

May 11, 2010
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.
Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens
Welton J. Fischer

Daniel Bachman
Todd Dusman
Gregory Lambert
Diann Weller

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P. M..

The Minutes of the April 27, 2010 Regular Meeting stand approved as presented.

There no residents in attendance at this Meeting, however, the Chairman did acknowledge three (3) school students who were in attendance as part of a (school) requirement to graduate. The Chairman asked those seated at the front table to introduce themselves; namely, Township Supervisors; Zoning and Assistant Zoning Officers; Township Secretary/Treasurer; Township Solicitor; and, Township Engineer. The Chairman then asked the students to introduce themselves; namely, Tiffany Sellers, Robi Sellers, and Katlyn Selvage. The Chairman welcomed the students and informed them that if at any time they had questions they should ask.

The Chairman noted the Board's consideration regarding an update to the Township's Section 125 Plan (out of pocket expenses for employees on health insurance plan). He noted the changes forthcoming on the Township's health plan beginning in the new renewal period beginning June 1, 2010. The Board is recommending an additional \$1,500 for the time period June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010; then in 2011 it would be \$1,500 for the entire year. The Chairman stated that any costs incurred to be utilized for the additional amount must be (incurred) June 1, 2010 or after. During discussion of this item, the Township Solicitor noted the amendment states an increase of \$1,500 for the remainder of 2010 and then the total would be \$5,500 for year 2011 forward until changed otherwise 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 the Township amend its Section 125 Plan to add an additional \$1,500 to the medical reimbursement from June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and then January 1 to December 31, 2011 it will be \$1,500 plus the original \$4,000 for a total of \$5,500 for each year thereafter or until amended. The Township Solicitor recommended that wording be added to the amendment which states the Township reserves the right to terminate the benefit at any time. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to amend its original motion to include the Solicitor's recommended wording.

The Township Engineer, Gregory Lambert, noted that when the amended Plan for Sycamore Meadows was submitted to the Township and subsequently approved at the last meeting, the developer was required to pay a plan review escrow fee in the amount of \$1,500. The Township has received a request from Carl Bert Associates on behalf of the developer, Mr. Michael A. Starr, for a refund of the remaining balance of the original amount less any expenses incurred by the Township. Mr. Lambert recommended the full remaining balance of \$1,362.60 be refunded due to no further expenses expected. Supervisor Brookens inquired if the names of Mic Starr and Michael Starr as noted in Carl Bert Associates' letter were one in the same and Mr. Lambert stated 'yes'. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to return the remaining plan review escrow funds to Michael A. Starr in the amount of \$1,362.60.

Mr. Lambert noted the project on the sharp curve of Brindle Road (at Ragged Edge) was begun prior to his employment and he has been asked by the Board to review the project and determine what needs to be done. Mr. Lambert stated that at the mill race crossing the pipe is deteriorated and that the existing 'jersey barriers' need to be replaced. He stated there is piping material available that could be installed in the collapsing pipe to reinforce the existing piping. He stated it would also be a smoother liner which would create better hydraulic flow. He requested the Board of Supervisors to authorize him to solicit sealed bids for the relining of the storm drain in Brindle Road. Supervisor Burns inquired if the permit received by the Township would cover this type of project and Mr. Lambert stated 'yes'. He requested sealed bids be accepted at the June 22 meeting. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Township Secretary to advertise for sealed bids for the storm drain relining in Brindle Road and the bids to be accepted until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, June 22, 2010, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, Pennsylvania; then to be opened and read aloud for consideration at the Supervisors' Regular Meeting to be held that date (June 22, 2010) at 7:00 p.m., at the address of 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, Pennsylvania.

The Zoning Officer presented the April 2010 Monthly Zoning Office Report by first stating the Board was to ignore the first sentence of said Report that was in error. With reference to **Request #2** as noted on the Report, the ZO stated that Covington Properties has submitted another request to continue their Public Hearing to the June 21, 2010 meeting rather than the May 17, 2010 meeting. He continued review of the submitted Report and noted the Township has received only six (6) more Land Use Permit Applications than were received in 2009. The Chairman inquired as to the current signage by Carl Alleman (referencing to a request received by Mr. Alleman to be presented to the Township Zoning Hearing Board at their May 17, 2010 meeting). The Zoning Officer noted that Mr. Alleman is permitted at the present time for two (2) uses. There being no further comments or questions, it was the consensus of the Board that the April 2010 Monthly Zoning Office Report shall stand approved as presented.

The Zoning Officer presented a request from Scott Kauffman, Greencastle, PA, to place temporary storage of mobile home at 630 Mickey Inn Road. He noted that Mr. Kauffman was unable to attend this meeting due to work conflicts. The ZO noted the location of the requested area is on Mickey Inn Road in the smaller park area on the left towards the Township's Compost Facility and the lot is located in a floodplain area. All Township officials and the Solicitor agreed it would be necessary for the owner requesting the temporary storage that he must adhere to all floodplain requirements. The Zoning Officer stated he had spoken to Mr. Kauffman who informed him that he (Kauffman) was told by State/Federal officials that the floodplain maps were being updated and this lot was now shown as not being in the floodplain; he stated the new update was expected to be released this year. The Solicitor stated that if that area is located on the Township floodplain map then the burden of proof would be on the owner making the request. The Solicitor further commented that federal law does give the freedom to challenge the law. The Solicitor stated that conditions for the temporary storage would have to be stated (i.e. how long would the mobile home be stored; guarantee there would be hookups, etc). Mr. Lambert stated the Township is to expect new, updated maps in the near future. The Zoning Officer stated that public hearings would be held prior to adoption of the updates and it is expected to be this year but it's not certain at this time. It was the consensus of all officials the owner making the request must show proof. Supervisor Burns asked if the mobile home were placed if it would meet setback requirements and the ZO informed him the previous home did not conform but this model would be more conforming but still may not meet the requirements. The Chairman asked the ZO if he had visited and reviewed the site and the ZO stated 'yes'. The Chairman noted the Board could approve subject to various conditions. The Board discussed the request and Supervisor Brookens stated he would rather deny the request and let the owner prove if he can meet requirements. Following lengthy discussion, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that Scott B. Kauffman's request for temporary storage of mobile home at 630 Mickey Inn Road be denied and the reason being that for the applicant to achieve or be considered on this request, he must meet all flood hazard district requirements and all Township requirements must be met before proceeding further on this request.

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

On a motion by Todd E. Burns, 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 15381 through 15411, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Number 1422 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund; and, Check Numbers 1815 through 1817, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary