

November 10, 2009
Scotland, PA 17254
Regular Meeting

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.
Todd E. Burns
Welton Fischer

Travis Brookens
Daniel Bachman
Gregory Lambert
Diann Weller

Visitors: See list

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

The Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting stand approved as presented.

The Chairman noted correspondence received from the Chambersburg Area Wage Tax Board (CAWTB) regarding the appointment of a representative and alternate to the CAWTB for a three-year term from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. He stated there might be a possibility there would not be a CAWTB due to the EIT Committee being formed but that would remain to be seen at this time. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board nominated and appointed Charles D. Jamison, Jr. as the Delegate and Todd E. Burns as Alternate to the Chambersburg Area Wage Tax Board for a three-year term from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

The Chairman presented a proposed resolution and fee schedule from the Chambersburg Area Wage Tax Board (CAWTB) to assist in defraying costs of delinquent collections for the CAWTB. He stated that over the years the WTB has never had any fees assessed on delinquent collections; only a \$5.00 late fee charge but not any fees towards costs associated with collecting delinquent accounts. Supervisor Burns stated he wholeheartedly agreed with the fees being proposed and that it was not right that persons who pay on time were being "penalized" by those who do not. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the proposed resolution (to be known and identified as Township **Resolution No. 19-2009**) and fee schedule to assist in defraying costs of delinquent collections for the Chambersburg Area Wage Tax Board be approved as presented.

The Chairman presented a proposed increase for street light tax per front footage noting no increase has been implemented since the 1980's. He stated the costs to the Township via Allegheny Power invoices paid monthly have increased over the years and there has been no increase to keep up with the invoice costs. He proposes a 14 cent per front footage increase to bring most accounts in line with actual cost and several may have to be reviewed again next year due to still being under actual cost. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the street light tax per front footage be increased 14 cents in the following districts: Culbertson, Greenvillage, Greene Knolls, Meals Development, Presidential Heights, Scotland, Woodstock Road, and Font Hill.

The Zoning Officer reviewed the October 2009 Monthly Zoning Office Report with the Board. Hearing no additions or corrections, it was the consensus of the Board the Report shall stand approved as presented.

The Assistant Zoning Officer presented correspondence from Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter (CVAS) requesting a waiver of the required traffic impact fees in the amount of \$24,780 for their new site. During discussion, the Chairman stated that as much as the Board may wish to, they could not consider granting the waiver due to setting a precedent. Supervisor Burns also noted the Board has received similar requests from non-profits and the Board did not approve. In addition, the Township contributes annually and offers 'in-kind' services and plan to continue doing so particularly with the proposed new construction. Supervisor Burns also noted that if waivers were granted as requested by various non-profits, then with no fees being collected there would be no available funds for future improvements and the citizens would bear the burden. The Assistant Zoning Officer noted there is a provision for no charge to non-profits for the Land Use Permit. The Board discussed the waiver request and the funds not collected for the Land Use Permit Application fee for the construction value of the proposed building. The Assistant Zoning Officer noted the Land Use Permit has been issued and no fees were charged due to the provision and previous actions regarding non-profits. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the request for waiver of traffic impact fees from the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter be denied, the Land Use Permit fee has already been waived, and the Township will continue giving funds for services rendered.

The Assistant Zoning Officer presented a request for bond release for Kelly Roofing; Township currently holds bond in the amount of \$13,414.50; site has been inspected by both Township Engineer and Planner and via correspondence they concurred in finding the stormwater basin and screening had been completed in accordance with the approved plans, therefore, they recommended release of the bond in the amount of \$13,414.50. Mr. Lambert, Township Engineer, stated the plan was re-approved for a change from arborvitae to fencing material with one side of the property already having a screened barrier. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted the request for bond release for Kelly Roofing be granted and the bond be returned to Mr. Kelly in the amount of \$13,414.50.

The Assistant Zoning Officer presented a Revised Stormwater Management Plan for Franklin County Regional Airport; revision pertained to the bio-retention ponds; plan was reviewed by Franklin County Conservation District (FCCD) and was found to be satisfactory. Mr. Lambert stated he had reviewed with the Township Planner and another engineer noting there was poor drainage on the runways and the original stormwater plan was not adequate for the airport. The AZO also noted the bio-retention ponds were approved by FCCD and the Township Engineer found they met Township requirements and would recommend approval of this type of plan. On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Franklin County Regional Airport Revised Stormwater Management Plan.

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

On a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Charles D. Jamison, Jr., and by a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the payment of invoices as follows: Check Numbers 14786 through 14819, inclusive, to be paid from the General Fund; Check Number 1410 paid from the Electric Light Fund; and, Check Numbers 1720 through 1724, inclusive, paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund.

There being no further business for this Meeting, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:25 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary