

June 12, 2012
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

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

Gregory Lambert
Daniel Bachman
Gina Griffith
Welton J. Fischer

Visitors: See list

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

During consideration of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held May 22, 2012, Supervisor Brookens noted a mistake in reference to the Wildeson Plan where he inquired if this was a stand-alone lot and the Zoning Officer indicated it was a lot addition. This should be corrected to state that it was a stand-alone lot, not a lot addition.

The Chairman acknowledged a young man in the audience in attendance for a scout project and noted that he should feel free to ask questions anytime during the course of the meeting or afterwards.

The Zoning Officer reviewed the May 2012 Monthly Zoning Office Report with the Board Members. He noted a typing error on the Report to be corrected. It was the consensus of the Board that the Report be approved as corrected and become part of the official record.

The Zoning Officer presented the Request for Refund for voided Land Use Application #12-140. The Application is for a detached garage structure located at 7722 Fern Grotto Circle in Fayetteville. The applicants have decided not to move forward with the project and requested a refund in the amount of \$17.00. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request for refund for the voided Land Use Application #12-140 for Rhonda Bushman and Brian Stake in the amount of \$17.00.

The Zoning Officer presented the request to schedule a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Application submitted by Michael Unger for a solar energy conversion system. The application was received on June 8, 2012 for the property located at 2293 Letterkenny Road. Mr. Unger proposes a residential installation of a rooftop mounted solar energy conversion system on an existing pole barn located on the property. He noted that the applicant is under some time constraints and requested that the hearing occur as soon as possible. The Zoning Officer stated that the application is scheduled to be presented to the Greene Township Planning Commission

at their meeting on July 9, 2012. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by, Todd E Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that the scheduled public hearing regarding the Conditional Use Application requested by Michael Unger for a solar energy conversion system be scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm prevailing time at the Greene Township Municipal Building located at 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA, and be advertised as such.

The Zoning Officer presented the request for a Review Time Extension of a Subdivision/Land Development Plan submitted by William Brindle and Associates on behalf of the Brownsville Church of God. He noted that there have been some delays in regard to the gas pipeline and the sewer crossing, as well as delays with the Conservation District approval. The current deadline for the plan is June 14, 2012. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the Request for Review Time Extension for Brownsville Church of God in the amount of 90 days commencing June 14, 2012.

The Township Engineer presented the request to proceed with preparation of a speed study for the entire length of Rice Road (T-612). He stated that he has been contacted by Township resident Mr. Harry Rotz inquiring if a speed study has ever been performed along Rice Road, and research has found that a study has not been completed. He is requesting to the Board, authorization to proceed in preparing the study, and recommends that the appropriate speed limit be posted along Rice Road to the Township line. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Township Engineer to proceed with the preparation of a speed study for the entire length of Rice Road, T-612 as presented.

The Township Engineer presented the request to solicit technical engineering proposals for the design of traffic signals at the Exit 17 ramps from three preselected traffic engineering firms. The Engineer stated that a Letter of Understanding to proceed with this project was signed at the last meeting and explained that he has been in contact with Penn DOT to try and determine how to select the engineering portion of our commitment on this project. He stated that since the Township's cost portion is under \$100,000.00 we are able to request technical proposals from three firms. He suggested using the three preselected traffic engineering firms of McMahan Engineering, Erdman Anthony, and TPD, which was used in the Route 997/11 selection process. 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 Engineer to solicit the technical engineering proposals for the design of traffic signals at the Exit 17 ramps from the three preselected traffic engineering firms.

The Township Engineer asked the Board for consideration in requesting from Penn DOT permission to add a split phase in the traffic signal at Routes 30/997 and the Rutter's entrance intersection. The Engineer explained that he received a call from a Township resident stating that he experiences conflicts with the northbound traffic on Anthony Highway not yielding to his turn when exiting the Rutter's parking lot. The Engineer explained that some of the confusion is that the vehicular traffic on Anthony Highway does not realize that the Rutter's traffic does not

have to yield to them. He noted that the way to remedy this situation is to make a split phase in the traffic signal, with Anthony Highway receiving the most allotted time and Rutter's receiving a smaller portion. This would be allocated by doing a volume check at the intersection. He stated that in order to make this change, the permit that was approved for the traffic signal and the timing at this intersection would have to be readjusted. He noted that the first step is to get a letter requesting consideration for the change from the Penn DOT Engineer. Supervisor Brookens stated that we need to make sure we're not backing up too much traffic up on Rte. 30. The Township Engineer explained that we would not be extending the red light on Rte. 30, we would take that green phase for the Rutters / Anthony intersection and reapportion it according to how much traffic each leg of that intersection experiences. 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 Engineer to request from Penn DOT permission to add a split phase in the traffic signal at the Rte. 30 / 997 and Rutters entrance intersection.

On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Todd E. Burns, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 17761 through 17793, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Number 1485 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund; and, Check Numbers 2080 through 2082, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting at approximately 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Secretary