

MINUTES  
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
October 13, 2005

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Members: Douglas Bierly, Pat Leary and Walter Strouse.

Residents/Visitors: Mylan Grove, Lisa Bonson, Dianne Musser, Ray Grove, residents, Tom Stitzer, Water Association, Don Grenoble, Gregg Twp Fire Co and EMT, John Miller, Nittany Engineering, Allan Darr, school board candidate and Bob Rayman, Solicitor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Grenoble commented that someone had a concern about a tree being cut on Vonada Gap Road while cars were passing through and the condition of Vonada Gap Road.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW TREASURER AND SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Leary made a motion to appoint Bambie Kauffman as treasurer to Board of Supervisors. Mr. Bierly seconded. The motion carried 2-0. Mr. Leary is officially appointed as he was sworn in. The bank papers were signed by all supervisors and Mrs. Kauffman.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD OFFICERS**

Mr. Bierly nominated Mr. Leary for Chairman. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Strouse nominated Mr. Bierly for vice chairman. It was seconded by Mr. Leary. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Water Authority**

The letter from solicitor said water association can join with sewer authority or become separate authority. Formal transactions will need to take place either way. Mr. Stitzer commented that he wasn't sure that the water authority wanted to join with the sewer authority because of bank loans that the sewer authority has. If separate authority, same steps as setting up sewer authority would need to take place. Mr. Bierly said the next step is to contact sewer authority and have the water authority meet with them by next meeting.

**PVCEA**

Fee schedule won't be ready until next week.

Glenn Ripka and Mr. Rayman went to district magistrate about clearing up properties of Francis Auman. Mr. Auman got 4 citations with fines and Mr. Auman has until October 20 to clean up properties. If they aren't cleaned up, then fines go up and Gregg Township can have property cleaned up by a third party. Mr. Rayman suggested after seeing photos taken October 13, 2005 that Mr. Ripka should find an "insured" company to pack up items and get them out of there. Mr. Ripka will be asked to get estimates for this job.

**Land purchase by Potter Township, Centre Hall Borough and Gregg Township**

162 acres of land is owned by Penn State University and adjoins the Grange Fair grounds on the west side. They are offering it to the group at a considerably lower rate than originally appraised at. Centre Hall Borough needs it for well heads. Potter Township and Gregg Township are interested in the property for a recreational park. There is a grant from DCNR for \$250,000 to help purchase the property. DCNR also has grants to help develop the project after purchase. Penn State University needs to know what the group has decided in the near future. Gregg Township has enough money to purchase the land without raising taxes.

Mr. Rayman had a group of citizens/developers talk to him about sharing the property with this group. They would pay for the whole property and give a portion back for park and recreation. He asked the group to write a proposal for what they would like to do.

**Other Old Business**

No other old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **PROPERTY SUBDIVISION**

John Miller from Nittany Engineering asked for the supervisors' approval for a planning waiver non-building declaration for a subdivision of Eli and Mary King's property. It already has two permitted sewage systems with buildings so basically they are going to sub-divide on Beaver Dam Road. One plot will have 102 acres and the other will have 86 acres. Mr. Strouse moved that it be approved. Mr. Bierly seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **KATRINA OUTREACH**

Mr. Strouse moved that \$250 be given to the Local American Red Cross for Katrina survivors. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

They need to replace Pat Leary and also find another alternate. Mr. Leary called Sam Glasgow but hasn't heard back from him yet. Ray Grove expressed some interest.

### **SALT BIDS**

Bids came from Bradco and American Rock Salt Co. .44 bag difference. Mr. Strouse made motion to use Bradco and Mr. Bierly seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SEO RESIGNATION**

Josef Kerschner has resigned due to some problem with DEP on a Philipsburg project. Tom Bowes has been contacted to replace Mr. Kerschner until December 31, 2005 and Jeff Kreger will serve as an alternate. Mr. Strouse made the motion to accept Mr. Bowes and Mr. Kreger as replacements. Mr. Bierly seconded. Motion carried. Letters will be sent to Mr. Kerschner and DEP informing them of the decisions made.

### **TRICK-OR-TREAT**

Trick-or-Treat night will be held October 31, 2005 from 6PM-8PM by a motion from Mr. Strouse seconded by Mr. Bierly. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TENTATIVE BUDGET**

After two budget workshops there has been a balanced budget proposed. It will be advertised in the Centre Daily Times and available for public inspection in the township office. If all goes as planned, it will be voted on at the November 10, 2005 supervisor's meeting.

### **ALTERNATE TO PVCEA**

Mr. Bierly made a motion that Mr. Leary be made the alternate to PVCEA. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Leary abstained.

### **ALTERNATE TO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mr. Bierly made a motion that Mr. Leary be made the alternate to the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Leary abstained.

### **PV REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

The participating municipal planning commissions will meet on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Penns Valley High School where the public may attend from 5:30-9:00 pm. The planning commissions will vote at 8:00 pm on whether to recommend adoption of the new comprehensive plan to their respective board of supervisors or not. On November 16<sup>th</sup> a meeting will be held for the respective supervisors to vote on adoption of the comprehensive plan. The mission of the PVRPC was only to complete the comprehensive plan. It is suggested they stay intact for revision of charter and for work to continue.

### **SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE**

Alan Darr spoke about his concern for school taxes, and direction of school district. He lives in Potter Township and served as a supervisor. He is running as a write-in candidate at-large in November election.

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

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

No meetings to report . He's not sure of status of dry hydrants.

## **2. Emergency Management Coordinator**

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

## **4. Roadmaster**

### Equipment:

- Removed mower from John Deere tractor and stored for winter
- Repaired carburetor on tractor
- Winterized most of the equipment except for the trucks
- Ford 550 repaired at Stitzer's
- Truck phone and the horn are not working. They will need to call Verizon and see if they can have the phone repaired.

### Roads/Bridges:

- Mowed all township roads
- Cleaned out culverts
- Cut dead trees on Vonada Gap and Decker Valley
- Put 2RC stones on various road berms
- Replaced a post and an anchor post on Long's View lane sign that was run over.
- Cut brush on Fire Hall, Harter , Lower George's Valley, Immel, Allison, Green Grove and Decker Valley
- Cold patched Fire Hall Road, Long Extension and Railroad Street
- .Repaired a culvert pipe on Blue Ball
- Checked inventory on salt-14 tons remaining from last winter season

## **5. Planning Commission: 10/3/05**

- Linda Marshall addressed the changes talked about at last meeting as far as setbacks and parking.
- Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2005. Kelleen Foster from the PSU Department of Arts and Architecture will attend to discuss lot sizes and orientation of housing.

## **6. Zoning Hearing Board**

No meeting was necessary.

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

Proposed budget was enclosed. Next meeting will be October 20 at the Millheim Borough building.

## **8. Zoning Officer**

Jeff Wingert submitted written reports.

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

The public meeting in the adoption process has been scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2005 at the Penns Valley Area High School. It will run from 5:30pm-9pm and all planning commissions are to be there to vote. Then the elected officials will meet the 16<sup>th</sup> of November at Penns Valley Area High School to adopt the final plan.

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

They need a person to replace Jay Sletson. If anyone is interested, they should call Sharon Heckman at the Millheim Borough Office.

## **SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Strouse made motion to accept the minutes from September 8, 2005 meeting. 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.

1. Thank-you from Cub Scouts for the contribution and a request for donation in 2006.
2. Penn Dot letters that allow us to take the signs down. Mr. Strouse will not take them down because he didn’t put them up.
3. No more has been heard from the school in regard to the traffic mirror.
4. Letter from St. Mary’s Insurance about new quotes for package. We will get new quotes.
5. Penns Valley Area Historical Museum is asking for a donation.
6. DEP packet about a complaint regarding an outdoor furnace. They have no jurisdiction. Gregg Township would have to include that in their burning ordinance.
7. Mr. Bierly replied to Wes Miller’s letter about a blasting complaint in Stonefield Subdivision. That is governed by DEP. It is a possibility to make a blasting ordinance. Mr. Rayman will be contacted to see about the status of that.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Financial Reports and Account Balances**

The balances of the accounts effective 8-31-05 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 219,280.56		
Equipment Fund	\$ 24,351.11		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 63,914.64		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 539,406.82		
Street Light Fund	\$ 3,550.60		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 323,800.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 21,275.01

**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.

Mr. Bierly checked with Mrs. Miller, Tax Collector about tax revenue compared to the 2006 budget and it looks like it is right where it needs to be.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Strouse made the motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary