

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
July 13, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. The following individuals were in attendance:

Members: Pat Leary, Doug Bierly and Walter Strouse

Residents/Visitors: Stan Wallace-Nittany Engineering, Donna Miller-Tax Collector, Gerald Goodheart and Jim and Kathy Harpster

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The regular meeting was closed and the public hearing for the fee-in-lieu of ordinance was opened. There was no public comment. Mr. Bierly brought up that the planning commission would like to see an exemption made for one lot for each farm to a family member. Mr. Rayman said that was not a good idea. A rate of \$1250 would be the set fee. The hearing was then closed. The regular meeting resumed.

Mr. Bierly made the motion to pass Ordinance 7-06-02 for the fee-in-lieu of ordinance. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Gerald Goodheart is subdividing his property and does not want to perc the lot for sewer since there are no plans for any building to be constructed on it. The SEO, Jeff Kreger, and the Zoning Officer, Jeff Wingert have both told him that is what the zoning ordinance states. Mr. Rayman suggested we get a written letter from the SEO to Mr. Goodheart. Mr. Kreger then came to the meeting so it was addressed again. Mr. Kreger did not realize Mr. Goodheart had a "junk yard" which was deemed commercial use. He will contact Kathy Henry, surveyor and see if they can give the commercial parcel a holding tank planning module. That would eliminate the need for the perc tests. Mr. Goodheart agreed.

Stan Wallace presented the plans for the Louis Peachey subdivision. The county has a concern with Gregg Township's zoning ordinance and needs clarification of "private street". There can be no cul-de-sacs on a dedicated township street but private streets may have them. Also the composition of private roads is up to the subdivider. The roads need to be wide enough for emergency vehicles to use them and for two cars to pass each other. A question of whether two private roads could be on one subdivision was possible. The supervisors told Mr. Wallace to check with the Zoning Officer. Mrs. Kauffman will compose a letter to the County Planning Office to Anson Burwell on Township letterhead with those clarifications.

Donna Miller, Gregg Township Tax Collector, presented information in regard to accepting fees outside tax collecting. She is asked to verify in writing paid taxes, duplicate bills, mobile home removal permits and NSF checks. An ordinance will be drawn up with the fees on a resolution. Only the resolution will need to be changed when the fees are changed.

Mrs. Miller also brought up the fact that she and Mrs. Kauffman have spoken about some part-time work. Mrs. Miller wondered if it would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Rayman did not feel so. Mrs. Kauffman will work part-time on Tuesday afternoon's opening mail, entering computer data and other tasks as needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Authority

A letter was received from Attorney Robert Mix concerning the Spring Mills Water Association, Inc. willing to sell the assets for the nominal consideration of one (\$1.00). Mr. Bierly made the motion to acquire the assets and Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Auman Situation

Glenn Ripka, Code Enforcer reported the Auman properties are in compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

Rt. 45 Bridge

One lane has been closed and traffic signals have been put up to direct cars through the one lane. Status is that it will be fixed within a month but the bridge will not be replaced until the end of 2007 or the beginning of 2008. Mr. Leary asked that the secretary call Penn Dot and ask them to send a representative to the August meeting to discuss sensitive design of the bridge.

Gregg Township Fire Company Raffle

Donations were discussed but there is no record of any being given in 2005. The only donation was the paying the insurance premium for the Fire Company. This bill had just been paid. No other donations were given.

SEO

Jeff Kreger presented the Peachey subdivision but Mr. Wallace had already done that so not much was discussed. He also said that any land that was subdivided before 1989 did not have to go through the whole perc process and a one page form could be accepted. Mr. Kreger had one for the Edgewood Lane property belonging to Jim and Kathy Harpster. It will be placed in their tax parcel code file.

Paychecks

The days and procedure for paying employees was discussed. The pay is to be done on the 15th and the last day of the month. The problem is getting them signed for those days. Therefore we will try to get them done the day before so they can have two supervisors sign them by the end of the pay day.

Penn State Land

Mr. Rayman sent memorandums on the land transfer to the supervisors. All three were given copies. They are to be read for next meeting.

Spring Mills Elementary School

Meetings are being held with school board members in regard to what will happen to the school. Mrs. Kauffman spoke with Marsha Bailey (school secretary) and got a list of groups using the school that were not from the district itself.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

The parade permits for road closing are here from Penn Dot. The Parade will be on Thursday, August 3 at 7 PM.

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

No report

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

No report

4. Roadmaster

Mr. Strouse went for his random drug test for his CDL license on Wednesday, July 12.

Roads and bridges

- Mr. Strouse took the Attitude Alley sign because it will need a new bracket. Ross's will be billed.
- Sprayed linseed oil and turpentine on Kline and Beaver Dam Bridge.
- Installed posts and street signs on Green Grove and Gregg Township.
- Cleaned ditches on Vonada Gap.
- Mowing has been completed.
- Put 2 RC stone on the berms of various township roads.
- Ordered street signs that were run over. The person that did it will be billed.
- Graded parts of Ridge, Middle, Green Grove, Vonada Gap, and Lingle Valley.
- Tree still in Penns Creek.
- Spread 2 RC stones on Blue Ball Road. Started grading the road but didn't finish because of rain.

Equipment

- Had the oil leak and brakes fixed on the Sterling.
- Installed 1 pair of tires on the front of the 1998 Ford F series.
- Replaced four parts on Triumph mower.
- Ordered mower parts.

Gregg Township Fire Company extended an invitation to the Supervisors to participate in the parade. Mr. Bierly will run a piece of equipment in the parade.

5. Planning Commission

They met on Monday, July 10. Beth Rider from the County came and will take the recreational map and digitize the group's work on it for the next meeting. Norm Lathbury was there from the County and talked about conservation design. The fee-in-lieu ordinance was discussed. They asked that if a farm subdivided one lot for a child, could it be exempted. Mr. Rayman said that was not a good idea. They set the fee at \$1250.

6. Zoning Hearing Board

No meeting was necessary.

7. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

Mr. Ripka sent the monthly report.

8. Zoning Officer

Jeff Wingert submitted written reports. Mr. Leary wondered if anything had been done with Bill McLaughlin's garage. Mrs. Kauffman did not have any information about this from Mr. Wingert.

9. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

The next meeting is July 17th at 7 PM.

10. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Minutes were in correspondence file. The draft tip is out for public comment. Bridge projects are still in the long range planning.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Strouse made a motion to accept the minutes as amended from the June 8, 2006 meeting. Mr. Bierly seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Review of Township Correspondence

The secretary presented a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence for the Board's information. Mr. Leary and Julie Mason would like to attend the Official Map Workshop in Williamsport on August 16. Mr. Leary and Mrs. Kauffman would like to attend the Municipal Budgeting Workshop in Williamsport on September 14. Mr. Strouse made a motion to approve those workshops. Mr. Bierly seconded. Motion carried 2-0 with Mr. Leary abstaining.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 6-30-06 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 307,896.53		
Equipment Fund	\$ 66,273.62		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 204,331.35		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 540,900.92		
Street Light Fund	\$ 4410.20		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 283,320.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 24,867.23

Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

The Treasurer presented a list of bills to be paid for the month of June. 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. Bierly made the motion to adjourn at 9:27PM. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary