

April 14, 2020
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. (Note: Due to the Covid-19, all persons maintained an additional distance during this Meeting.)

Present:

Todd E. Burns

Travis L. Brookens

Shawn M. Corwell

Gregory Lambert

Diann Weller

Kurt Williams (via teleconference)

Visitors: None

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. noting no public in attendance.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 24, 2020 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Chairman presented Township **Resolution No. 8-2020** to establish a form of notice for the removal of certain trees in public rights-of-way pursuant to Section 2325 of the Second Class Township Code. He stated this form of notice pertains to trees from within the right-of-way but can also apply to any other outside the right-of-way that may be determined dangerous by the Township to public safety. If a tree is to be removed and located within a public right-of-way and has a caliper in excess of six inches (6”), a notice is required to be sent to the owner or owners of the abutting property. The Township Solicitor noted several particular parts of the Resolution and Code requirements; i.e. if the tree is less than six inches in diameter, no notice is required but when the diameter is six inches or more the form of notice is issued. If the tree is deemed to be dangerous and if there is imminent danger and the tree needs to be removed sooner, the tree can be removed and notice should be given to the property owner as soon as possible. There being no further comments or questions, 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 No. 8-2020**, identified as a form of notice for removal of certain trees in public rights-of-way, as presented.

There being no public present at this Meeting, no public comment was offered.

The Chairman presented and briefly reviewed a review time extension of Greene Township Code 85-19.C & D for the Jaindl Land Company Preliminary Land Development Plan, Greene Township Project #20-001. The Applicant has submitted an appeal for a hearing with the Township Zoning Hearing Board, however, due to Covid-19, the hearing was postponed to May 19. The current deadline for consideration of the Plan is May 10 and according to the Township Solicitor’s conversation with the Applicant’s legal counsel, the Applicant has agreed to an extension to June 23 to allow time for the Zoning Hearing Board to hear their appeal. Supervisor Corwell informed the Solicitor he had received a text message from Bill Kick of HRG (Herbert Rowland & Grubic, Inc.) stating they were looking to resubmit information regarding this matter and asked if the Township would accept the information electronically due to confinement caused by the virus. The Solicitor stated the Township cannot accept the information electronically and that steps will be implemented so the Plan information

can be submitted to the Township during this time. Following review and discussion, on a motion by Travis L. Brookens, seconded by Shawn M. Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the request for review time extension of Greene Township Code 85-19.C & D for the Jaindl Land Company Preliminary Land Development Plan, Greene Township Project #20-001 be extended to June 23, 2020.

The Township Engineer presented information for consideration to advertise receipt of sealed bids for *2020 Cold-in-Place Recycled (CIPR) Paving*. He stated he has met with the Chairman and Mike Pollak, representative of ReCon, several times to discuss past projects; also noted a study was performed some years ago to determine the condition of Township roads and create a list to make repairs to those roads more desperately in need of such repairs and the Township has slowly been working through the list and road repairs. He reviewed information distributed to the Board which outlined three roads remaining to have significant repairs completed, however, cost figures for all three exceeds the Township's budget. Therefore, the Engineer stated he had broken down the cost figures for the repairs by splitting entire road areas into sections and would recommend the Township proceed with bidding all three projects as a whole and then after reviewing submitted bid results, decide which projects would actually be completed this year. The roads and breakdown of approximate costs are as follows: (1) White Church Road (total \$730,700) – Route 997 to Orchard Road (\$498,000) – Orchard Road to Township (boundary) line (\$232,700); (2) Greenvillage Road (total \$376,600) – South end (Route 11 to Route 997) (\$168,500) – North end (Route 997 to Route 11) (\$199,100); and, (3) Airport Road (total \$432,900) – Siloam Road to Shatzer Road (\$170,400) – Shatzer Road to Salem Road (\$262,500). He further noted the need to bid soon so as not to lose this paving season. He stated the Township had directed ReCon to perform cores but they have not been analyzed to date. The Engineer and Board discussed various aspects of the cost figures as presented; namely, costs are included for the entire project and not just partial; last year's pricing was used due to the current drop in fuel and also because prices do not increase unless oil prices would drastically increase. It was noted that roads previously repaired by this process seem to be holding well and the Engineer stated he was very glad to see the various roads already completed doing as well. The Engineer stated he has received notice from the Airport who plans to completely overlay the runway and the material is being transported from Salem Road to the Airport, thereby not affecting the portion (of Airport Road) from the Airport entrance to Siloam Road. Supervisor Brookens asked the Engineer if the Township would require them (Airport) to submit a bond and the Engineer stated the Township had not required in the past. Supervisor Brookens noted that if a new road is put in place, the Township should consider requiring a bond for any damages that may occur. The Chairman noted a "roadway analysis" that was conducted over five years ago indicating the roads needing to be placed in priority of repairs needed. The Engineer noted other roads after five years that are starting to wear (out). Supervisor Corwell stated he felt it was good to request sealed bids as soon as possible. The Chairman stated he felt it would also be good to proceed with bids now and have pricing in place when construction is permitted to begin (due to virus). Supervisor Brookens asked the Engineer if a notation could be included in the specifications as to a time when the work must be completed. The Engineer stated that bonding is required and that ReCon has done very well in keeping to a schedule as they say they will. The Engineer stated the Township could also include a notation regarding "liquidated damages" but beyond that he was not sure if there would be anything else that could be required. Following review and discussion, on a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board

unanimously voted to advertise the receipt of sealed bids for *2020 Cold-in-Place Recycled Paving* for those streets that were specified, namely, White Church Road, Greenvillage Road, and Airport Road, to be received no later than 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 12, 2020, at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA; and, then opened and read aloud that evening at the regularly scheduled Supervisors Meeting held at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time.

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

Supervisor Corwell noted the Township has been providing donations twice each year to each of the four fire companies that respond in the Township; namely, Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin Fire Company No. 4, Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department, and West End Fire & Rescue; this would be the first half for 2020. In previous years the Township has requested an accounting proof of how those donations were spent by each of the companies prior to releasing any further donations. He stated that all four companies/departments have submitted their reports and would recommend releasing the first-half donations as follows: Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department - \$31,801; Franklin Fire Company No. 4 - \$21,879; Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department - \$7,500; and, West End Fire & Rescue - \$7,500. Supervisor Brookens noted that when looking at what is going on currently and the lack of fundraising the fire companies are able to do, it was a good idea to release the funds as soon as possible. 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 authorize the release of donations to the volunteer fire companies as follows: Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department - \$31,801; Franklin Fire Company No. 4 - \$21,879; Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department - \$7,500; and, West End Fire & Rescue - \$7,500.

The Board received and reviewed the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police Monthly Report for March 2020. Following review it was consensus of the Board the Report become part of the official record.

Supervisor Brookens, also serving as Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that Park Manager, David Trutt, had successfully completed his six-month probationary period effective April 2, 2020. He stated Mr. Trutt has done a fine job since he began in late Fall (2019), has been using some new strategies and new ideas mostly over winter; with no games occurring presently at the Park there will be a new perspective. Supervisor Brookens recommended transferring Mr. Trutt from probationary status to full-time status and as in the past be given a 50-cents per hour increase in wages; all other full-time benefits will be included. The Chairman stated he agreed with Supervisor Brookens' comments and also concurred Mr. Trutt was doing a really nice job. Supervisor Corwell also agreed with previous comments adding Mr. Trutt was a "go-getter" and knowledgeable in the job. 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 end the six-month probationary period and move Mr. Trutt to full-time status with 50-cents per hour increase (in wages) and also is qualified for the regular full-time benefits provided by the Township.

Solicitor Williams noted the original date for the Township Zoning Hearing Board to meet had been scheduled for April 20, however, it has been moved to May 19 and hopefully they will be able to hold their meeting. He had no further comments for the Supervisors.

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 28490 through 28520, two credit card payments, three direct deposits, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3624 through 3626, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Numbers 2201 through 2202, one direct deposit, 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 7:33 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary