

MINUTES  
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
January 12, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The following individuals were in attendance:

Members: Douglas Bierly, Pat Leary and Walter Strouse.

Residents/Visitors: Don Grenoble, Gregg Twp Fire co. #1 & Emergency Management, Tom Stitzer, Water company, Ray Grove, Dave Smith, Donna Miller, Donald McGahan

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Grove is concerned about the SEO work that Mr. Kerschner has done since he has left Gregg Township. Mr. Grove was assured that all of the records are being transferred to the new SEO and/or the township office.

Mr. McGahan was there in regard to the blasting over in Stonefield that cost him \$32,000 + in damage to the insurance company and they are going to be blasting again. What can the supervisors do? Not much other than write a letter to DEP concerning this. Mr. Rayman said they can't blast until DEP grants the blasting company a permit and the Gregg Township Office has not been notified about when the blasting will take place. DEP has the ultimate authority when it comes to blasting.

Mr. Smith made his opinion known that Chuck Herr is interested in the SEO position. There would be no questions asked about the problem when he was left go in the past. He is local and is prompt in coming to inspect sewage systems.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Water Authority**

No action was taken but Mr. Stitzer is going to call Mr. Morrison from Sewer Authority and try to set up a meeting with water, sewer and supervisors to discuss authority merger vs. separate entities. He will then call the secretary with the date. The meeting date will then be published in the Centre Daily Times to give notice of the meeting.

**Auman Situation**

A certified letter with the bill was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Auman on December 20 and received December 22. The amount included Mr. Ripka's bill, Mr. Rayman's bill and the supervisor's bill from G's Clean-up. It was for the balance of \$3527.74 and he has 30 days to pay the money or a lien will be put against the property. Nothing has been heard from the Auman's other than Mr. Auman asking Mr. Strouse if he could pay in installments. Mr. Bierly said that Mr. Auman would need to get a loan from a lending agency and pay the township all at once.

**Land purchase by Potter Township, Centre Hall Borough and Gregg Township**

Nothing further has happened with this.

**Certificate for Eagle Scout**

Andrew Miller will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, January 15, 2006. Mr. Leary will be attending and taking the signed certificate from the Supervisors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Grants**

Jessica Sheets met with Mr. Leary and they discussed some new grants she is interested in pursuing. One was HOME to help repair and remodel homes for people. Mr. Leary said these would be referred to the Gregg Township Planning Commission.

**Engineering Firm**

Ms. Sheets is now working with the engineering firm of Innovative Consultants and has asked Gregg Township to consider using this firm in 2006. They will be the secondary firm after Don Franson.

## **RESOLUTIONS from Reorganization Meeting**

Resolution #01-06-01 SEO services and schedule of rates

Resolution #01-06-02 Schedule of Fees for Actions related to the Zoning Hearing Board

Resolution #01-06-03 Schedule of Fees for Board of Supervisors

Resolution #01-06-06 Meeting Procedures

Resolution #01-06-07 Open Records Policy

Resolution #01-06-09 Zoning/Building Schedule of Fees

All resolutions were moved by Mr. Strouse to be accepted. Mr. Bierly seconded. Motions carried 3-0.

## **SEO Officer and Alternate**

Mr. Leary had received Mr. Jeffery Kreger's resume and schedule of fees. Mr. Joe Hall had been interested also but due to his death the previous Saturday, that option was eliminated.

Mr. Smith brought up Mr. Herr's name again. Mr. Rayman said that Mr. Herr had mentioned to him that he was interested in Gregg Township's position also. Nothing was ever received by the township from Mr. Herr in writing.

Mr. Bierly said he had complaints about Mr. Herr when he was Gregg Township's SEO. Mr. Grenoble commented that he had worked with Mr. Herr and it is "his way or not at all". Mrs. Miller made the comment if Mr. Herr wanted the position, he should have sent something or contacted the supervisors.

Mr. Bierly made the motion that Mr. Kreger be appointed the SEO. Mr. Strouse abstained so Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0 with Mr. Strouse opposed.

An alternate was not chosen at this time. Someone will need to be gotten that will work under Mr. Kreger's schedule of fees.

## **Tax Collector report on pending legislation**

Mrs. Miller presented a letter from the PEITOAC Association in regard to a Senate Bill 292 and companion bill HP 1427 that are going to be amended to create Countywide Tax Bureaus instead of consolidating at the school district level. This would eliminate her position for earned income tax collector and all would be done through the county and/or school district. She suggested the supervisors contact their local legislators with their opinion about this matter to educate them on what this would do to the tax collection.

The tax collecting firms such as Berkheimer does not distribute the money unless the tax collector asks for it.

## **STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:**

### **1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1**

Nothing to report except for dry hydrant at Penns Creek Bridge. The secretary called Penn Dot but after talking to three people no answer was returned.

### **2. Emergency Management Coordinator**

Randy Rockey, Emergency Management Director will meet with the supervisors to talk about the (NIMS) National Incident Management System after this evening's meeting.

### **3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority**

No report was given.

### **4. Roadmaster**

#### **Equipment**

- Fuel tank monitor on diesel fuel tank has been repaired.
- Belts for hydraulic pump on Ford F-550 have been replaced.
- Replaced bulb on yellow warning light on 2002 Sterling.

- Ordered from Bradco Supply 50 anti-theft nuts, 2 Stop signs, 2 spinner disks for Circle spreaders and sent hydraulic cinder spreader pump to be rebuilt at Bradco Supply.
- Insurance cards for trucks are placed in them.
- Repaired tire on 1998 F Series and one on 1999 F-550 truck.
- Installed a new cinder spreader disk on 2002 Sterling spreader.
- Have 2 hydraulic hoses ordered from Allenwood Equipment for John Deere 444 Loader.
- Hydraulic cylinder is being repaired on Huber grader. It needs a new RAM because old RAM has a slight bend in it. Cost approximately \$1250.00.

### **Roads and bridges**

- Cleaned snow and ice from bridges on Kline, Beaver Dam and Ross Hill Road.
- Stocked 15 tri-axles of anti skid.
- Replaced a Stop sign on Allison Road that was stolen at intersection of Green Grove Rd.
- Replaced Gregg Township sign on Blue Ball that was stolen at Gregg Township and Walker Township line.
- Snow removal, cindering roads, and mixing anti skid.
- Filled pot holes with 2 RC stones on Vonada Gap, Lingle Valley and Blue Ball.
- Dry hydrant at Walker's Bridge comes close to snow plow when plowing. May need to be moved.

**5. Planning Commission:** Will meet January 30, 2006 at Penns Valley High School for voting on regional plan.

### **6. Zoning Hearing Board**

No meeting was necessary.

### **7. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency**

Mr. Ripka sent the monthly report. The fee schedule that was sent in September will be the one for 2006. There is a problem with occupancy permits being delivered, if no one is there. The agency would like to charge \$25 for every revisit that has to be made. Mr. Rayman will be contacted to see if a resolution needs to be done for that.

Mr. Bierly met with Cox, Ritchey and Associates and talked about a procedural audit for the Agency. It will take 2 days for the audit-\$84/hr –total bill would be \$1300. This cost would be divided among the participating townships.

### **8. Zoning Officer**

Jeff Wingert submitted written reports.

### **9. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission**

There was no quorum at Penns Valley High school so Mr. Bierly has written a letter to those not attending for their written vote. The secretary mailed those on Friday, January 13, 2006 to Dave Sampsel, Chris Kunes and Scott Wolfe.

### **10. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Mr. Bierly moved that Dave Henning serve as the Penns Valley alternative representative. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

## **SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bierly made motion to accept the minutes with corrections from December 8, 2005 meeting. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

### **Review of Township Correspondence**

The secretary presented a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence for the Board's information.

There is a Quickbook's Payroll seminar in February at Penn Tech College. The secretary would like to attend.

Approval was given.

Enrollment forms for PSAT Annual Convention have been received. It is April 23-26, 2006.

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 11-30-05 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 222,290.20		
Equipment Fund	\$ 24,889.00		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 46236.78		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 539,552.57		
Street Light Fund	\$ 2977.89		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 308,620.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 23,991.54

## Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

The Treasurer reported that the Quickbooks finances are not correct and that Ms. Mason and Mrs. Kauffman would like to have Seligman, Friedman and Company to come in and help straighten things out. Another auditor would be given the audit to perform. Mr. Bierly made the motion to allow Seligman, Friedman to come in and fix accounting system as per firm's fees. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Treasurer presented a list of bills to be paid for the month of December. Mr. Strouse made a motion to approve the list of bills as presented. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Strouse made the motion to adjourn at 8: 50 PM. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Randy Rockey, Emergency Management followed the meeting with a presentation on the NIMS program for the county.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary