing can be stored in the building because the roof leaks, etc. In view of these facts, the Board has decided to advertise for the receipt of Sealed Bids for the demolition of the building; said bids will include Prevailing Wage Rates for operators and equipment. Supervisor Corwell also agreed with the Chairman the structure is definitely an eyesore and unsafe for children because there has been evidence noted of 'kids' on the roof. Supervisor Brookens also agreed with the

comments offered by both the Chairman and Supervisor Corwell. Therefore, on a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to advertise and accept Sealed Bids for the demolition of the former Knouse building at the Township Park to be received no later than April 8, 2014, at 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Greene Township Office and opened at the regularly scheduled Meeting, April 8, 2014, at the Greene Township Municipal Office Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA, at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time.

The Chairman noted receipt of a request from the Franklin County Drug Task Force regarding the annual contribution, noting that historically municipalities along with the County have burdened the cost. He stated the requested amount is based on the Township's population for a total of \$8,062.47. The Chairman voiced that he personally felt the Task Force does a tremendous job not only for Greene but for all the municipalities; they go above and beyond in their duty, particularly on the issue of drugs. Supervisor Brookens stated he agreed and they keep the Township informed of what is happening with at least two (2) meetings a year with information and other pertinent statistics; good part of the program is how they keep all municipalities informed of their progress. Supervisor Corwell voiced he also agreed with the Chairman and Supervisor Brookens. Therefore, 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 from the Franklin County Drug Task Force and forward the amount of \$8,062.47.

Supervisor Corwell presented the next item on the Agenda stating it has been the practice of the Township for many years to forward contributions to four (4) fire companies twice a year; namely, Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin Fire Company No. 4, Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department, and West End Fire & Rescue. He stated these four (4) fire companies provide first-due area service and if the Township had a paid force it would be very expensive; they provide service at a low cost to the Township by being 'volunteer'; total donation amount is calculated at \$49,500. He referred to the Second Class Township Code, as follows: "**Section 1553. Emergency Services.** (c) The township shall require emergency service organizations receiving township funds to provide to the township an annual itemized listing of all expenditures of these funds before the township may consider budgeting additional funding to the organization. (1553 added Mar. 17, 2008, P.L.47, No.7)". He related this does not include "Firemen's Relief". He recommended that when the contributions are forwarded this time, notice is given to the fire companies that after the second contribution is forwarded later this year they will be required to forward this information to the Township prior to any contributions being considered or disbursed in 2015. The Township Solicitor noted the Code also provides that if the Township would meet with resistance from a fire company to provide the requested information, they would be well within their rights to remind them of the requirements. Supervisor Brookens stated he hoped the Township would never have to take that step but also aware the Township is well within their position to ask to see how the fire companies are spending funds given to them by the Township. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to forward the semi-annual donations to the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin Fire Company No. 4, Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department, and West End Fire & Rescue in the amount of \$49,500 and also authorize the Township Secretary to include correspondence outlining Section 1553 (c) regarding these donations.

The Chairman noted that Smith Elliott Kearns & Company (SEKCO), LLC, was appointed as the Township's auditing firm for 2014 and they perform an annual audit of the Township's operating funds, identified as 'Annual Financial Report (Form DCED-CLGS-30)'. Due to the change in Supervisors (one retired and one newly elected) it was necessary for the Township to "catch-up" on the formal acceptance of the proposal from SEKCO to perform the aforementioned Report. Therefore, 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 proposal from Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC, to perform the audit and complete the 'Annual Financial Report (Form DCED-CLGS-30) for year ended December 31, 2013, said cost not to exceed \$5,900 as outlined in their proposal.

The Township Engineer presented a request for refund of plan review escrow from Lane Thrush on behalf of State Capital Investments, LP, Project #08-027 ("Capital Estates") in the amount of \$2,900. The Engineer stated this was an old plan for property located across from the unsignalized entrance to Chambersburg Mall; plan proposed a series of garden apartments. He stated the plan was submitted for a Conditional Use Permit but prior to that the developer withdrew the plan. He further stated there was no review time involved because the Conditional Use Permit was not found favorable to them so they withdrew the plan, therefore, they are entitled to a full refund of the submitted escrow of \$2,900; any expenses were taken from the Conditional Use fee. He recommended a full refund of \$2,900 be returned via check payable to Lane Thrush who had provided the escrow fee on behalf of State Capital Investments. 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 plan review escrow submitted by Lane Thrush on behalf of State Capital Investments, LP, Project #08-027 ("Capital Estates") in the amount of \$2,900; check to be made payable to Lane Thrush.

The Board reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly (February 2014) Report as submitted. Following review, it was consensus of the Board to accept the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly (February 2014) Report as submitted and become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented the Monthly Zoning Office Report (February 2014) noting under the category for Zoning Hearing Board, that one (1) previously submitted Application had been *Withdrawn* by the applicants. The second noted Application will not be heard and considered by the Zoning Hearing Board until April at the Applicant's request. The ZO noted that (Land Use) Permit Applications have begun to pick up. Following the ZO's review of the Monthly Report, it was consensus of the Board to accept the Monthly Zoning Office Report (February 2014) as presented and become part of the official record.

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

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 21204 through 21234, inclusive, to be paid from General Fund; Check Numbers 3093 through 3098, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2031 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the Meeting at approximately 7:28 P. M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary