

MINUTES
GREGG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREGG TOWNSHIP OFFICE
DECEMBER 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Members: Douglas Bierly, Pat Leary and Walter Strouse.

Residents/Visitors: Don Grenoble, Gregg Twp Fire co. #1 & Emergency Management, Ray Grove and Nevin Stitzer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Grove is concerned about the SEO work that Mr. Kerschner has done since he has left Gregg Township. Mr. Grove was assured that all of the records are being transferred to Tom Bowes and/or the township office.

Mr. Stitzer said that the township sign GREGG/POTTER is not at the border of the townships. Mr. Strouse said he would look into it. Mr. Stitzer is also concerned about Mr. Beiler being in Clean and Green and having a welding shop and not paying the tax on the property for the shop as he had to for his cycle shop. Mr. Wingert (zoning officer) will look into this.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Authority

No action was taken but Mr. Rayman has advised that the sewer authority paperwork should be gathered to start the process.

Auman Situation

G's Clean-up went to the Auman property from November 28-December 1 and took 11 truck loads of rubbish from the properties. Mr. Auman was with her most of the time telling her what she could and couldn't take. She has submitted a bill of \$650.00 and we need to get Mr. Ripka's and Mr. Rayman's cost also before submitting a certified letter to Mr. and Mrs. Auman.

SEO

Mr. Kerschner asked that he be paid for closing out 2005 records to DEP. Mr. Bowes and to the township. He is asking for \$36 + mileage at .40. Mr. Bierly moved and Mr. Strouse seconded that we continue to pay him until all is finished. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Bob Jacobs from the County Planning Commission is meeting with Centre Hall on December 8, 2005 in order to answer some questions from DEP concerning the grant that was given to purchase the land. Mr. Jacobs did say that the land could still be used for agricultural purposes.

2006 Budget

Mr. Bierly proposed that the budget for 2006 be passed. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

St. Mary's Insurance

Scott Surra dropped off the quote with Mrs. Kauffman on December 8. The total cost is \$19,394. Mrs. Kauffman said she had talked to the Pallone Insurance Agent on December 1 and that is the same insurance (Selective) so unless they come in with a much higher rate it is feasible to stay with them. Their quote for 2006 is not in yet.

Mileage Rate

The mileage rate will change as of January 1, 2006 from 48.5 per mile to 44.5. Mr. Bierly moved and Mr. Strouse seconded that the mileage be changed. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Andrew Miller, son of Donna and Wesley Miller will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award on January 15, 2006 at Green Grove Brethren in Christ Church, Spring Mills and the township was asked to give a letter or certificate acknowledging his achievement. Mr. Leary will attend.

GRANTS

Jessica Sheets met with Mr. Bierly and they discussed some new grants she is interested in pursuing. One was HOME to help repair and remodel homes for people. Mr. Leary feels he needs to know more about the program before signing a letter asking for the grant.

ENGINEERING FIRM

Ms. Sheets is now working with the engineering firm of Innovative Consultants and has asked Gregg Township to consider using this firm in 2006.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

The Penns Creek Bridge on RT 45 and the one over Muddy Creek are scheduled to be replaced in 2009. Some background information was needed for the planners.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards will be sent to the businesses that the Township normally does business with. A Christmas luncheon will also be held for the road crew on December 23, 2005. Ms. Mason will contact Mrs. Kauffman with details.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 as Monday, January 2, 2006 is New Year's Day. The township doesn't use the elected auditors for the audit. A commercial business is hired. That needs to put in the newspaper as a legal ad. The dates of 2006 meetings also have to be sent to the newspaper to be advertised in a legal ad.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Gregg Township Fire Company #1

Mr. Grenoble said that at least 3 dry hydrants had been installed. They would like to put one at the bridge over Penns Creek on Water Street. Mrs. Kauffman was asked to call Penn Dot and see if the fire company could get permission.

2. Emergency Management Coordinator

Randy Rockey, Emergency Management Director would like to meet with the supervisors to talk about the (NIMS) National Incident Management System. Mrs. Kauffman will check with Mr. Rockey to see if he could come before the January or February meeting. The Gregg Township Fire Company is trying to get everyone qualified.

3. Gregg Township Sewer Authority

No report was given.

4. Roadmaster

Equipment

- Installed all cinder spreaders on trucks. They took other ones off.
- Unloaded a trailer of rock salt.
- Repaired shed door
- Stitzer's Repair put new light switch in Ford F Series Truck. Seems to be ok now.
- The phone was repaired on the 1999 F 550. The horn doesn't work but the phone does. The problem was that the wire was pulled off of the antennae under the seat.
- Dusk to dawn light wasn't working so Walter had Rich Confer come to fix it.
- The fuel monitor is not working so Walter will call the company on Friday to see if it can be fixed.
- All of the trucks have been winterized.

- Parts have been ordered for the hydraulic cylinder on the Hubert grader and as soon as it comes L.W. Hose will repair.

Roads and bridges

- Spread 2 RC stones on Blue Ball Road covering almost all of it one width.
- Removed a large tree on Deerloft on Lower George's Valley Road.
- Cleaned leaves out of ditches on Decker Valley Road.
- Repaired ditch on Vonada Gap that had washed out due to large piece of wood washing down and blocking the end of the pipe.

5. Planning Commission: 12/5/05

Norm Lathbury attended and reviewed changes to the Future Land Use Chapter of the comprehensive plan. These will be presented at the Regional meeting on December 19 at the Penns Valley High School. The next meeting will be on February 6, 2006.

6. Zoning Hearing Board

No meeting was necessary.

7. Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency

Mr. Ripka sent the monthly report and also followed up on G's cleaning for the Auman situation. Mr. Grenoble asked that a copy of building permits be sent to the Fire Company. Mrs. Kauffman will ask Mr. Ripka to do that.

8. Zoning Officer

Jeff Wingert submitted written reports.

9. Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

The public meeting on the plan has been scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2005 at the Penns Valley Area High School cafeteria. It will begin at 7 PM and one municipal elected officer and one planning commission member are to attend. The recommendations from the large landowners will be discussed.

10. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mr. Bierly moved that Ray Hankinson serve as the Penns Valley representative to replace Jay Sletson. Mr. Strouse seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bierly made motion to accept the minutes with corrections from November 10, 2005 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports and Account Balances

The balances of the accounts effective 11-30-05 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 212,989.48		
Equipment Fund	\$ 24,632.46		
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 51,809.77		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 539,465.80		
Street Light Fund	\$ 3,160.21		
Sinking Fund (Loan Balance)	\$ 313,680.00	(Total Interest Paid)	\$ 23,115.85

Review and Approve Payment of Operational Bills:

The Treasurer presented a list of bills to be paid for the month of November. 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: 45 PM. Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Submitted by:

Gregg Township Secretary