

MINUTES  
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
July 14, 2005

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. The following individuals were in attendance:

Members: Jay Sletson, Douglas Bierly, and Walter Strouse.

Residents/Visitors: Pat Leary, Resident, PVEMS and Zoning Hearing Board; Don Grenoble, Gregg Township Fire Company/EMA; Sherry & Matt Sharer, Don McGahan, and Tom Stitzer, Spring Mills Water Company.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sherry and Matt Sharer attended the meeting to make a plea to the Supervisors regarding the permit costs to construct their home. After a lengthy discussion on the matter, the Supervisors were not in the position to offer the remedy the Sharer's had sought.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Guide Rail Bids**

The bids will be opened and results compiled after the submission deadline and prior to the meeting. After reviewing the results, Mr. Strouse made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Keystone Guiderail. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. This project is to improve safety in areas with drop off issues and replacement of bad rails. The motion carried 3-0.

Keystone Guiderail offered a total price of \$20,685.40 for the entire project. This is almost half of the amounts submitted in the bids opened in April using new guide rail.

**Water Association / Authority update**

Mr. Tom Stitzer reported that the letters to the water company members will be sent out next week with ballot cards to vote on the potential change to a Township authority. The rumors around town suggest people could be interested in the change to an authority. The pilot test for the water filtration system has preliminarily passed. A permanent full scale model will need to be created to replace the temporary unit currently filtering the water. This project will probably be out for bids next summer. The water company is hoping to be eligible for low interest loans as an authority to fund this project.

**Fire Protection & Prevention Ordinance**

At the June meeting, the Supervisors asked Mr. Grenoble to discuss the draft ordinance with the members of the Fire Company and report back at the July meeting. Mr. Grenoble said that the Fire Company had not held a meeting since the last Supervisors meeting to discuss the matter.

**Route 45 Bridge Project**

A field meeting will be held on Friday, July 15, 2005 at 1PM with Mark Kucherer from PennDOT regarding the replacement of the Route 45 Bridge.

**Hometown Streets / Safe Routes to School Plan**

A workshop is scheduled for Gregg Township office Wednesday, August 10, 2005 by Trish Meek at CCMPO regarding the application process. After the workshop information is obtained, a public meeting could be held at the fire hall to discuss with the residents of the Village the issues involved with building and maintenance of a sidewalk system within the Village.

**Other Old Business**

No other old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Executive Session**

As provided for by Pennsylvania law within the "The Sunshine Act", an executive session was held on Friday, June 24, 2005 regarding a potential legal issue.

## **Permission for the Fire Police to direct traffic at local non-emergency events**

A request letter from Centre Hall Borough for the Gregg Township Fire Police to direct traffic at the Centre Hall Carnival was received. Since the secretary could not find a record in previous minutes granting "permission" to direct traffic at non-emergency events throughout the summer months and there has been controversy over Worker's Compensation issues with the Fire Police on the PSATS chat line discussion, the Board of Supervisors decided to remedy the potential situation.

Mr. Bierly made a motion to grant permission to the Gregg Township Fire Police to aid with the:

1. Centre Hall Parade to be held on July 21, 2005 with a rain date on July 22, 2005;
2. Gregg Township Carnival August 4-6, 2005;
3. Whatever is deemed appropriate at the Fall Antique Show at Penns Cave between September 6 and September 11, 2005.

Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

## **Letter from the Miller Agency about blasting in the Township**

The Miller Insurance Agency wrote a letter to the Township regarding an incident which occurred as a result of blasting the rock to build the foundation for a new construction on lot 25 of the Stonefield Subdivision. Mr. Donald McGahan, 111 Gregg Street, had severe damage incur to his residence as a result of the blasting. Mr. Miller is Mr. McGahan's insurance agent and suggested that the Township consider regulating future blasting. PSATS will be consulted as to how other municipalities handle blasting issues.

## **PSU Land Proposal**

Gregg Township was introduced to a potential multi-municipal agreement for park land within Potter Township. The land is currently owned by Penn State. Penn State will consider selling the land for park use to municipalities around the land parcel. Mr. Bierly has volunteered to be a representative to continue discussions involving this potential land acquisition. This is a potential recreational service as suggested in the proposed Penns Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan.

## **Other New Business:**

### **Agenda Items for August**

- o Kenneth & Kitty Haupt Minor Land Development
- o Nature's Land Partnership Subdivision Plan
- o Set up Budget 2006 schedule of meetings

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

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

Mr. Grenoble reported that the Fire Company did not meet since the last Supervisors meeting.

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

Mr. Grenoble requested a new battery for his Emergency System radio. Mr. Grenoble will get the battery and the Township will reimburse him the money.

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

Mr. Morrison submitted an updated copy of the 2004 Audit for the Gregg Township Sewer Authority. Mr. Morrison had requested the services of the Gregg Township Zoning Officer to act as an agent for the Sewer Authority. The Supervisors feel this is not a good idea. The Sewer Authority is separate from the Township and the Zoning Officer acting as an agent for the separate groups might cause a conflict with the validity of those separate organizations.

### **4. Roadmaster**

The Roadmaster thanked the Fire Company for washing the Koonsman Bridge on Kline Road and the Beaver Dam Bridge on Beaver Dam Road.

The Roadmaster also asked if the Fire Company would wet the driveway at the Township shed during the tar and chip project to keep the dust down with the additional truck traffic. The tar projects should be completed the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. The roadmaster at Pine Creek will contact Mr. Strouse closer to the project start to confirm the dates of work.

### Roads/Bridges:

- The ditches and culverts were cleaned along Shook Hollow and Green Grove Roads.

- The tar and chip projects are anticipated to be completed in the week of July 25th. Grenoble and Bitner Hollow Roads need brushed in preparation for the project.
- Grenoble Road had hot patch filled in the holes created by Tropical Storm Ivan in preparation for a new coat of tar and chips.
- Vonada Gap Road had 2RC stones added to the berms.

#### **5. Planning Commission: 7/5/05**

- The commission discussed the Future Land Use map with the assistance of Mr. Norm Lathbury and Ms. Linda Marshall from the Centre County Planning Office. The planning members a motion to recommend to Mr. Roth to include the current Gregg Township Zoning Map as the Gregg Township Future Land Use Map in the Penns Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan as it currently exists until such time that the Planning Commission was better informed.
- The Planning Members requested a meeting with Mr. Roth to get a better explanation of the potential Future Land Use map as Mr. Roth drew it.
- Ms. Kosik reported on the tour of Conservation Subdivisions in Media Pennsylvania she attended as a representative of Gregg Township. She visited three conservation subdivisions. She said they are beautiful, exactly the way Norm Lathbury discussed with the Planning Commission over the last year as they studied this concept of planning. These developments could be implemented at any house value including low income housing. Nice developments can be created at a low cost.
- The Planning Members discussed the setbacks on the Residential Zone in a potential Village District.
- The Planning Commission members want to promote reusing the vacant buildings and refurbishing the Village community. An issue of permitting lot consolidation to build larger structures conflicts with keeping with the character of the Village has not been resolved.
- DCED and DCNR held a joint workshop on applying for grants with the Growing Greener concepts. Four Gregg Township representatives attended this workshop.

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

No meeting was necessary.

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

Glenn Ripka submitted a written report. The report included a list of building permits issued and in progress in Gregg Township as of 6/30/05.

A Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2005. One of the topics at this meeting will include the fee structure.

#### **8. Zoning Officer**

Jeff Wingert submitted written reports.

1. A list of sign and zoning permits issued since the beginning 2005.
2. Report on subdivision / land development plans.

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

The public meeting in the adoption process previously scheduled for September 2005 has been postponed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2005.

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

### **SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Strouse made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 9, 2005 meeting as submitted. Mr. Bierly 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. No action occurred as a result of the correspondence.

#### **Financial Reports and Account Balances**

The balances of the accounts effective 6-30-05 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 234,697.60		
Equipment Fund	\$ 21,693.71		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 81,773.16		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 539,196.72		
Street Light Fund	\$ 3,846.55		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 338,980.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 18,408.75

Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:**

The Treasurer presented a list of bills to be paid for the month of August. 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 9:33 PM. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary