

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
May 10, 2007

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: Pat Casher, Jessica Sheets, Tom Stitzer, Don Grenoble, Gil Morrison and Don Albertson

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ralph Snyder had stopped in before the meeting to express his gratitude to the Supervisors for their work with the Community Center to be opened in the former Gregg Township Elementary School.

OLD BUSINESS:

Penns Valley-Gregg Township Elementary School

The leases have been traded and on April 30 the supervisors held an executive session with Rob Patella from the School District to discuss the leases. Mr. Leary had told Mr. Patella that the Supervisors prefer to use the lease drawn up by Solicitor Robert Rayman. That was agreed upon. Mr. Rayman then received an e-mail from Mr. Patella's secretary in regard to the amount the building needed to be insured for. It jumped from \$2 million to \$4 million. Also there was mention of automobile liability and worker's compensation. Mr. Rayman said that wasn't necessary. Situation tabled.

Ms. Sheets reported that two of her co-workers, Kenneth W Szala and Gabriel L Pellegrini had walked through the Gregg Township Elementary School with Mr. Patella and had made a list of concerns. Mr. Patella was to send digital plans and they have not been received as of May 10, 2007. Additional costs would be to hook up to the chiller, replacing the generator if taken, and upgrading bathrooms to meet ADA requirements.

The men from Innovative Consultants felt the building was well-maintained and the commercial kitchen is an asset. Some concern over fire rating, roof repairs and the changing of usage of school for Labor and Industry standards.

Mr. Grenoble wondered why the Township was getting into the real estate business. He feels the citizens should be given a chance to give feedback on the school as well as the purchased Potter Township land for recreation.

Mr. Strouse agreed that public hearings should be held and allows the citizens to give input and ask questions.

Mr. Bierly reported that a Craft Fair had been held in April and \$492.35 had been collected. A bank account will be opened at Jersey Shore bank with the Township secretary handling the funds at this point.

Mr. Morrison said that he is definitely in support of the community building and the "we can't afford to lose it".

Mr. Bierly stated that the community businesses should benefit from a community center. That is a positive benefit.

PVCEA should be contacted and have they set up a walk-through to inspect on behalf of what Labor and Industry would look for. Mr. Ripka and Mr. Burd will do the inspection.

Mr. Leary felt that a copy of the lease should be sent to all of the school board members. The next meeting of the PVASB is on Wednesday, May 16th.

Ms. Sheets is trying to set up meetings with Senator Corman and Benninghoff for seed money since the State budget is soon to be passed. She will contact the Township Secretary with dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Authority Grants

Pat Casher presented the community development block grant application for approval by the Township Supervisors. It will be for one half million dollars through the Dept. of Community and Economic Development. \$50 million is set aside each year for water and sewer. Mr. Rayman reviewed the forms and they were signed by Mr. Leary and the Township Secretary. Four resolutions were passed-one on improving drinking water, one for handicapped accessibility, one for non-violent civil rights demonstration and last on Fair Housing. Mr. Bierly moved that all of the resolutions be adopted, assurances be given, reports disclosed and then that the papers be signed. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Gregg Township Community Center Advisory Board

An advisory board committee has been suggested by the people working at the center. Mr. Bierly made the motion to set up a Community Center Advisory with citizens of Penns Valley area and task them to construct by-laws and then report to the Gregg Township Supervisors. Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Strouse opposed.

Resolution 5-7-11

There will be no agricultural use on Potter Township land that was purchased for recreation and that the water lines would be underground. Mr. Bierly made the motion to approve this resolution, Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Strouse opposed.

Road Materials and Limestone Bids

Bids for road materials (hot mix 2A base and wearing and cold Patch) and limestone materials were received and opened. The following companies received the bids for the 2007 year. **Eastern Industries** for the limestone materials was moved by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Bierly. Motion carried 3-0. **HRI, Inc.** for road materials was moved by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Bierly. Motion carried 3-0. Letters will be sent to all bidders informing of results.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

Mr. Grenoble had a list of dates that the Fire Company and Fire Police would be involved in. Mr. Bierly moved to approve the dates. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fish Derby	May 19th
Antique Show	May 29-June 3
Antique Show	Sept. 4-9
Gregg Township Carnival	Aug 2-4
Centre Hall Carnival	June 5-9
Millheim Carnival	June 21-23
Rebersburg Carnival	July 12-14

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

No report.

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

Mr. Morrison reported that the new accountants-Integrity Accounting are doing a great job. They are also taking care of delinquent sewer accounts. The sewer authority is holding its own. Money goes out easier than it comes in.

4. Gregg Township Water Authority

Mr. Stitzer reported that a community meeting for the water authority will be held on Wednesday, May 16th at the Gregg Township Fire Hall. They are going to not pursue the loan at this time because they are expecting the citizens to pay too much per month.

There is a meeting with Representative Benninghoff to be held on Friday, May 18th.

4. Roadmaster

Equipment

- Had a towing hitch put on summer spreader.
- 1999 Ford F550 state inspected front u-joints replaced
- removed winter cinder spreaders and put summer spreaders on

Roads and bridges

- Cut dead trees on Ridge Road and Green Grove
- Cleared ditches on Ridge Road.
- Repaired berms on Ross Hill.
- Put 2 RC on Middle Road.
- Fixed berms on Harter Road with #3 stone and 2 RC
- Swept streets and bridges
- Cold patched Long Street Extension, South Street, West Street, East Street, Immel Road and

Tar and chipping- Bitner Hollow, Blue Ball, Grenoble Road and Gingrich Gap roads could be done. The secretary will call Tom Wilt from Pine Creek and set up a time to look at the roads with Mr. Strouse for some bids.

5. Planning Commission:

They met on April 7, 2007. Mr. Lathbury from the County was there to discuss Conservation Subdivision. Mr. Bierly, Ms. Albertson and Mr. Seay attended the Land Conservation Workshop today at Penn State University.

The Kauffman property has been approved for a rails-to-trails plot in-lieu of the recreation fee. Insurance will be checked as to liability.

6. Zoning Hearing Board

A meeting is planned for Thursday, June 7, at 8 PM in regard to Hosterman subdivision shared driveways.

7. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

Mr. Auman's property is still being observed. Permits were given for the month of April.

Haines Township is sponsoring an Asphalt Zipper workshop on May 22 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Strouse will be attending.

8. Zoning Officer

No report.

9. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

The committee will meet on May 21, 2007 at the Gregg Township building.

10. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Draft of the Public Participation Plan is being worked on.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bierly made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2007 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 was some discussion on 911 addressing in regard to Pennview Drive.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 4-30-07 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 282,965.13		
Equipment Fund	\$ 51,802.71		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 245,551.44		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 56,785.60	96,019.27 (savings)	519,863.54(CDs)
Street Light Fund	\$ 1763.31		

Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 232,720.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 29,061.07
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Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

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

Resolution 5-07-10

A bank account for the Gregg Township Elementary Community Center was opened. Mr. Bierly moved to pass the resolution 5-07-10 to have the Township Secretary handle the money. Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Strouse opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bierly made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary