

August 8, 2017  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Todd E. Burns

Travis L. Brookens

Shawn M. Corwell

Gregory Lambert

Diann Weller

Welton Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P. M. noting the Meeting was being recorded.

The Chairman requested that all those present would observe a moment of silence in memory of former Township employee, Todd Washabaugh, who passed away Friday, August 4, following a long, hard fight with cancer. Mr. Washabaugh had been employed by the Township for many years.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 25, 2017 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

Township resident, Glenn Shetter, noted that as part of what is occurring at the Landfill there were certain safety items on Rt. 696 and I-81 that were to be included but none of that was put into the requirements for their expansion. He voiced his grave concern regarding the lack of motorists not paying attention nor obeying the Stop and/or Stop/Except Right Turn when exiting north from I-81 to Rt. 696. He stated most recently he had a very close call when someone was not paying attention to the signage and was almost hit by another motorist. He asked the Board to please say something to PennDOT to place a Stop bar for vehicles coming around the curve so they know they must stop when turning left off I-81 onto Rt. 696. He also stated that those traveling on 696 towards Black Gap Road must also be warned more strongly that those coming north on I-81 and exiting onto 696, bearing right, do not have to stop and traffic is to keep moving. He stated that something needs done and again asked the Board to go to PennDOT again noting that he travels that area quite frequently through the week and motorists are just blowing through the intersection. The Chairman informed Mr. Shetter that the items he referred to were included in the application for the Landfill. Mr. Shetter thanked the Board for listening to his great concern regarding this intersection.

The Chairman stated that it was nearing the time to advertise and accept sealed bids for 2017 Striping & Marking which the Township has been doing on an annual basis. It was suggested that bids be received September 12. 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 receipt of Sealed Bids for 2017 Striping & Marking on September 12 no later than 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Greene Township Municipal Office Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA, and opened and read aloud that evening at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time.

The Chairman stated that several roads have been looked at as to being repaired/paved this season and that cold-in-place recycled paving process is being considered; i.e. Walker, Mower, Airport Roads; however, at this time Airport Road can be moved until next year. He stated that Mower needs and the cold-in-place option could be used for two (2) sections of the roadway. Mr. Gregory Lambert, Township Engineer, stated he had done a roads survey and all three (3) areas were in the report as being worthy of needing base repair of some type of treatment; either milling a significant amount of paving and replace or this new technology which would be less expensive than previous process. He stated that the material already down is recycled giving a savings in the process. Mr. Lambert further noted that roads with a higher percentage of cracking in the surface should be considered because water is entering into the roads and causing damages; roads being considered are good candidates for this new process. Supervisor Corwell inquired that with the new process versus regular paving and renting out equipment if that would be needed and Mr. Lambert stated that would be correct. The Chairman stated that with a new product he might be reluctant to see how this holds up and noted the Borough (of Chambersburg) and other municipalities have been using this and so far have been pleased with the process. He further noted that the current contract for equipment rental is still in effect. Supervisor Brookens inquired if this new process is recognized by PennDOT to which Mr. Lambert stated it was and is noted in Publication 408. Supervisor Brookens inquired if it was available through any CoStars vendors at present and Mr. Lambert stated 'no, it is a contractor coming in'. Mr. Lambert stated, however, that Liquid Fuels can be used 100%. The Board discussed when to accept sealed bids and it was suggested September 12. 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 receipt of sealed bids for cold-in-place recycled paving for various Township roads on September 12, no later than 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Greene Township Municipal Office Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA, and opened and read aloud that evening at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting, at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time.

The Chairman introduced representatives from HRG, Inc. who were in attendance at this Meeting and had prepared the Township's *Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP)*. However, before their presentation, the Township Engineer introduced some background information. He stated that approximately a year ago, the Township was notified by PA DEP they (Township) had crossed over the threshold into an urbanized community with regards to the 2010 Census and we are now mandated to complete what is known as a "MS4" permit that would be part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and require that certain water quality controls that need to be achieved. DEP/EPA has a whole permitting process and there are different work elements and five were discussed. As part of the work there is a Pollutant Reduction Plan (herein known as PRP) that is required to be developed and included in the permitting process which HRG has been working on for the Township. The Township has been working in-house by mapping all the stream outfalls along the Conococheague (Creek) throughout the Township, i.e. Phillaman Run, Stump Run, Rowe Run. All our streams we were able to determine where the outfalls occurred and map those by GIS (mapping) and what that does is provide a way to develop the watersheds for each one of the outfalls. That would then allow HRG to utilize a computer program that provides the loading into the stream. The Township must develop a pollutant reduction plan to mitigate and reduce the sediment loadings,

which is what HRG has prepared for the Township and why the HRG representatives (Erin Letavic as the main presenter who worked directly on the Plan, and William Kick) were in attendance to discuss with the Board their findings and the report that they have generated which will be placed into the permit application and forwarded to DEP. Ms. Erin Letavic of HRG then addressed the Board in reviewing the proposed PRP as prepared to date by a slide presentation (accompanying handout shall be made an integral part of these Minutes). She stated that she has been working with MS4 since 2004 and has experience how the permitting process has changed over the years and feels the Township will benefit from the years of experience since this is all new to the Township and a big learning curve for a municipality in not quite knowing what to expect. The Plan is one portion of the MS4 permit and the permit is through the NPDES Program (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) and is to improve the quality of stream waters. The goal of the PRP is to focus on a reduction of sediment to the Chesapeake Bay. She stated that the urbanized area within the Township according to the 2010 Census is unfortunately uniquely shaped and does not follow watershed boundaries; one in particular is the Mountain Creek-Conococheague Creek Watershed as shown by red lines on a map obtained through DEP's website showing which are impaired streams; other impaired watershed planning areas also included: Rowe Run, Rocky Spring Branch, and Falling Spring Branch-Conococheague Creek (Watershed). The Township Engineer inquired of Ms. Letavic that in knowing this is a 5-year plan and that it needs to be renewed each year, would it be likely the urbanized area would change with the 2020 Census and Ms. Letavic noted it was difficult to say if it would actually impact but that historically it has been shown that the permit has lagged behind the Census information. Mr. Kick noted that the challenge is the projects must be located within the MS4 urbanized areas or downstream but it appears there may be viable areas that are upstream that cannot be included and with the Township being more widespread made it difficult for Erin and staff to find the number of viable projects that are needed to remove the sediment the Township is required to handle, thus making Greene Township one of the most difficult because of the areas being so widespread and trying to meet the goals. Supervisor Brookens asked Ms. Letavic as to what defines an "impaired" area and Ms. Letavic stated that DEP follows a guideline identified as Chapter 93, however, an issue is the data that DEP uses from that can be 20 to 30 years old. Supervisor Brookens then asked if there was some way in which the Township could contest what is being required to which Ms. Letavic stated it is not easy; most always DEP is unwilling to change and use data when municipalities have already begun a project and requested that new data be considered. Supervisor Corwell asked if there was an estimate of the cost of each project with credit to which Ms. Letavic noted that would be discussed later in the presentation. She stated that what was being proposed was a conservative strategy and that it should be analyzed on an annual basis. She reviewed the listing of sites on the Pollutant Load Reduction Strategy noting that although they tried to focus on some property the Township already owned there were some improvements on private properties included. The Engineer noted that one project listed in the PRP was for the Conococheague Creek dam removal in Scotland which would encompass one-third of the reduction requirements and the Township currently has grant applications submitted to perform that project; it would be a great credit for the Township. Ms. Letavic continued by noting the proposed BMPs (Best Management Practices) being proposed are stream restoration, riparian buffer restoration, bioretention, stormwater detention basins, and basin retrofit. She then noted the next steps to be taken: public comment period – August 1-31, 2017 (currently ongoing); revise report (based on any public comments or Supervisors comments received) – September

1-14, 2017; submit report – September 15, 2017; and, implementation – begin in 2018 when permit is approved noting that if the permit is not approved, she recommended the Township not begin implementing but begin budgeting. The goal is to begin implementation within a 5-year period which should be 2023. Chairman Burns asked Ms. Letavic how long DEP has typically taken to approve the application; she noted turnaround time for one client was two years. Chairman Burns asked if there was anything more recent and Ms. Letavic noted that it is a five-year cycle so five years ago would have been their experience with it, but she noted that more realistically was about eight months to a year for the approval, worst case scenario is two years. Supervisor Brookens inquired if there was any particular reason why one took so long to which Ms. Letavic noted the client she mentioned had not submitted a timely submittal, received correspondence from DEP, and then they contacted HRG to assist them with the process. In addition, because this will be an individual permit, it makes it more difficult rather than a general permit which is an easier review for DEP. The individual permit is being required of the Township because several streams are classified as high quality watersheds which has more requirements. Chairman Burns asked for clarification that the implementation process does not start until after the review is completed to which Ms. Letavic stated that DEP recommends you start but she does not recommend spending any large amounts of funds until DEP indicates they are sure of what they have. Supervisor Brookens noted the Township still needs some idea as to what to budget as they will soon begin next year's budget and need to know what projects or wait to set monies aside two or three years from now and may need HRG's guidance on that as well. The Engineer noted that if the Township would get the grant money for the dam removal perhaps that could be used immediately. Supervisor Brookens voiced concern that if grant monies were received before the permit was approved, would the Township be allowed to use the dam removal project as part of this or not, and Ms. Letavic stated she felt the Township should be allowed but there are no guarantees. Following further discussion, Supervisor Brookens stated he still felt the Township needed some idea as to budgeting noting that if it is expected to begin implementation in 2018, plans need to be made accordingly. Ms. Letavic stated she would work with the Engineer on prioritizing projects and it would be prudent for the Township to begin budgeting and if not used then accrue it so they would be ready to begin. The Engineer stated the projects on Township property would be first considered because private areas would take time to facilitate. There being no further comments, questions, etc, Ms. Letavic was thanked for her presentation and all the hard work so far.

Supervisor Corwell presented the name of a Township resident interested in serving on the Planning Commission; would fulfill the unexpired term of former Member Michael Chace who resigned due to moving from the area. Supervisor Corwell stated that Mr. Jackson Green had been interviewed for the position, lives in the Mountain Shadows Development, serves as Assistant Principal and teacher at the high school. He has expressed a desire to serve the Township and had many good questions about the Planning Commission. Supervisor Corwell stated that following the interview it seemed Mr. Green had a good grasp on what the Planning Commission's purpose is and should be a good asset to the Commission. He further noted that Mr. Green also serves as an EMT at Fayetteville Fire Department and is a very community-driven individual. Upon Supervisor Corwell's presentation of the individual's name, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Jackson Green as a Member of the Greene Township Planning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of former Member Michael Chace.

The Township Engineer presented a request for refund of remaining plan review for the William Naugle 1-Lot Final Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan, Project #17-009, in the amount of \$848.20. An original escrow of \$1,500 was received by the Township; \$651.80 was expended in fees; no monies required to be retained; Engineer recommended a full refund of the remaining amount of \$848.20 and the check to be made payable to Travis & Bethany Arnsparger. 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 remaining plan escrow for the William Naugle 1-Lot Final Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan, Project #17-009, in the amount of \$848.20 with the check to be made payable to Travis & Bethany Arnsparger.

The Board reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly Report for July 2017 as submitted. It was consensus of the Board the Report would be accepted as presented and become part of the official record.

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

The Township Solicitor had no further comments to offer at this Meeting.

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 25654 through 25696, three direct deposit payments, and, three credit card payments, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3368 and 3369, with one online payment, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2117, to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 8:01 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary