

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
April 12, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Members: Douglas Bierly and Pat Leary (Walter Strouse was ill)

Residents/Visitors: Chuck Thompson-Nittany Engineering, Don Grenoble-EMC, Mark Kauffman, Dave Smith, Donald Tice, Denny Fultz, Tom Haupt, Doug Young, Mike Mattas, Sue Noll, Ed Noll, and Michael T Matis,

Ordinance 6-97-03

The hearing was opened for the "must-connect" ordinance for the Water Authority. No comments were made.

The hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 6-97-03

Mr. Bierly moved to pass the "must-connect" ordinance for the Gregg Township Water Authority. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Penns Valley lease for elementary school

Mr. Rayman says that the school district did not look at the new lease he had drawn up. They returned the original one sent by the school district with one change in section 8 "approval of tenants not competing with school district". Mr. Leary had talked with Pam Farabaugh and told her that she and Rob Pacella should come up with some dates and times to meet with the Supervisors and Mr. Rayman to get this lease settled. No word had been heard as of the meeting from the Township secretary.

New Computer

The funding for this computer will come from the Liquid Fuels Account-\$899.99.

Planning Commission Vacancy

Mr. Bierly moved that William Seay be appointed to the Planning Commission. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Belsky Subdivision

This subdivision is on Green Grove Road and is 2 parcels that have a shared private drive. Mr. Thompson suggested that the landowner will need to pay a fee since there is not feasible land for recreation from the parcels. Mr. Bierly approved the fee. Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Kauffman Subdivision

Mr. Thompson presented the Kauffman subdivision plan. 2 of the lots have rail beds on and can be used for the proposed Rails-to-Trails path. This would be given to the Township in place of the fee. There also would be an agreement drawn up that when the Kauffmans no longer needed the rest of the rail bed that Gregg Township would get first chance to use it. Mr. Bierly made the motion to approve. Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Internet DSL

With the addition of the new computer and downloading a new version of Quickbooks it was not possible to update the tax records for payroll. Therefore Mr. Bierly moved that we purchase DSL hook up from Verizon and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

The wireless phones need to be updated before February 2008, so that will be taken care of also.

Mobile Park Permit #2007-1

The 2007 mobile park permit was paid for and issued to Long's Trailer Park on April 13, 2007.

Road Material Bids

The secretary had the information ready to be advertised in the Centre Daily Times. Mr. Bierly moved that the Township advertise the materials. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Zoning Officer Report

There is a proposed Amish Cemetery on RT 192- it passes all of the zoning stipulations but there is a state requirement that no ground water be within 1 mile of a public water source. There is a residential well within 350 feet. Mr. Rayman said that the Dept of Health would have to be involved if there were a problem. The Township has done all it has to do.

Mr. Bierly made the comment that the webpage needs to be updated. It is the Centre County part that needs to be updated.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

The situation of Mr. Tice was questioned by several Fire Company members. They are not comfortable working with him and do not feel that Mr. Tice abides by rules of his disability. Mr. Rayman said the doctor's letter doesn't say much as far as what Mr. Tice can and can't do. The Fire Company will not reinstate Mr. Tice until they have a court order that says they need to.

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

No report.

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

4. Gregg Township Water Authority

Mr. Stitzer reported that two water lines would be run on April 23rd. One would be tapped in by the owner of the tapping machine, the other by the Gregg Township Water Authority.

4. Roadmaster

Equipment

- Had a new dimmer switch and turn signal unit installed on 2002 Sterling at Fred Stover's garage.
- Repaired a tire on 1999 F-550.
- Got saw chains, bar oil and other chain saw materials at Millheim Small Engine Shop Open House for 10% off.
- Changed oil and greased JD Loader 444.

Roads and bridges

- Installed Bridge 9 Ton Bridge Limit Sign on Ross Hill.
- Filled pot holes with 2 RC stones on Blue Ball, Lingle Valley, Decker Valley and Swamp Creek Road.
- Hauled #3 stones from Route 45 bridge project that were given to Township free for the hauling. Stored stones at old Quarry on Allison Road approximately 200 ton or more.
- Attended meeting on Ross Hill Bridge at Walkers. Estimated cost for bridge about \$1,175,000 to be built in year 2011. There were many concerns about right of ways with utilities, sediment, sand bars, (only 50 feet face be removed), artifacts, and alignment of bridge and property right of ways.
- All snow fence has been removed and stored.

5. Planning Commission:

They met on April 2, 2007 Mr. Slack, Mr. Horner and Mr. Crust attended the meeting with a concern about their properties if a development goes in at the end of Long Street. Mr. Wallace said he would check on the road docket to see where the Township road ends.

Mr. Lathbury from the CC Planning Office has found a graduate student to work for 6 weeks the summer of 2007 on doing a conservative subdivision plan. The man's name is Jeffrey Fitzpatrick and would be willing to work for \$2000. Mr. Leary moved that the Supervisors spend the \$2000 to hire Mr. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Wes Miller from the Penns Valley Businessmen's Association had talked to Mr. Bierly about bringing business to Gregg Township.

6. Zoning Hearing Board

No meeting was necessary.

7. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

Francis Auman's property on Tool Shed Road is getting junky again. Mr. Ripka will keep an eye on it. The Rowles property was checked but all buildings have been in compliance. Permits were given also for the month of March.

8. Zoning Officer

No report.

9. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

The committee met on March 19, 2007 at the Gregg Township building and discussed Haines Township zoning and the water grant for Gregg Township.

10. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Final draft of the comments on Transportation plan is almost completed.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bierly made the motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2007 meeting. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Review of Township Correspondence

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

It was suggested that the Bald Eagle State Forester, Jim Lipko be invited to the next Supervisor's meeting to discuss the Sand Mountain Trail. The Township Secretary will contact him.

Tax exonerations were approved by a motion from Mr. Bierly and seconded by Mr. Leary. Motion carried 2-0.

Taxes turned over for collection were approved by a motion from Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Bierly. Motion carried 2-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 2-28-07 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 265,599.32		
Equipment Fund	\$ 48,316.59		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 153,598.29		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 56,409.90	94,512.71 (savings)	514,290.28 (CDs)
Street Light Fund	\$ 2066.71		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 242,840.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 29,061.07

Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

The Treasurer presented a list of bills to be paid for the month of March. Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the list of bills as presented. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bierly made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary