

April 9, 2019
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Todd E. Burns	Gregory Lambert
Travis L. Brookens	Daniel Bachman
Shawn M. Corwell	Diann Weller
	Welton Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.. He welcomed all those in attendance including school students, noted the Sign-in sheet, copies of Agenda available, and the Meeting was being recorded.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 26, 2019 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented a waiver request of Greene Township Code 85-51.B., *Sidewalk Construction Standards* submitted on behalf of Greenwood Hills Bible Conference. He stated the Land Development Plan is in process at the Township; propose reconstruction of gymnasium on Conference property. The Conference had recently submitted several waiver requests. In November the Board approved the request for the location of sidewalk construction outside of the road right-of-way. Another waiver request regarding sidewalk construction standards was to not use the required concrete particularly for aesthetic purposes; that request was denied. The Applicant then requested a waiver to use compacted wood chips instead; that request was also denied. The ZO referred to correspondence received from the Applicant's engineer, HRG Engineering, and this request is that rather than having to use concrete they wish to use bituminous materials with a crushed aggregate base. The ZO displayed a copy of the plan showing on the property the areas proposed for the location of sidewalks. Scott Bert, engineer for the Applicant, briefly addressed the Board noting the request to use bituminous materials. There being no further questions, comments, etc from the Board, on a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request for waiver of Greene Township Code 85-51.B., *Sidewalk Construction Standards*, for Greenwood Hills Bible Conference allowing the use of bituminous materials with crushed aggregate, as presented.

Supervisor Corwell presented several offers from PennDOT to the Board for their consideration to purchase various rights-of-ways from the Township with regard to the Scotland Main Street Project relative to roadway and sidewalk construction. The portion affected by the Township is on the "creek side" of Scotland Main. He stated a construction easement was needed encompassing approximately 70 to 80 lineal feet and another 887 feet of temporary area. The agreement has been reviewed with PennDOT by Supervisor Corwell and the Township Solicitor. PennDOT has offered \$4,100 for the first portion of property being transferred in lieu of condemnation. Supervisor Corwell stated that PennDOT is responsible to return the property to its original state. The second property affected by this project are lands

owned by the Township along Elevator Street towards the Township Park; area affected is approximately 0.076 acres. He stated there are two trees within the right-of-way that will need to be removed. PennDOT has offered \$5,100 for this portion of property being transferred in lieu of condemnation. The proposed resolution being presented to the Board at this meeting would be to accept the agreement and authorize Supervisor Corwell to sign on behalf of the Township. The Chairman inquired as to whether the latest property procured by the Township along Scotland Main Street would be affected. Supervisor Corwell stated that PennDOT had indicated only a few inches would be needed since the existing dwelling will be demolished, therefore, nothing was needed to be done at that location. Supervisor Brookens referenced the sidewalk proposed along Elevator Street towards the Park and asked if the Township would be required to maintain the sidewalk especially during the winter to clear the sidewalk of snow. The Solicitor stated that sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. It was noted this matter was not addressed in the agreement nor the resolution. The Solicitor stated that if it is not located in the Township's right-of-way, it would not be their (Township) responsibility. 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 approve the offer from PennDOT to purchase right-of-way from the Township for two properties along Scotland Main Street in the amount of \$4,100 and the Elevator Street property in the amount of \$5,100 as presented; further, adopt Township **Resolution No. 13-2019** approving the agreement and authorizing Supervisor Shawn M. Corwell to sign on behalf of the Township Board of Supervisors all documents necessary.

There was no public comment offered at this time.

Items 7 and 8 appearing on this Meeting's Agenda were combined; namely, consideration to release donations to West End Fire & Rescue and Franklin Fire Company No. 4. Supervisor Corwell stated the Township provides donations twice a year to the four main fire companies operating in the Township. West End and Franklin Fire have both submitted the required financial information indicating how the previous monies were expended. Following review and consideration, 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 donations for West End Fire & Rescue and Franklin Fire Company No. 4 as presented for 2019.

Supervisor Corwell presented a proposed "Memorandum of Understanding Between Franklin County Emergency Services and Greene Township". He stated that approximately three years ago a truck crash occurred on I-81 with a large response by many entities and Franklin County Department of Emergency Services (FCDES) was called to assist. There was a large invoice for the tanker truck crash that was processed through the County and their Solicitor and they handled billing for the Township; a State law exists which allows DES to handle this type of billing. Supervisor Corwell noted another incident involving a truck that overturned on Siloam Road and the County also billed for those expenses. He stated that approximately \$73,000 was recouped which is a good measure for fire and emergency services. He stated it would be a good idea to put in writing that the Township could use County resources but this would be for larger incidents only. He stated it has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor with one comment. The Solicitor addressed the Board stating the Township would be paid from funds collected from those involved in these large type of incidents. The

agreement states it will be paid out of the collections and hopefully there will be those funds. The Solicitor further stated it is important how the incident is described as to what type of equipment, etc was used and have someone who does this on a consistent basis perform this service for the Township. 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 approve the “Memorandum of Understanding Between Franklin County Emergency Services and Greene Township”.

The Township Engineer noted information distributed to Board Members to consider a reduction in the current bond (\$291,520.35) for Saddle Ridge Development in the amount of \$207,688.24 and continue to retain \$83,832.11. He stated the contractor has continued to work through last summer, fall and winter and has completed a considerable amount of development by completing the roadway and are in the final stage; wearing course needs to be placed. He stated the contractor had originally requested a reduction in the amount of \$231,282.76, however, upon his review he found there should be additional bonding retained for other work, therefore, he was recommending a reduction of \$207,688.24 with the Township retaining \$83,832.11. Upon review of all information distributed to the Board, the Chairman inquired of the Engineer if he was confident of the resurfacing amount as noted to which the Engineer stated he was after the paving was increased. The Chairman inquired if there were any other stormwater issues and the Engineer stated there were none due to piping in the basin. Supervisor Brookens inquired if the Township was in possession of resolutions for stop signs and street deeds of dedication. He stated the contractor should be reminded they are required to be provided at the time of plan submission. The Engineer stated he will check to verify. 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 authorize the reduction of the bond of Dan Ryan Builders for Saddle Ridge Development in the amount of \$207,688.24 and the Township retain \$83,832.11 for future work that needs to be completed within that development.

The Township Engineer presented a request for refund of plan review submitted for the Franklin County Regional Airport Final Land Development Plan, Project #18-018. He stated the Plan was approved in February for improvements being performed at the Airport. An original escrow of \$8,500 had been received; \$687.50 had been expended in fees; recommended the Township retain \$1,000 and release the remaining partial refund in the amount of \$6,812.50. 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 grant the request for refund for the Franklin County Regional Airport Final Land Development Plan, Project #18-018, in the amount of \$6,812.50 and the Township will retain \$1,000 for future inspections; check to be made payable to *Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority*.

The Zoning Officer presented a request for refund of withdrawn Land Use Permit Application submitted by McLaughlin’s Energy Services on behalf of Alton Hughes. Mr. Hughes had proposed the installation of a generator on his property at 10246 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville. The Township could not issue a permit until approval was received from the Forestry Service who denied Mr. Hughes’ request, therefore, he could not move forward with his request. The ZO stated there were no inspections performed by the Township regarding the

Land Use Permit Application. There being no further questions or comments and 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 approve the request for refund of a withdrawn Land Use Permit Application as presented with the refund check to be made payable to McLaughlin's Energy Services.

The Zoning Officer reviewed the Monthly Zoning Office Report, each Board Member having received a copy. Following review it was consensus of the Board the Monthly Zoning Office Report shall become a part of the official record.

There were no Subdivision and/or Land Development Plans to be presented for 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 27439 through 27467, two direct deposits, and one credit card payment, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3532 and 3533, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2167 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business to be presented at this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary