

MINUTES
 GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
 October 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The following individuals were in attendance:

Members: Pat Leary, Doug Bierly and Walter Strouse

Residents/Visitors Don Grenoble–EM, Tom Stitzer-Water Authority, Jane Burrows -Old Gregg School, Don Franson-Twp Engineer, Jeff Kreger-SEO, Stan Wallace-Nittany Engineering, Mary White, Barry Williams, Betty Strouse and Lisa Strouse.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Grenoble stated that Vonada Gap road is wash boarded and is in terrible driving shape.

Mary White stated that she is upset that she cannot put another house on her land without subdividing. She was told by someone from Gregg Township that she could do that and now the Zoning Officer is telling her that is against Gregg Township's zoning policy. She had Centre County approval and a PENN DOT Highway Occupancy Permit. Glenn Ripka told her she should go to the County. The Gregg Township Supervisors told her she needed to get something in writing from the Zoning Officer. Mr. Leary will call PVCEA and see what the story is.

OLD BUSINESS:

Salt Bids

Salt bids were due on October 10 and they came in as follows:

Company	20 Ton Salt in 80 # Bags	Per Bag	Expiration Date	New Order Turn Around	Notes
American Rock Salt, Co. LLC	2,759.40	\$5.11	5/31/2008	3-5 working days	Barb Heller-NY <i>based on 540 bags-full truck load</i>
*Bradco Supply	2,670.00	\$5.34	4/1/2008	10 days	William J Greenland-Towanda
Eastern Salt Company	no bid				
Harrisburg Builders EX	no bid				
Morton Salt	no bid				
Ollinger Brothers, Inc.	2750.00	\$5.50	4/1/2008	3-4 days	Joe Ollinger-Altoona

Mr. Strouse moved to accept Bradco's bid since he has done business with them before and they are reliable. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bridge over Muddy Creek (T-419)

Mr. Franson, township engineer, presented the packet about the Lower Georges Valley Road Bridge over Muddy Creek. The estimated cost to repair it is \$22,000 and the County Liquid Fuels Application will be completed with the Township asking for \$10,500-\$11,000. The application is due by November 2, 2007.

2008 Budget

Mr. Bierly gave the school budget to the Township secretary for her to put on a worksheet. Mr. Strouse questioned whether the \$5000 was transferred from the General to the Equipment fund. The secretary said it had not been but she will do that this week. Mr. Strouse also questioned the \$26,000 that was transferred from the Capital

Reserve Account into the General Fund for 2008. No one could remember why that had been done. He feels that more money should be put in equipment fund and that Immel and Kline Road are in bad shape and need to have costly repairs. Another budget meeting was set for Wednesday, October 17th and will be advertised in the Centre Daily Times.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disposition of Records Resolution 10-07-13

Since the Gregg Township Office is moving it is important to be able to shred some of the old records. Mr. Bierly moved that Resolution 10-07-13 be passed. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. A chart of what would be shredded was included.

Water Authority Block Grant

Nittany Engineering's Karen Weiss wrote a letter to Matt Milliron from the County requesting a Community Development Block Grant for 2008 on behalf of the Gregg Township Water Authority. Mr. Bierly moved that it be signed by the Chairperson of the Supervisors. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Leary signed as Chairperson.

DCED Letter in Regard to Penn Vest Loan for Water Authority

Pat Casher wrote a letter to Kimberly A Weigand, Grant Manager of CDBG to review the request for the Water Authority. It has been in their hands for quite some time and the Water Authority is waiting for a decision. Mr. Bierly moved that the Supervisors sign the letter. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Leary signed the letter.

Leslie Beers Subdivision

Stan Wallace, Nittany Engineering presented the DEP Component 1 Sewage Module for approval and signatures from the Supervisors. The SEO tested the soil and approved the module. The Planning Commission also signed it at their regular meeting. Mr. Bierly moved that it be signed. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Leary signed the module.

Water Authority

The filtration system building for the Water Authority will be in the designated set-back area. The Authority has a lot addition plan and needs to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. The ZHB will meet the first Thursday of the month. November 1 will be the next meeting. Mr. Wallace will need to complete a ZHB application and pay the fee to the Township Secretary as soon as possible so that the Zoning Hearing Board meeting can then be advertised in the Centre Daily Times.

Agricultural Resource Lot

The Gregg Township Zoning states that a back-up sewage system is required on all lots. On an Agricultural Resource Lot there is not a building of any kind so there is no initial sewage system. Mr. Wallace wanted to know how he answers a client about that situation. Mr. Wallace needs to talk to the solicitor about the situation. The solicitor in turn needs to talk to the Planning Commission and have them ask for an Amendment for an agriculture resource lot and forest resource lot to the Supervisors on this matter. The Supervisors will then approve or disprove.

Mr. Kreger asked about back-up testing. He was told to go through the present Zoning Officer.

Ball Field Dug-Outs

Karen Thom phoned the Township Secretary and asked if there would be any financial help from the Township to complete the dug-outs on the ball fields behind the Old Gregg School. The Supervisors wanted a figure and/or an idea of what they were asking for. The Secretary will call Ms. Thom and ask her.

Fire Alarm Ordinance

Mr. Grenoble called the Secretary and asked her to send a copy of the Gregg Township False Fire Alarm Ordinance to David Klein at 693 Upper Georges Valley Road. The Gregg Township Fire Company has responded 3 times to False Alarms. The letter was sent.

Verizon Right-of-Way

Nick Goff phoned and wanted to know what the right-of-way was on Lower Georges Valley and Reeder Road. The secretary thought he wanted to be granted the right-of-way. Mr. Goff just wanted to know what the footage was. Someone will get back to him.

Gregg Township Fire Company Resolution

The resolution was tabled until after budget meeting.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

Mr. Grenoble reported that the Fire Company visited Smart Start on October 11th. The children were given a ride on the fire truck and they did a safety session with the class.

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

There was not an emergency management meeting. Mr. Grenoble will check with the County to see if Gregg Township can get qualified for emergency funds.

The Gregg Township Fire Company purchased new radio batteries on-line. Mr. Grenoble was told to bring the Secretary a receipt and he would be reimbursed.

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

No response to lowering EDUs for the Old Gregg School.

4. Gregg Township Water Authority

Mr. Stitzer reported that Gregg Township is under a drought emergency. They are looking into drilling wells. One ideal spot would be on the Allison House property. Attorney Mix is looking into filing eminent domain if need be. Mr. Leary thanked Mr. Stitzer for all of his work.

5. Old Gregg School

Jane Burrows reports that the Grand Opening was held on Saturday, September 22. Senator Bob Casey gave the Center a United States flag and Representative Kerry Benninghoff gave them a Pennsylvania flag. The flags will be flown on the pole in front of the building.

Several volunteers cleaned the building's office in preparation for the Township moving into it in October. The Secretary was pleased with their efforts.

WPSU had done a film segment on the Old Gregg School Community Center and it will air on Friday at midnight.

The Center is still getting calls for renting rooms.

Representative Kerry Benninghoff is planning to do a Meet-and-Greet once a month in the Old Gregg School.

6. Zoning Hearing Board

They have not met. Next meeting will be November 1, 2007.

7. Roadmaster

Equipment

- Put two new tires on the Grader from K & W in Williamsport. They were \$292.63 as opposed to Bastian Tires \$420.
- Bought 25 new rolls of snow fence to replace stolen fence. Also bought 2 machinery signs and 35mph signs.
- Installed post driver on John Deere Tractor.

Roads and bridges

- Filled berms with 2RC.
- Cut brush along the roads.

Chris Smith and John Devinney were working on the roads on October 10th. The Ford F550 truck rolled down over a bank and into a tree. Mr. Smith called Mr. Leary, Chairman of the Supervisors. A claim was filed with Selective Insurance.

Mr. Strouse thanked the Supervisors, Secretary and community for all of the support and prayers after his recent heart attack.

8. Planning Commission:

They met on October 1. Linda Marshall from the County was there to discuss the Village District. Mr. Lathbury was unavailable for the meeting. Both Conservation Subdivision and the Village District will hopefully be wrapped up in early 2008.

Mr. Bierly read a note from the Kauffman's that they have fill on their land that could be used for a parking area/picnic area. It will need to be used in two weeks and the Supervisors felt that they didn't have enough time to pursue anything.

9. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

Pyle and Auman still undergoing citations.

10. Zoning Officer

Not much to report other than the Mary White situation.

11. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

No report.

12. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

The CC MPO tabled the discussion on outlying area membership.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bierly made the motion to accept the minutes from the September 13, 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.

The Boy Scouts will be doing their Annual Food Drive in November. Bags will be distributed Saturday, November 10th and food will be collected Saturday, November 17th.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 9-30-07 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 312,020.01		
Equipment Fund	\$ 70,481.08		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 119814.08		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 55,327.97	95,454.34 (savings)	522,078.71(CDs)
Street Light Fund	\$ 3239.55		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 207,420.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 29,665.07

School Fund \$-99.77(new community center)

The insurance bill will be paid from the school fund when there is enough money to cover it. It was paid from the General Fund.

Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

The Treasurer presented a list of bills to be paid for the month of September. 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 8:55 PM. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:
Gregg Township Secretary