

September 24, 2013  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Continuation of Public  
Hearing held 08.27.2013

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Continuation of a Public Hearing previously held on August 27, 2013, on this date, Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Continued Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding a proposed sewer ordinance amendment.

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 Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:00 P. M..

The Chairman asked the Township Solicitor to proceed with presentation of the proposed ordinance. The Solicitor reviewed information leading to the need for this Hearing as well as the proposed ordinance stating that PA DEP had put Greene Township Municipal (Sewer) Authority under a moratorium limiting the number of (sewer) connections to the existing system. DEP told both the Authority and the Board of Supervisors to get together to formulate a plan whereby a building permit is only issued when a sewer permit has been issued. Neither the Authority nor the Supervisors know how many connections may be authorized by DEP; requiring this so that no one would be building a home and unable to move in without obtaining a connection first and through discussions, a standard was established as to how permits will be issued. The Township reviewed previous building permits issued (i.e. residential and commercial) and this ordinance will allow the following allocation of permits to be issued: 80% for single family residential; 10% for multi-family; 10% for commercial. The Municipal Authority will create a list to allow future authorization from PA DEP; Authority has never before had to authorize; up to now no one could make a reservation for a connection but this ordinance for a period of time will now allow. A person may get on the list and as DEP authorizes connections, the person at the top of the list will be able to participate for a connection. The Solicitor continued by stating there are additions to the ordinance based on the first Hearing which gives provisions for builders and developers to be able to receive two (2) connections total for "spec" homes. The Solicitor stated that industrial and institutional have no allocation and will be handled on a 'case-by-case' basis. There is a clause that will allow the Township to change the allocation to handle unforeseen circumstances. Once a person is on the top of the list, they will have a six-month period to complete in order to allow enough time for construction. No Township *Land Use Permit* will be issued to anyone unless they can establish they have either the authorization for a connection or the actual issued (sewer) permit.

Resident Robert Andrews noted he desires to build a home and asked how soon they could go to get a sewer permit and the Solicitor stated the ordinance would be in effect five (5) days from date of adoption and then they can make application for a connection.

Builder Mark Reiff asked to verify that if the ordinance is passed at this Meeting, the Sewer Authority could issue permits and it was stated 'yes' within the guidelines set forth by the proposed ordinance.

Attendee Steve Wells, Waynesboro, asked if the Township knew how many would be issued at this time. Jeffrey Clopper, Manager of Township Municipal Authority there are currently 32 for single family and 23 or 24 are on the list and 4 multi-family have been taken.

There were no further comments offered by those in the audience.

There were no further comments offered by the Board Members.

Following review, discussion and consideration, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that Township ***Ordinance No. 2013-4*** be approved as presented and that sewer permits may be issued five (5) days from the adoption of this ordinance.

There being no further business before the Board regarding this Continuation of Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:12 P.M..

The Chairman noted there would be a few minutes' recess before calling the Regular Meeting to order which follows this Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary