

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
November 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. The following individuals were in attendance:

Members: Pat Leary, Doug Bierly and Walter Strouse

Residents/Visitors Tom Stitzer-Water Authority, Jane Burrows -Old Gregg School, Joshua Reese and Aaron Smith-Nittany Engineering, Tom Bowes, and Brian Long.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridge over Muddy Creek (T-419)

The application for the County Liquid Fuels Grant was mailed on October 18, 2007 asking for \$10,500-\$11,000 for the bridge repair.

2008 Budget

After advertising the budget for the proper amount of time in the Centre Daily Times there were no public inquiries or comments. Mr. Bierly made the motion to pass the 2008 budget. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Gregg School

Bob Brown had stopped in at the Township Office and suggested that 1000 gallons of fuel should be ordered for the school. The secretary will call KW Gas and order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie Beers Subdivision

Aaron Smith, Nittany Engineering presented the Leslie Beers subdivision and stated that there is an unnamed gravel road dividing the properties. Does it need to be named? Mr. Strouse stated that 911 would need a name so the Township Secretary will send a letter to that effect to the County Planning Commission.

Mr. Smith also asked whether the Township would want recreation land set aside or the in-lieu of fee paid. The supervisors decided that Ms. Beers should pay the fee. A motion by Mr. Bierly and seconded by Mr. Strouse to have the fee paid passed by a 3-0 vote. That will also be included in the letter sent to the County Planning Commission.

E-mail to Mr. Bierly

Mr. Bierly received an e-mail from Kathryn Kensinger about a problem with neighbor's chickens in her yard. The suggestion for her was to call the Zoning Officer and let him know about the problem.

DEP Visit

DEP geologist O. Scott Ferguson visited on the 5th of November to follow up on the underground tank inspection. The fuel monitoring tapes are showing a problem with one of the tanks every month. George I. Reitz & Sons, I had been called in June of 2007 to fix it. They installed a new sensor. In July it was still doing the same thing. The township has been ordered to have it either fixed again or a new way of detecting moisture be programmed in the system. The secretary will call the Reitz Company and let them know that DEP is not happy.

Selective Insurance

Lyle Domico came to the Township Office and did a walk-through with the Secretary. Two suggestions were that the parking lot hole be repaired before someone gets hurt and that the fuel door to the outside be more securely locked. He also felt that the fire system should be checked.

Earth Disturbance Report

CC Conservation District sent an Earth Disturbance Inspection Report #8 in reference to the Stonefield Subdivision. All is complete.

Planning Commission Request

They would like to add some language to the present Gregg Township zoning ordinance that would promote the production of affordable housing within Gregg Township. The solicitor suggested that the Planning Commission make a draft of what they would like and he will look at it. If it suits him, then it can be given to the Supervisors for their approval.

Mary White Sewage Module

Tom Bowes had the DEP sewage module for Mary White's property to be approved. The Planning Commission, SEO and the Zoning Officer have already signed the module. Mr. Bierly made the motion to approve. Mr. Strouse seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Leary and the Secretary signed the module.

Keys for Old Gregg School

Mr. Leary had called Auman's Key Shop to come and look at changing the Township door locks. They faxed an estimate of the cost and it would be between \$1793-\$1973 to do the job for two doors and have the extra keys needed. Mr. Strouse made the motion to purchase the new locks. Mr. Bierly seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Storage Tank Registration

Montour Oil sent a letter requesting a copy of the Underground Tank Registration. Since they did not receive the bid for 2007-2008 we do not need to send them a copy. A copy will need to be sent to KW Gas.

Medical Insurance

Mr. Bierly brought up the situation that PVCEA has one employee with medical insurance, Gregg Township has one and several other municipalities have only one employee. Is it possible to combine them into a group and get cheaper insurance? The solicitor stated that they would have to combine into one entity and then look into the coverage available.

Snowmobile signs

Brian Long asked why the snowmobile signs were still being put up. Mr. Strouse stated that this is a DCNR project and they pay for the signs and replacement signs. No Gregg Township tax dollars are being used for the signs.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

No report

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

No report

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

The response to lowering EDUs for the Old Gregg School was received and at this point no lowering will be done because the Old Gregg School is still getting new tenants. The solicitor asked to see a copy of the By-Laws. The secretary will find and fax to his office.

4. Gregg Township Water Authority

Mr. Stitzer reported that Gregg Township is under a drought emergency. A well is to be drilled on Wednesday, November 14th. John Corman did get two calls about the well but they were told it has to be done with or without their permission. Penn Vest has agreed to give the Water Authority a loan of \$1,650,000 at 1% for 26 1/2-27 years.

5. Old Gregg School

Jane Burrows reports that the Community Center has a lot of activity going on. The Winter Market started on November 3rd and will run until Christmas. There is Adult and Youth Basketball. Young Life and Senior Activities will also be held this month. The 19th of November a nurse from the County will be doing Blood Pressure Screenings and this will continue once a month. Aerobics will be starting November 14th. There have been lots of inquiries for the gym and it will be granted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Mr. Bierly questioned the hot water heater being fueled by oil. Would it be cheaper to get an electric water heater? Also the clocks on the walls are not set correctly. Can they be fixed?

6. Zoning Hearing Board

They were to have met on November 1, 2007 for the Water Authority variance but there was not a quorum so it has been rescheduled for November 29, 2007 at 7PM.

7. Roadmaster

Equipment

- All trucks and road equipment have been winterized.
- The Ford F550 is being repaired after the accident. It should be finished soon.
- Changed oil and greased the chassis on the equipment
- Reinstalled winter cinder spreaders on the equipment
- KW Gas brought propane, diesel and gasoline (Suburban came to fill the tanks. Mr. Strouse told them they didn't get the bid so they left. Secretary called and told the office that also.)
- Snow fence almost completed

Roads and bridges

- Snowmobile signs were installed.

8. Planning Commission:

They met on November 5. Linda Marshall and Norm Lathbury from the County were there to discuss the Village District and Conservation Subdivision. Affordable housing property was discussed.

Mike Arthur will be contacted about replacing Jim Baughman.

9. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

The entire Valley's permits for 2007 were reported to date.

10. Zoning Officer

Not much to report other than the Mary White and Hal Grove situation has been solved.

11. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

They will meet November 19th.

12. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bierly made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 11, 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. A letter from Larson Design Group informing them about the SR2014 Heckman Cemetery Bridge needed to be signed by all of the Supervisors

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 10-31-07 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 324,056.12		
Equipment Fund	\$ 76,003.17		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 114,386.35		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 55,433.58	95,626.94 (savings)	522,962.15(CDs)
Street Light Fund	\$ 3,026.64		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 202,360.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 29,665.07

School Fund **\$3,331.43(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 October. 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. Strouse made the motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:
Gregg Township Secretary