

**The Township of Greenwich
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Members present: Harry Hoppes and Alice Flyte. Professionals present: Solicitor, Dan Becker and Alex Elliker; Sewage Enforcement Officer, Allen Madeira; Roadmaster, Bobby Follweiler and Secretary/Treasurer, Jane Werley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairman Victor Berger informed the audience to state their name and address if addressing the Board.
2. Chairman Victor Berger informed the audience that the meeting will be recorded and deleted once the meeting minutes are typed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion made by HH and seconded by AF. Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

1. Kay Brendlinger, Tax Collector. Asked the board a question about a discrepancy in the General Ledger Account regarding tax amounts collected. It was explained by Jeffrey Strauss that there was a cross between years and also some miss postings. There was a professional audit done by France, Anderson, Basil & Company, a certified CPA firm, and all monies are accounted for. Jeff Strauss was then hired by the Township to review that audit and reconcile all township accounts. Jeff was able to confirm the audit totals. Ms. Brendlinger then requested a letter be written to her stating that the Township books are correct and that the Township accepts the auditor's findings.
2. Dodie Sable, 593 Old Rt. 22. Spoke to the BOS in regard to the KCE report presented at the August 21, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Sable presented the BOS with a document disputing the KCE findings based on Township Ordinances, potential safety issues, property damage, noise, fumes and debris, and water issues. In addition there is concern about property values. This document will be presented to the Planning Commission Board at their next meeting on September 18, 2017 for review. There will be exhibits included with her document at the PC meeting. Ms. Sable included new research she has done and is still disputing the traffic studies done at the intersection of Rt. 737 and Old Rt. 22.

3. Allen Madeira, Berks Enviro Tech, Inc. Sewage Enforcement Officer. Allen spoke to residents explaining the process of well testing and that it is a two to three year process to get analysis. PADEP would like to do a 537 plan in the township but has not mandated it yet. If the 537 plan is mandated it could mean mandatory tank emptying and possibly a public sewer system. Tax increases would be incurred.
 - a. Victor Berger spoke with Gary Farabugh at the PennDot Project Office to inform him of the residents' concerns/complaints with dirty water and property damage due to vibration. He was informed that there are wells being monitored and that all lab results have met the requirements of the state. They also have vibration monitors and the results of those tests are within the limits required. Gary Farabugh encourages any resident having a water issue or property damage issue to go to the PennDot Project Office and make them aware of the specific problem so that they can investigate those issues.
4. Mike Weber, Nunemaker Rd. Asked when the last traffic study was done by PennDot at the intersection of Rt. 737 and Old Rt. 22. There was a discussion about the last study done in 2014 and that the warehouse developer did a turn study but not a 45 day study.
5. Rick Wood, Circle Rd. Stated that the noise ordinance is for 70 decibels at the property line and that that would equal one tractor trailer. There was question on whether the ordinance has a time limit on such noise.
6. Fred German, 1273 Krumsville Rd. Asked if there was a check list being used in regard to the warehouse construction. Alex Elliker explained that the BOS relies on their professionals to inform them on how plans are working with Township Ordinances.
7. Ken Cuerio, 93 Rhodes Rd. Asked if a traffic study was planned at Rhodes Rd. There was some agreement on that issue however, PennDot does not agree and has stated that a study is not needed or required at that intersection.
8. Ted Stump, Kohler Hill Rd. Asked for information on obtaining permit applications, requirements and fees.

PLANS TO REVIEW:

1. Monthly Subdivision and Land Development Status Report – Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Greenwich Township Website – Tentatively to be completed by Oct. 31, 2017
2. Ambulance Coverage – Motion made by AF to accept the EMS Operations Assessment Report and agree to the recommendations submitted by Eastern PA EMS Council, seconded by VB. HH opposed. Motion passed 2-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

1. EMC – Cheri Keim – Nothing new to report
2. Roadmaster – Bobby Follweiler
 - a. Residents requested a stop sign at Evans & Gensinger Roads. It did not warrant a study and a stop sign is now in place at that intersection.
 - b. Next week will start scratch paving and when completed final mowing will be done.
 - c. Putting together a list of dead end roads to discuss vacating them in the future.
 - d. Backhoe pivot cracked. Requesting approval for repair at \$3000.00. Job to be done locally with used part. (New part would have been \$6000.00.) Motion made by HH to approve repairs and seconded by AF. Motion passed 3-0
3. Zoning Officer/Engineer Report – Chris Noll
 - a. Motion made by AF and seconded by HH to accept Chris Noll's report. Motion Passed 3-0.
4. UCC Building Permit Report – LTL Consultants
 - a. Motion made by AF and seconded by HH to accept LTL's report. Motion Passed 3-0.
5. Zoning/Building Report – Technicon – Nothing new to report.
6. Solicitor – Dan Becker – Nothing new to report.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Motion made by HH and seconded by AF to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 3-0.
2. Motion made by HH and seconded by AF to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by HH and seconded by AF to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m.
Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Werley
Secretary/Treasurer
Greenwich Township