

April 29, 2020  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 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 12:00 Noon.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 14, 2020 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Chairman noted every year the Township has been bidding out for road equipment pricing for rental of certain equipment used in conjunction with road paving projects. He stated it was a good time to bid due to the State of Pennsylvania allowing construction to begin effective May 1. The Township Engineer noted this equipment is used with the CIPR (Cold-in-Place Recycled) paving project that has recently been placed out for receipt of sealed bids. 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 authorize the receipt of sealed bids for *2020 Road Equipment Pricing* to be received no later than May 22, 2020, at 3:00 P.M., EST, at the Greene Township Municipal Office Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA; then to be opened and read aloud on May 26, 2020, at the regularly scheduled Supervisors meeting at 12:00 Noon, that day.

The Chairman presented proposed Township **Resolution No. 9-2020** regarding extending the street light tax discount period. He stated residents that have street lights that front their property are charged a street light tax which is attached to County tax bills noting the County has also agreed to extend the period of time. The Chairman stated he conferred with the Township Tax Collector to verify numbers and was informed approximately 104 accounts, out of 1,000 residents, as of the previous week have not yet paid their account. More than likely most residents have the street lights escrowed into their mortgages and have already paid and some may have paid since then. He noted the average street light tax is \$48.00 per person. He stated it is important to adopt this resolution so the Township is in line with County, State, and Federal guidelines. 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 adopt Township **Resolution No. 9-2020** extending the street light tax discount period to 8/31/2020 and face collections to 10/31/2020 to match those with County taxes. The Solicitor inquired who would be responsible to forward to the Township Tax Collector and the Chairman stated the Township Secretary would handle today after the meeting.

The Chairman noted the Township was in receipt of a request from the Franklin County Conservation District (FCCD) for a letter of support to be included with a grant application regarding Burk Lea Farms manure operation. The Chairman spoke with a District representative who explained there are two (2) grants the Burkholders' are applying for their

farming operations. One grant is for BMP (Best Management Practices) and denitrification practices within the farm and that grant application has been submitted. The letter they are requesting relates to the improvement of the manure separation at Burk Lea Farms which is located in the Township; that grant application is due April 30. The project entails upgrading the existing system and they may add another manure separation facility. This process will greatly reduce the amount of liquid manure being land-applied at the farm by approximately 1.75 million gallons. The Chairman recommended the letter be issued and wished the Burkholders' the best in obtaining the grant. Supervisor Brookens inquired if the Township's support would create any responsibility on the part of the Township relative to funding. The Chairman stated it would not; only as support to the application. Supervisor Corwell inquired if remaining Board Members were satisfied with the language used in the sample letter received and the Chairman stated he was. The Chairman stated if the request was approved the letter could be sent to FCCD yet this date. The Solicitor stated this is very typical and quite common practice for applicants to request a letter of support from the municipality where the property located. Following review, discussion 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 provide a letter of support to Franklin County Conservation District in response to the Burkholders' for their grant application for manure separation project.

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

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

The Township Secretary presented proposed Township **Resolution No. 10-2020** for disposition of certain Township records. She informed the Board she had forwarded the resolution to the Solicitor for his review and he had no comment. 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. 10-2020** for disposition of certain Township records, as presented.

The Solicitor informed the Board that any time going forward the Governor's declaration is in effect, if the Supervisors, Planning Commission, or Zoning Hearing Board are considering in person a use plan of any nature, said consideration must be advertised in the newspaper or on the Township web site; needs to be done five (5) days in advance. He noted the May 19 Zoning Hearing Board meeting will need to be noted on the Township web site. The Chairman noted there was a plan ready for today's meeting but was not advertised the required five (5) days, therefore, it was pulled from this Agenda and more than likely will be on the next Agenda. Supervisor Brookens questioned if the '5-day advertisement' on the Township web site would replace the regular public advertisement to which the Solicitor stated it would be in addition; only in effect during Governor's declaration. Supervisor Brookens then asked if there was a time limit for this requirement to which the Solicitor stated it is to occur as long as the Governor's declaration is in place. Supervisor Brookens inquired if there was an expiration date to which the Solicitor stated this does not have to do with the 'stay-at-home' order which comes from the State Health Department. The Solicitor closed his comments by thanking the Township Secretary for her years of service to the Township and stated that although they had not worked together long but wished her well in her retirement and looks forward to working with Lindsay in the future.

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 28545 through 28564, one credit card payment, two direct deposits, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Numbers 3627 through 3632, inclusive, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund; and, Check Number 2203, inclusive, to be paid from the Electric Light Fund.

At this time the Chairman wished to express his thanks to the Township Secretary for her long tenure with the Township and everything she has provided not only to multiple Boards (Supervisors) that she has served but all the employees and all residents for many, many years; thank you for her service. Supervisor Corwell inquired as to the number of years to which the Secretary stated approximately 23-1/2 years. He thanked her very much for the last six (6) years she has worked for the Township (during his years as elected Supervisor). The Chairman stated he was sure she has seen many changes over the years to which she replied 'many, many'. There was a brief discussion on the many Board Members she has worked with over the years.

There being no further business before the Board for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 12:26 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary