

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
August 10, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Members: Pat Leary and Doug Bierly

Residents/Visitors: Stan Wallace-Nittany Engineering, Mark Kucherer-Penn Dot, Tom Stitzer- Water Authority, Don Grenoble-Emergency Management, Jeff Kreger-SEO, and Ray Grove.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several complaints were received from Gregg Township citizens concerning the foundation for Robert and Rita Pyle on School/Railroad Street. Those complaints will be sent to Glenn Ripka, PVCEA for him to contact the owners.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Kucherer, Penn Dot representative spoke to the meeting in regard to the RT 45 Bridge adjacent to the town of Spring Mills. Preliminary Engineering has started and Base mapping has been completed. There has been a Proteam meeting and they are looking at the superstructure width of 30' and substructure reuse. If they can use the existing abutments, they will do that. It will save money and avoid the cost of moving utility lines. It will also be able to be completed in a shorter period of time and less impacts to the environment. The bid letting will be in October of 2008. The Department is hopeful of letting the project sooner. Hawbaker Company fixed the bridge after this last inspection. Construction was discussed as far as speed limits and detours. A detour using temporary signals along Firehall Road/SR 2008 will be used (similar to the detour used for the SR 0045, Section N01 project that seemed to work well). Concerns of EMS used (ambulance) can be mitigated by controlled (preemptive) signaling. The State Police and escort vehicles are not appropriate for this type of project. The elementary school was rumored to be closed. This was confirmed by the Township as a result of Act 34. Architectural treatment was requested for the outside surfaces of the new structure and can be provided. The details of the Architectural treatment will be discussed at a later date. The intersection of Firehall Road and SR 2012 near the Fire Department building was questioned. The intersection improvements of Firehall Road and SR 2012 near the Fire Department building must be separate project of the bridge replacement project. Bridge replacement projects are restricted in the amount of approach work. The intersection improvements projects must be sought from the Centre County Planning Commission to be placed on the TIP. Mr. Leary questioned whether buggy lanes would be considered for the Amish. Mr. Kucherer said he would take that suggestion back to the District. Mr. Kucherer would like a copy of the minutes sent to him upon completion.

Water Authority

Mr. Stitzer reported that the water authority is on track. The Gregg Township Supervisors did send Attorney Mix the \$1 to purchase the Water Association rights. The Authority will be receiving interim financing from Jersey Shore Bank.

Gregg Township Elementary

Mr. Leary has been meeting with three of the school board members in regard to the closed elementary school. They would like to see it be retained for civic use. The YMCA is interested in renting the first floor. There are two floors to the building.

Bitner Hollow Sign

Trooper Buzite from Rockview State Police called on August 8 and left a message that the Bitner Hollow sign was recovered. It had been stolen in April of 2000. Mrs. Kauffman spoke with him and he wondered if the Township wanted to press charges. He also would need someone from the Township to testify. Mr. Strouse will be contacted about the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Peachey Subdivision

Stan Wallace, Nittany Engineering presented the sewage module for the Louis and Naomi Peachey subdivision. Mr. Bierly asked him some questions regarding the Module that the Planning Commission needs to complete. Jeff

Wingert, zoning officer needs to send a letter to Mr. Wallace for approval on the subdivision. Mr. Bierly moved that the Supervisors accept the Planning Module. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PV EMS Loan

Mr. Leary had Mrs. Kauffman check with Jersey Shore Bank about the possibility of securing a loan for the PV EMS to donate the rent ahead of time. Bonnie Ripka stated it would not be more than \$900/month for a \$48,000 loan which would pay the rent at \$800/month for 5 years. Mr. Bierly questioned if the Township might not move into the elementary school if that became available. It was decided to speak with Mr. Strouse on this matter.

Ordinances and Amendment

Amendment to Road Standards Resolution No. 8-03-09 was moved by Mr. Bierly to be accepted. Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Wallace asked that a copy of the resolution be sent to Anson Burwell, Centre County Planning.

Two ordinances were reviewed and will be advertised in the Centre Daily Times on Wednesday, August 16, 2006. Ordinance 9-2-06 proposes the amendment of the Gregg Township Zoning Ordinance section 501H. Lots served by a common drive.

The second ordinance is a proposal of the Township for an ordinance establishing service fees for certain services and information provided by the Gregg Township Tax Collector and providing for collection of said fees. Both ordinances will have a public hearing at the September 14, 2006 regular Supervisors meeting.

Millheim/Spring Mills Cable

Barry Kuppel, from the Millheim/Spring Mills cable company has approached the Gregg Township Supervisors in regard to purchasing 50' of TV cable that goes across Penns Creek. The cable company would have to pay \$200 but if the Supervisors owned it, there would be no fee. Mr. Leary moved that the Supervisors set up an agreement with the cable company. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Staff and Liaison Reports

1. SEO

Mr. Kreger came to the meeting so he gave his report. Mr. Goodheart has changed his mind and is now going to have his subdivision plots perked. Jeff Hosterman is still not finished perking his plots. When questioned about the driveways onto Heckman Cemetery road, Mr. Kreger felt that Mr. Hosterman had already gotten the okay from Penn Dot. Mrs. Kauffman will call the Penn Dot representative to see if that is the case.

2. Fire Company and Emergency Management

Mr. Grenoble mentioned the fact that there is a log in Penns Creek to the Fire Chief. It needs to be removed. They will contact Mr. Strouse.

3. Sewer Authority

The Supervisors received a letter from Gil Morrison, Sewer Authority president. They are asking for approval of a new member, Jonathan Gillian for a 3 year term beginning in December of 2005. Mr. Bierly moved that he be approved. Mr. Leary seconded and motion carried 2-0. The secretary will send a letter to Mr. Morrison containing approval.

The Sewer Authority has also switched their accounting business to John Corman.

4. Zoning Hearing Board

There will be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on September 7, 2006 at 7 PM at the Gregg Township Building. It is in regard to John Corman's property and a setback.

5. Roadmaster

Roads and Bridges

- Graded the berms on Lower Georges Valley, Reeder, Harter, Beaver Dam, Immel, Orndorf, Middle, Ridge, Swamp Church, Green Grove, Kline and Allison road.
- Filled potholes on Lingle Valley, Decker Valley and Blue Ball.
- Installed a new Green Grove and Gregg Township sign on East Green Grove that was ran over. The secretary billed Ed Snare on Brush Mountain for cost of signs.
- Graded Decker Valley, Gingrich Gap and Blue Ball Road.
- Spread 2 RC stones on Swamp Church Road.

- Cut brush and weeds on Kline Road.
- Filled berms on various township roads.

6. Planning Commission

The Commission met on August 7. A videotape as shown on Pennsylvania Greenways. Beth Rider from the County Planning Office spoke about a feasibility study grant that could be applied for this year but it is due on September 29, 2006. Julie Mason, Jane Scheuchenzuber, Ruth Jackson and Mr. Bierly have decided they would like to approach the neighboring municipalities to see if they could support both financially and physically. DCNR would pay 50% of the grant and then the other municipalities would have to cover the \$30,000 over a 3 year period. Mr. Bierly made a motion that the Gregg Township Supervisors approve the application for the Grant. Mr. Leary seconded the motion if 5 other municipalities would agree. Motion carried 2-0.

Zoning Officer

Jeff Wingert's report was in the packet. There were 4 permits issued in August.

PVCEA

Glenn Ripka's report was sent. He stated Francis Auman's property still in compliance. He also expressed interest in moving his office to the Gregg Township Elementary School if the Township manages it.

Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Bierly reported that they met and DEP discussed the use of wind turbines, pros and cons.

Centre County MPO

The Transportation hearing was held to discuss the Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan for 2030 on Wednesday, August 9. A copy was sent to the Gregg Township office.

SECRETARY/ TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Bierly moved that the minutes for the July 13, 2006 meeting be approved. Mr. Leary seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The secretary has been called to Federal Jury Duty in Williamsport in October. Also she will be on vacation from December 5-December 13, 2006.

A signature was needed on the PLGIT form to change to Bambie Kauffman, secretary/treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 7-31-06 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 326,011.38		
Equipment Fund	\$ 87,199.20		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 175,114.78		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 541,429.49		
Street Light Fund	\$ 5300.03		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 278,260.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 25,331.47

Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bierly made the motion to adjourn at 9:19 PM. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary

