

January 27, 2015
Scotland, PA 17254
Public Hearing #2

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held the second of three Public Hearings on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding an Amendment to Chapter 90 (Taxation) of the Greene Township Code providing for the collection of a fee by the Township Tax Collector for providing tax status information for specific properties.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.
Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens

Gregory Lambert
Daniel Bachman
Diann Weller
Welton J. Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the second Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:05 P. M..

The Chairman proceeded by asking the Township Solicitor to explain the reason for this Public Hearing. The Solicitor stated that Chapter 90 of the Greene Township Code deals with the (Township) Tax Collector and the collection of any taxes for the Township. For a number of years the Tax Collector has been receiving requests from mostly people who do title searches for larger companies (i.e. back taxes, current taxes, etc). All this takes time and there has never been a provision in the Codes to charge for that time (expended by the Tax Collector) and the purpose of this proposed Ordinance would authorize her (Tax Collector) to set a fee. The actual fee is set by resolution from time to time and would be charged to those entities requesting (time-consuming) information. The Solicitor explained that normally someone would be sent to the Court House, etc to research this type of information but found that Tax Collectors would do it for free but that will be no more. The Chairman noted the fees charged will be to help offset costs associated with the Tax Collector's time in providing the requested information. Supervisor Brookens noted that just a reminder the Township does not have a property tax and only taxes being paid are School and County. This will strictly be a service fee for the elected Tax Collector which is Kathy Frazer. 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 **Ordinance No. 2015-3** which amends Chapter 90 of the Township Code, as presented.

There being no further business before the Board for this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary