

March 24, 2015
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, March 24, 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

Diann Weller

Welton 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 March 10, 2015 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

There were no comments offered by those in attendance at this Meeting.

Supervisor Shawn Corwell presented information to the Board for their consideration to release first half donations to those fire companies located in the Township. He stated the donation amounts were considered in a different way this year by looking at the population of each area covered by each of the respective fire companies. Donations are typically distributed twice each year and this would be the first round for 2015. Supervisor Corwell reviewed with the remaining Board Members the various categories under the 2015 Budget line item, "Fire Protection", and noted the Firemen's Relief received from the State is a totally separate budget line item. A smaller amount would be distributed for 'apparatus purchase' to be placed in a separate account by the fire company and in that way could build up a total amount for the purchase of apparatus only. He noted there are funds budgeted for Fayetteville VFD only for future expansion and purchase ambulance. He stated it will not be known until early April what expenses will be incurred for the first quarter of the year for ambulance calls in the Township at \$50 per call by Fayetteville and Pleasant Hall. No longer paying the Borough of Chambersburg for ambulance calls; Franklin Fire Company and West End Fire & Rescue will be receiving \$25 per transported EMS calls in their box areas. He noted to the other Board Members that the allotments shown for each fire company in the 2015 Budget is the *total* amount and should be divided by one-half to determine the amounts for the first half and then second half; second half is usually disbursed in September. He stated the usual allotments and funds for apparatus (only) could be disbursed as one sum at this Meeting or disbursed separately. The Chairman stated he preferred disbursing apparatus funds at a later date. The Chairman inquired if Firemen's Relief was included and Supervisor Corwell stated 'no', that Firemen's Relief is received later in the year. Supervisor Corwell stated that even with increases from the 2014 Budget, the Township is actually under that figure this year (2015). Supervisor Travis Brookens stated his only comment is that this was started last year (2014) and the fire companies must provide information as to their expenses used with this

money and there is now a better accountability for both parties. Supervisor Corwell stated that letters were sent to all companies and received responses as to the expenses. He further noted that when this donation is sent, the letter will be more specific and the fire companies must detail expenses, stating this information is required under the Township Code when fire companies receive funds from the municipality. There were no further questions or comments offered. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to release the first half donations to the four (4) fire companies located in the Township and not to include any funds for apparatus purchasing.

The Board reviewed and considered information provided regarding the release of the fire insurance escrow being held for Thomas and Kimberly Shatzer, 3353 Letterkenny Road, Chambersburg, in the amount of \$40,000 regarding fire loss on February 25, 2015. The Secretary noted the fire loss was structural to a barn, the property has been inspected by the Greene Township Zoning Officer, and was found to have been cleaned of all fire damage debris and secure. The Secretary noted the Greene Township Building Code Official of Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. was not required for an inspection of this fire loss due to it being an 'ag exemption'. The Zoning Officer stated he went to the site, checked, and found the barn removed. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to release the fire insurance escrow being held for Thomas and Kimberly Shatzer, 3353 Letterkenny Road, Chambersburg, in the amount of \$40,000 regarding fire loss on February 25, 2015, with the check being made payable to Thomas and Kimberly Shatzer.

The Chairman noted that residents of the Camelot Meadows Development had requested speed limit signs be posted in the development, 25 mph was suggested on the following streets: Camelot Drive (T-707), Durham Drive (T-709), Sandhurst Drive (T-719), and Hampton Drive (T-708). He stated that after he and the Township Engineer had checked the development, they discovered signs had not been posted as previously thought. The Engineer stated there are two (2) ways this could be handled and because these are residential streets and meet the criteria under PennDOT guidelines, the signs can be posted by resolution and would only need to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft said resolution establishing 25 mph speed limit for the aforementioned streets. The Township Solicitor noted the speed limit is not enforceable until signs are posted. The Zoning Officer inquired if under Chapter 94 of the Township Code there was an ordinance created for stop signs in the development. The Solicitor stated that speed over 25 (mph) would require an ordinance and engineering study. The Chairman stated the Township will need to double check if there are any ordinances regarding the stop signs. The Solicitor inquired if he should go ahead and prepare for the stop signs or hold and the Chairman informed him to proceed with the speed limit resolution and the Township will check on the stop sign ordinances. There were no further questions or discussion. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft a resolution establishing a 25 mph speed limit for the following streets in Camelot Meadows Development: Camelot Drive, Durham Drive, Sandhurst Drive, and Hampton Drive, as presented.

The Zoning Officer informed the Board the Township has been working with the Township Planner regarding various amendments to the Greene Township Code, Chapters 85 and 105. He noted the nature of the changes including different requirements and design in Chapter 85, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; and, in Chapter 105, Zoning Ordinance, dealt mostly with parking requirements to clarify several items as well as definitions. He stated a public hearing is required and the County needs forty-five (45) days' time in which to review and comment on the proposed amendments. The Solicitor noted that due to the length of the draft he received, it would take quite some time to prepare the ordinance(s) for these proposed amendments and asked the Board if they would move the public hearing to the last Meeting in May rather than the first Meeting. Supervisor Corwell inquired as to the number of days needed for the (legal) advertisement and the Solicitor stated that when the Subdivision Ordinance is changed, the County must be given forty-five (45) days' notice. He asked the Zoning Officer if the Township Planner would provide a 'clean' copy to prepare into an ordinance and then notifying the County which the Solicitor stated he would notify the County. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing regarding various amendments to the Greene Township Code, Chapters 85 and 105, to be held May 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

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

The Township Solicitor had no further comments to offer.

On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 22638 through 22673, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3170 through 3172, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, one (1) online pay to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting at approximately 7:25 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary