

July 8, 2014
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, July 8, 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: None

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 24, 2014 shall stand accepted as presented and become part of the official record.

The Chairman noted the Board's action taken at the April 8, 2014 Meeting regarding a request from Senator Rich Alloway requesting the Township's participation as a co-applicant for a feasibility study for a water trail on the Conococheague Creek. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Township **Resolution No. 9-2014**, as co-applicant to DCED Grant with PA Fish and Boat Commission for the Water Trail Application from Senator Alloway's office, as presented.

The Chairman presented a resolution to create a Section 529 College Tuition Program to be made available to any interested Greene Township employee. He noted the Township will not be making any contributions to any participant and the Program will be available to full-time employees with benefits. On a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Township **Resolution 10-2014**, identified as Township Section 529 Plan.

The Chairman noted the Township's intention to amend its current Section 125 Plan with a minor change to Item #20 of the Plan. It will change that retirees and terminated employees would now be exempt from any unused amounts once retired or terminated. On a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Township **Resolution No. 11-2014** amending the Township Section 125 Plan, as presented.

The Chairman noted the Township's intention to advertise for Sealed Bids for *2014 Road Paving Equipment Pricing* stating it would follow the same format as previous years. The Specifications would include the following equipment bid on an estimated 100 +/- hours per equipment: 1. Paver equivalent to 150 Blaw Knox capable of paving 12' minimum per pass and Operator; 2. Roller and Operator; 3. Tack Oil Truck and Operator; 4. Milling Machine – 4' minimum, self loader and Operator; 5. Two (2) Triaxle Dump Trucks and Operators. He further noted it would include Prevailing Wage Rates for the various projects. 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 Township Secretary to advertise the receipt of

Sealed Bids due no later than 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the Greene Township Municipal Office Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA; then to be opened and read aloud at the Regular Meeting held at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time, Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the Township Municipal Building. The Township Secretary requested information for the *Prevailing Wage Rates Determination Request* from the Chairman and/or Board Members. During this discussion, Supervisor Travis Brookens asked the Township Solicitor if the estimated project cost would affect whether to use prevailing wage rates with the new dollar amounts having been revised that require the wage rates. The Solicitor stated it would not if the project costs were thought to be under the new threshold requirements but the problem is whether the contract will be under or over the required amount. The Township Engineer commented the Township could bid the project both ways, with and without prevailing wage rates so the issue would be resolved if it should occur. Supervisor Brookens noted that if work would proceed on Parkwood (Drive), the cost would go well over the threshold, if the Township were working on that project; Chairman Burns interjected if the Township bids the project and Supervisor Brookens stated someone would be bidding the project but it would be for the grant applicant and not the Township.

Supervisor Shawn Corwell presented information to Board Members regarding the purchase of a new vehicle with trade-in of an existing vehicle. He stated that various staff test drove several vehicles; namely, Chevy Equinox, Ford Explorer and Ford Edge. He stated the Equinox seemed to be a little small for the Township's purposes; the Explorer and Edge were both 2014 models with the Explorer being a 4x4 and the Edge AWD, same engines and only \$45 difference between the two and the Edge was smaller than the Explorer. He stated his personal preference would be the Edge with the Explorer being larger. The vehicle is available on CoStars pricing with a trade-in allowance of \$15,000 for the Expedition currently owned by the Township and both of the new vehicles are currently on the (car) lot and the Township could take immediate possession. He further noted the Edge is available in white or a "reddish" color. Supervisor Brookens stated he also liked the Edge, the mileage was better, as well as the back seats being larger in the Edge for better occupancy. Supervisor Corwell stated the Explorer had third-row seating but cannot be removed and only can fold down flat. 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 purchase of a 2014 Ford Edge off CoStars from Keystone Ford with trade-in allowance of \$15,000 for the Township's current Expedition for a total purchase price of \$20,040.

The Zoning Officer reviewed the Monthly Zoning Office Report for June (2014), a copy of which had been distributed to each Board Member for their review. With reference to the item on the Report regarding the zoning map amendment, the ZO stated the legal notice has been prepared and ready to be released as well as notifying adjacent property owners when the appropriate time occurs. He stated the request with a copy of the Plan has been forwarded to the Franklin County Planning Commission and Township Planner for review and comments but noted he has received no comments to date. He stated it will also be presented to the Township Planning Commission at their next meeting to be held Monday, August 14. The ZO also informed the Board the number of permits issued is already higher than last year; further, there are only two (2) plans in process at the Township at this time.

Chairman Burns inquired if there were any questions or comments received from anyone, neighbors in particular, regarding the zoning map amendment request and the ZO stated that notices have not been posted due to the time limit stating he thought the copies to adjoining property owners would be within the same criteria as release of the legal notice. The ZO was informed by the Township Solicitor and Board Members to post the property that he does not have to wait for the advertising guideline limits. The Solicitor further stated the Township is obligated to post the legal advertisement but not the property owners but the Township Ordinance requires it. The ZO stated he will post notices at both entrances and along Scotland Road of the property regarding the zoning map amendment. Supervisor Brookens stated that in earlier meetings with Winebrenner Theological Seminary, they were encouraged to be "pro active" with their neighbors for this and future plans of the facility. Hearing no further comments, the Monthly Zoning Office Report for June (2014) shall be accepted as presented and become part of the official record.

There were no Subdivision and/or Land Development Plans to be presented 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 authorized the payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 21640 through 21681, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3124 and 3125 with one (1) online pay, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2038 to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:27 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary