

Township of Greenwich
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 8 a.m.

Attending: Supervisors: Dean Spohn, Victor Berger, Steven Diehl, Professional Staff: Bobby Follweiler – Road Master and Diane Hollenbach-Administrator

Guests: Marc Sable, Dodie Sable

Mr. Spohn called the Greenwich Township year end- meeting to order in the Greenwich Township Municipal Building at 8 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Spohn asked the public to please state your name and address when addressing the Board. This meeting will be recorded for the accuracy of the minutes and deleted. Attending visitors may also be recording.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Diehl, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marc Sable of 593 Old Rte 22 asked if Penn DOT had responded to the Supervisors' refusal to take ownership and maintenance of the traffic signal at Route 737 and Old Route 22. Mrs. Hollenbach stated that they asked for the township's reasons in writing which were provided. The Board, Mr. Follweiler and Mr. and Mrs. Sable discussed the issues with the traffic light and lack of stop bars. Mrs. Sable related a recent incident where Route 78 was shut down and two tractor trailers collided while turning at Route 737 and Old Route 22.

PLANS TO REVIEW:

Leid Poultry Barn Time Extension

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to accept the developer's offer of a time extension to the review period for the Leid Poultry Barn Preliminary Land Development Plan until May 3, 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Crossroads X2 Final Plan Time Extension

A motion was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Diehl, to accept the developer's offer of a time extension to the review period for the Crossroads X2 Final Plan until February 7, 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Diehl, to adopt Resolution 2023-17 adopting the 2024 Budget. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to adopt Resolution 2023-18 Fixing the Real Estate Tax for 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried. There is no tax increase in 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to authorize the County of Berks to print and mail the real estate tax bills. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Building Cleaning Due to Smoke Damage

A motion was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Diehl, to approve the quote for Berk Fire and Water to clean and replace the ceiling tiles and perform duct restoration work. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Purchase of a Used Truck from Upper Macungie Township – Bobby Follweiler stated that he had a mechanic look over the Upper Macungie truck which has only 28,000 miles on it and was used to pull a mowing trailer and to plow. Upper Macungie takes very good care of their equipment and this unit had a salt neutralizer applied to the frame every other year or so. The cost of a new Ford F550 would be \$120,000 and could be a two year wait for delivery. The Board also discussed the cost of a new spreader and moving the spreader from the truck we are replacing. It was determined that the difference was not great in cost and when we sell the truck, the spreader may increase the bids. The Board asked that selling the green truck and the mower upfit be added to the January agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to authorize the chairman to sign the offer letter to Upper Macungie Township for the purchase of the 2014 Ford F550 for \$50,000. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to authorize the Road Master to take all action needed to transfer the title and tags of the 2015 Ford F550. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to purchase a new spreader, upfit the truck for the spreader, plow and additional lights at EM Kutz with the cost not to exceed \$15,000. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Road Master – Mr. Follweiler reported that R & R Tree Service will be taking down ash trees in the road right of way on Blue Rocks Road and Dreibelbis Station Road in the next couple of weeks. The road crew will be cutting shoulders. The road widener that the Township order is not in yet as the vendor is waiting for a part.

Administrator – Mrs. Hollenbach reported that hours have started at Maidencreek Township. She reported that overall, Greenwich Township is in very good financial shape. The year ended with excess revenue in the amount of \$116,200 due to receiving the grant reimbursement in 2023 instead of 2024 and using ARPA money for part of the Sitler Valley Road Project. The Board decided to hold the money to use for road construction.

Engineering and Zoning Reports – None

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Solicitor – None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Berger, to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Hearing no further business, Dean Spohn adjourned the December 27, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hollenbach
Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer