

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
June 14, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. The following individuals were in attendance:

Members: Douglas Bierly, Pat Leary, and Walter Strouse

Residents/Visitors Tom Stitzer-Water Authority, Don Grenoble-EM, Chuck Thompson-Nittany Engineering, Nevin Stitzer and Mr. Byers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Stitzer questioned the township contribution to PV EMS building. Mr. Leary said that the Township would be contributing something and it would be discussed under new business.

Mr. Stitzer questioned how the land purchased in Potter Township would benefit Gregg Township citizens. Mr. Leary stated that it would be used for recreation purposes. The present soccer program is overflowing the Centre Hall elementary school fields. The money used to purchase the land had been set aside for recreation. It is important to work together with neighboring townships and boroughs and is in the Township's favor when it comes to applying for grants.

Mr. Stitzer also felt that the Township should not be in the real estate business and should not be involved in leasing the Gregg Township Elementary School. He feels it will just be a tax burden to the Township. Mr. Strouse agreed with Mr. Stitzer. Mr. Bierly and Mr. Leary do not feel that way and feel it is important that there be a community center for the Township and the Valley to use.

OLD BUSINESS:

Penns Valley-Gregg Township Elementary School

Gary Talerico from Pallone Insurance came on June 12th and took photos of the Gregg Township Elementary School. He phoned the secretary and said he would have a quote in a couple of days for the Supervisors on insurance.

Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the lease agreement with the Penns Valley School District for 1 year for \$1.00. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Strouse was opposed. The lease was signed and will be mailed to the Penns Valley School District.

Kauffman subdivision

Mr. Thompson felt that Mr. Franson-Township engineer, asking the Kauffmans to help with paying for road improvement in Potter Township was not appropriate. Mr. Leary responded that was not a Supervisor role to determine that.

Mr. Thompson also wanted to know about the maintenance of the rails-to trails. Mr. Leary stated at this point in time that land is a "meadow" and it would be probably 10-15 years before that rails-to-trail would be in use. Mr. Thompson had a letter he wanted the solicitor to look at and Mr. Leary asked that a copy be sent to the Township Secretary.

Nittany Engineering is planning on submitting the Kauffman subdivision to the County on Friday, June 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gregg Township Office

There have been some tentative plans to move the Township Office to the new EMS building but Mr. Leary suggested that the office be moved to the Gregg Township Community Center in the old school office. He asked that the Supervisors consider this and vote on it at the July meeting. The rent money would be going to the community center which would benefit the Township.

Township Newsletter

The township can contact RBA which provides the tax records to the tax collector and purchase a CD of personal tax names for Gregg Township. This could be used as a mailing list for the township newsletter. The CD would cost \$45. The newsletter would go out 4 times a year and the content and advertising would need to cover the cost of printing and mailing. Mr. Bierly made a motion to spend the \$45 to purchase the CD. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bank Accounts

The Capital Reserve and State Aid accounts have been dormant for some time and the Jersey Shore Bank has notified the secretary that there needs to be some activity in those accounts to prevent the state coming in and taking the money. Mr. Bierly moved that \$5 be transferred from the General account to both of those accounts. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The secretary will take care of transferring the money.

Pine Creek Township

Mr. Strouse had Thomas Wilt from Pine Creek Township come and look at 4 roads that need some tar and chipping. Mr. Wilt came on May 22 and looked at the roads. His bids were as follows for double seal coats. Mr. Strouse and the Township road crew would purchase the stone, load the trucks with stone and sweep the roads before the projects begin.

Bids were as follows:

Bitner Hollow Road T-453	\$10,816.00
Blue Ball Road T-470	\$9,080.00
Grenoble Road T-459	\$19,371.80
Gingrich Road T-472	\$10,155.11

Payments for this will come out of the General Fund. There was a surplus the last two years that will be used. Mr. Bierly moved that a double layer of tar and chip be done on the above mentioned roads. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The secretary will return the signed contracts and Mr. Strouse will contact Pine Creek Township.

T-468 Penns Creek Bridge

Jessica Sheets and John Conrad, Innovative Consultants, met with the Township Supervisors on May 30th in regard to the Penns Creek Bridge on T-468. The bridge is slated to begin preliminary engineering in 2008. They suggested that the Township begin the preliminary work now with writing a letter to Penn Dot for reimbursement agreement and contract paperwork. They will be handling this since Don Franson, Main Engineer, doesn't work on bridges. A letter has been written to Penn Dot. Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the letter and send it. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Spruce Run Culvert

Mr. Leary told Mr. Grenoble that the Fire Company needs to be aware that construction on the Spruce Run Culvert is slated to begin on Monday, June 18th. They will need to know that part of the road is closed until that construction is complete.

Penns Creek Bridge on RT 45

Mr. Bierly questioned the status of this bridge. No information has been given to the Township. Construction is slated to begin in 2008.

911 Addresses

911 fax in regard to changing 708 U. Georges Valley Road to Brown Hollow Lane. Mr. Bierly moved that it was okay. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried. A road sign would need to be purchased and installed. The secretary will fax okay back to county.

NIMS Coordinator

Mr. Leary and Mr. Grenoble will decide who will need to take this role.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

Mr. Grenoble asked if the parade permit was gotten. The secretary had not done so but will do very shortly.

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

There is a meeting with joint EM services on July 19th.

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

No report.

4. Gregg Township Water Authority

Mr. Stitzer reported that they had reapplied for the loan. The income survey is complete and they were told it was considerably in the Water Authority's favor. Mr. Leary thanked Mr. Stitzer for his efforts.

Mr. Kunes has given the water authority the piece of land they needed in exchange for 30 water hook-ups not to exceed \$7500.00.

5. Zoning Hearing Board

They met on June 7 in regard to Jeff Hosterman property and the variance for shared driveways. After the hearing the zoning hearing board voted in favor of allowing the 4 shared driveways to the proposed subdivision.

There were several citizens at the hearing hoping to stop the subdivision but that was not possible at this point. Mr. Kreger will be asked to notify the Township secretary when perk tests are being done for any subdivision.

6. Roadmaster

Equipment

- Stitzers Repair Service replaced clutch, pressure plate, power bearings and transmission seal on '98 Ford F Series.
- Attended Asphalt Zipper demonstration in Haines Township on May 22. Not impressed-didn't break it up as fine as it should be. It is an expensive piece of equipment and has to be attached in front of loader or to back-hoe. Made a lot of dust. They are hunting municipalities to join in and share the cost of it. Mr. Strouse wouldn't be interested in joining in to purchase the equipment.
- Replaced '99 F550 right front tire.
- Installed a neutral position rod on the dresser roller.
- Fuel monitor trouble-sensor alarm is on the #2 tank. He called the company and Frank will be in to look at it next week. He will call the secretary and let her know when he will be here.
- The fuel tanks need inspected according to DEP. Secretary called company in Bellefonte and they will return her call next week.

Roads and bridges

- Cut dead trees at Dale Ranks on Grenoble Road.
- Hauled #3 stones and 2 RC to widen berms.
- Cold patched Long Street extension, Bitner Hollow, Blue Ball and Grenoble.
- Removed oak tree on Green Grove Road at 11 PM on March 30.
- Installed extensions on 2 culvert pipes on Grenoble Road.
- Removed downed trees from the wind storm on Kline, Ridge and Lingle Valley Roads.
- Cold patched Gingrich Gap.
- The Fire Company will need to water the driveways when the Township does tar and chipping on Beaver Dam and Kunesman Road bridges.
- Will start mowing next week.

7. Planning Commission:

They met on June 4, 2007. Mr. Lathbury from the County was there to discuss Conservation Subdivision.

8. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

Mr. Auman's and the Pyle's property is still being observed for ordinance violations. Permits were given for the month of May.

Mr. Ripka and Mr. Hankinson inspected the Gregg Township Elementary school and gave a report of what will need to be repaired and/or updated.

8. Zoning Officer

Cemetery permit has been applied for and the Krislund property has sold a piece to a neighboring property.

9. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

The committee met on May 21, 2007 at the Gregg Township building. Wes Miller and Chuck Mason spoke about the Valley being business friendly to encourage businesses to stay and/or to come to the Valley.

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 May 10, 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 a complaint to DEP about a sewage violation. Mr. Kreger, SEO was sent a copy of the letter. The secretary will follow up with him on status of complaint.

Penns Valley EMS contribution was discussed. It will be discussed again at the July meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

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

General Fund	\$ 432,991.88		
Equipment Fund	\$ 82,847.85		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 140,964.11		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 57,263.21	96,121.18 (savings)	519,863.54(CDs)
Street Light Fund	\$ 3121.10		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 227,600.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 29,061.07

School Fund	\$717.00 (new community center)
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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 May. Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the list of bills as presented. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bierly made the motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary