

November 27, 2018
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 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 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.. He welcomed all those in attendance, noted the sign-in sheet and asked that if everyone had not signed in that they please do so, Agendas available. He further noted there appeared to be several students in attendance, welcomed them, and informed them if they had any questions to feel free to ask.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held November 13, 2018 shall stand approved and become part of the official record.

Resident Glenn Shetter, 3353 Interchange Drive, stated he had notified the Township approximately a month ago regarding a dual-wheel vehicle taking a corner too tight, striking a sign post as well as an on-off water turnoff. He stated the stop sign is leaning again. The Chairman thanked Mr. Shetter for the information and stated it would be investigated again.

The Chairman presented the Franklin County Area Tax Board 2019 Proposed Budget; each Member having received a copy for their review. He stated the Tax Board collects the EIT (Earned Income Tax) and other taxes for the municipalities belonging to the Board. The Proposed 2019 Budget is required to be approved by the majority of participating municipalities, said approval must then be forwarded to the Tax Board's Executive Board. The Chairman stated the overall Budget notes a 2.4% increase over 2018 expenses primarily due to a vacant position that has been filled in the office. The collection rate for 2019 is projected at 1.84% which is very good and is one of the lowest throughout the State. The Chairman further noted that under "Salaries", over the past few years the Tax Board has been searching for a new Executive Director and found that the local Tax Board's rate of pay was not in comparison to other Tax Boards throughout the State and needed to bring it up to par so the 2019 Budget will be the last year for that rate increase. He stated the new Executive Director is doing an excellent job and the office is running efficiently. Materials and supplies (postage, etc) has been decreasing slightly with the use of online tax filings for businesses and it is hoped that soon the online filing may be available to individuals as well. The Chairman stated that the space the Tax Board utilizes is leased through the School District and the Tax Board has been informed the District is in need of that space and the current lease will expire the end of 2019 so the Tax Board will be looking for new office space which can be found in the Budget in "Capital Improvements and Expenses" indicating a small increase in the Budget as well. There were no further questions and/or comments from either (Township) Board Members or public in attendance. 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 Franklin County Area Tax Board 2019 Proposed Budget as presented.

The Chairman presented the *Greene Township 2019 Final Budget* asking the Township Secretary if any comments/questions/etc had been received during the Preliminary's 30-day review period; she stated none that she was aware. The Chairman stated this would be the 39th year that no property tax would be levied to Greene Township residents; Budget very similar to past several years' Budgets; services offered will remain the same (i.e. brush/leaf pickup, Compost Facility, etc); no significant increases on any line items; projected revenues should be up slightly from 2017 and 2018 (i.e. majority of income derived from Earned Income, Landfill income, Franchise Fees, etc). He also stated the Expenses line items had no significant increases; largest expenses being road repairs, road maintenance, and winter maintenance. He stated he feels it is a very good working budget for 2019; donations to youth leagues will continue as well as to fire protection, ambulance services, Firemen's Relief, etc. In 2019 several items planned are major road projects especially Parkwood, MS4 projects, etc. There were no further comments, questions, etc presented by Board Members or public in attendance. 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 adopt the *Greene Township 2019 Final Budget* as presented.

The Chairman presented a quote for consideration to purchase one (1) new aluminum flatbed from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. off State Contract. The Township currently has one flatbed and two swap loaders so this additional flatbed will be installed on one of the swap loaders; State contract price is \$17,200. In addition, the flatbed will be part of the spray units that were approved for purchase at the previous Meeting; can also be swapped out with a dump body when needed. 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 purchase of one (1) new aluminum flatbed for the Township's Freightliners from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. off State Contract at the cost of \$17,200.

The Township Engineer presented a request for refund of a plan review escrow for the Jason Rissler 1-lot Final Land Development Plan. He stated an original escrow of \$2,500 was submitted; \$1,960 was expended for multiple reviews; recommended the Township retain \$500 for any necessary inspections yet to be made and release a partial refund of \$39.20. The Chairman inquired as to when the Engineer might anticipate the construction of the stormwater system. The Engineer stated most likely next year and definitely not anymore this year. Supervisor Brookens asked if the Engineer felt that \$500 was ample to be retained and the Engineer stated 'yes' due to only a berm to be constructed and complete landscaping. 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 of a plan review escrow for the Jason Rissler 1-lot Final Land Development Plan for a partial refund in the amount of \$39.20 with the check payable to Milestone Express, LLC, and, also that the Township retain \$500 for future stormwater inspection fees.

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

The Township Solicitor had no comments to present 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 27035 through 27050, two direct deposits, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3494 through 3498, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2154 and one online payment, inclusive, to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary