

**The Township of Greenwich
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Members present: Dean Spohn and Alice Flyte. Professionals present: Solicitor, Alex Elliker; Zoning Officer, John Yoder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairman Victor Berger informed the audience to please state their name and address if addressing the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of both the August 6, 2018, and August 20, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meetings made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

1. Fred Germann, 1273 Krumsville Rd. Informed the board that he spoke with Senator Argall's office and was told that building plans can be uploaded to the Township website as there are no laws preventing it.
2. Rodney Freeman, Kutztown Ambulance. Requested permission from the Board to start an informal investigation to check into allegations of long response times. The Board would first require verification from the County that the run cards have been approved and finalized. Township Secretary will contact Bryan Gottschall at Berks County.

PLANS TO REVIEW:

1. Motion to approve the Easement Agreement for Matthew Leid at 49 Ebling Rd. made by DS and seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Subdivision of Land Development Plan Status Report August 20, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion to authorized Solicitor to advertise the new Snow and Ice Ordinance with alterations to draft made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to grant Kutztown Fire Company's request to release funds in the amount of \$ 28,000.00 for truck repairs completed on Engine/Tanker 46 made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Motion to approve CB Structure's request for Payment #2 in the amount of \$ 25,773.90 upon receipt of the Maintenance Bond and confirmation of all Inspections completed and passed made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
 - a. Fred Germann, 1273 Krumsville Rd. asked about the Salt Shed Corners and if the plan included his recommendation concerning rebar. It was explained that the engineers reviewed Mr. Germann's recommendation; however, the building was not designed that way.
3. Motion to approve Reamstown Excavating, Inc. request for Payment #1 in the amount of \$ 55,485.00 for Kohlers Hill Rd. Culvert Project made by DS and seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion to grant approval to Crossroads X the Extension of Time requested on Plan #2 with a Planning Commission deadline of October 15, 2018 and a Board of Supervisors deadline of November 5, 2018 made by DS and seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Harmike Investments, Aaron Navarro, requesting approval for five (5) waivers and approval of Preliminary Plan to move forward to Final Plan contingent upon requirements being met with the LTL Review Letter dated August 20, 2018 and also the requirements/approval from the county review as recommended by the Planning Commission at their August 20, 2018 meeting.

John Yoder, LTL Consultants read the review letter.

- a. Earl Osterstock, 80 Bower Rd. Voiced concerns with site distance at Bower Rd., and doesn't feel that Zettlemyer Rd. will safely be able to handle the extra traffic. He understands that the current issue lies with PennDot but would urge the Township to reject Harmike's plan as he feels it is inadequate for safety.
Mr. Osterstock questioned who is responsible for completing the traffic study and if the developer can hire a private organization for that process. It was explained that the developer chooses a company to complete the study which is then reviewed by the Township Traffic Engineer with PennDot responsible for final approval.
- b. Denise Schuler, 30 Bower Rd. is concerned with exiting Zettlemyer Rd. and turning left onto Route 737. After review of the traffic study PennDot does not warrant any change at that intersection.
- c. Dodie Sable, 593 Old Route 22, voiced concern that at a rate of one car per minute on Route 737 with vehicles turning left onto Zettlemyer Rd. without a turning lane present will cause an unsafe backup of traffic. Mr. Navarro and Chairman Berger explained that a Traffic Study was completed and reviewed by the Townships Traffic Engineer. Chairman Berger and Road Master Bobby Follweiler have spoken several times with PennDot and requested a turning lane be implemented at that intersection. PennDot disagrees that a turning lane is required based on their traffic studies. Mrs. Sable believes the Township can override PennDot's decision by petition and requests the Township check into the petition process.

No action was taken on Harmike's requests for approval, the Board will review with their Township Engineer before making a final decision.

REPORTS:

1. Road Master Report – Bobby Follweiler
 - a. Drainage on Rhoades Rd. by Boysen to be addressed before winter.
 - b. Concrete job for Salt Shed to be complete week of September 10, 2018.
 - c. Kohler’s Hill Rd. scheduled to reopen by September 8, 2018.
 - d. Further paving projects and oil and chip to be done.
 - e. Final Mowing.
2. Zoning Officer/Engineer Report & UCC Building Permit Report – John Yoder, LTL Consultants
 - a. Laudadio- Sketch Plan approved by the Planning Commission at their August 20, 2018 meeting. Stop Work Order was issued on August 29, 2018 and will remain in place until the required permits are obtained.
 - b. 252 Long Rd. researching for a solution to the ponding on Long Rd. Formal letter to be mailed.
 - c. Motion made by DS to accept the Engineering reports seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Solicitor – Alex Elliker
 - a. Ryan Hunter. Zettlemyer Bridge. Second round Competitive Bid Package will be advertised late Sept. Due November. One bid submitted during the first round and was rejected for lack of completeness. Tentative project start date of early spring.
 - b. Berks Enviro Tech. SEO requesting a written waiver under provision 72 for 28 Yeager Rd. Motion to authorize Solicitor to complete waiver and deliver to SEO made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
 - c. Fire Marshall Review for Crossroads #2. Motion to authorize the review of the revised #2 plan if time allows otherwise review will be on the original plan submitted. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
 - d. Motion made by AF to authorize Victor Berger to sign the Easement for Irvin Martin when received seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
 - e. Motion to accept the Solicitors report made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Motion made by DS and seconded by AF to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to approve the Treasurers Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. Motion made by AF to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm, seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
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Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Werley
Secretary/Treasurer