

**The Township of Greenwich
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2018**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Members present: Dean Spohn and Alice Flyte. Professionals present: Solicitor, Dan Becker; Zoning Officer, John Yoder; Roadmaster, Bobby Follweiler; 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 January 2, 2018 Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting made by DS and seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

1. Jon & Karen Kuhns, 1685 Rt. 143. Spoke with the Board and Dan Becker requesting guidance in obtaining local and state resources to correct a stormwater drainage problem at Sky Hollow Drive. Water runoff is impacting Route 143, their property at 1685 Rt. 143 and the intersection of Rt. 143 and Sousley Rd. Submitted pictures. Road Master, Bobby Follweiler has issue with debris at the Sousley Intersection and stated that the debris in the roadway along with a poor visibility create a danger to residents traveling from Sousley Rd. to Rt. 143. It was decided that the Township, through the solicitor's office, will send a letter to the property owner of Sky Hollow Dr. informing them that the private road is creating a hazard with Route 143 and the intersection at Sousley Rd. The Township will also contact PennDOT about the issue.

PLANS TO REVIEW: No new plans to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. EMS Maps. Each Board member presented their map marking the territories for the ambulance companies. Each map was relatively close, however, the Board will reconvene this meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018 and finalize map changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board reviewed the computer fraud coverage added to the insurance plan with no change in premium.
2. Motion to release Teena Moyer's financial Security Escrow balance for the 74 Clover Valley Rd. site improvements in the amount of \$10,080.57 made by AF and seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Letter from K. Kutchinsky – PA Dept. of Transportation – D. Becker explained the proposed land acquisition will take approx. 2.5 acres at an offer of \$54,000. The Board had previously asked PennDOT to stake out the property to be sure that the salt shed would not be taken. PennDOT declined the request, but stated the salt shed would not be part of the project. Dan explained that the Township may hire a surveyor to stake the property, and have the property appraised. PennDOT would cover that expense up to \$4000 under the Eminent Domain Code.
 - a. David Laudadio, 813 Old Rt. 22. stated that PennDOT will be taking approx. 2.1 acres of his land and questioned why his offer was so much lower than the Townships. Neither Dan nor the Board had an answer to that question other than it may have something to do with how the properties are zoned. Mr. Laudadio will need to call PennDOT to get a definitive answer on that.
 - b. Motion was made by AF and seconded by DS to authorize Chairman, Victor Berger to be the point of contact between PennDOT and the Township concerning all matters with the land acquisition. Including possibly having the property appraised and surveyed.
4. Letter From AECOM – Notification for Permit Application, Project SR 0078, Section 13M Culvert Liner project. Board reviewed the letter and will mail the requested document.

REPORTS:

1. EMC – Cheri Keim – Nothing new to report
2. Roadmaster – Bobby Follweiler
 - a. Requested that the Board authorize LTL Consultants to proceed with the design of a new salt shed. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS authorizing LTL to proceed with the plans with a cost estimate up to \$100,000.
 - b. Explained that the Road Crew had made repairs to the wood chipper as they could, however, it needed to be sent to Shoemakers for additional repair. Shoemaker will make repairs as needed but informed the Road Master that it may need to have work done by a machine shop. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to authorize Bobby Follweiler to contact a machine shop for additional repairs, if needed, with costs not to exceed \$3000. Motion carried 3-0.
 - c. Tree trimming, road repair and snow and ice removal are ongoing.
3. Zoning Officer/Engineer Report & UCC Building Permit Report – John Yoder, LTL Consultants
 - a. Joseph Sells, 71 Gensinger Rd. has added a substantial addition to his home without obtaining the required permits from the Township. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to have LTL send a letter and permit application to Mr. Sells asking for his compliance. If refused additional action will be taken. Motion carried 3-0.
 - b. McCarthy-Wright, 33 Robin Hill Rd. Owners have applied to establish a limited winery on their property which is 9.82 acres. They will need relief from the Zoning Hearing Board for minimum lot area (10 acres) and operating the winery in their principal building instead of an accessory structure.
 - c. There are three driveways being constructed at this time that need addition requirements. LTL has met with all three property owners and the property owners are taking the necessary steps to come into compliance.
 - d. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to approve both reports presented by LTL. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Solicitor – Dan Becker

- a. Tammy Bruno, Township Auditor, telephoned Solicitor Dan Becker after receiving a telephone call from Fred Germann requesting documentation on Township Pension Plans and Employee Benefits in regard to Victor Berger. Mr. Germann stated to Ms. Bruno that he and Kay Brendlinger are conducting their own investigation into the benefits being received by Victor Berger. Dan explained to Ms. Bruno that the request made to her was not appropriate for her position, and that Mr. Germann may request documents through the process of the State Right-To-Know Law by contacting the Township office.
 - i. D. Becker's concern was that the German/Brendlinger investigation concerning Victor Berger's benefits may be running concurrently and interfering with the State Ethics Commission Investigation. Dan contacted the State Ethics Commission and spoke with Special Agent Fry, explained who he was and that someone else is trying to be involved in the investigation. Special Agent Fry confirmed that the investigation done by the PA State Ethics Commission was closed. Special Agent Fry assured D. Becker that the Township was found to be in compliance with all state laws and there are no violations. They are taking no further action.
 - ii. D. Becker is concerned that residents are conducting private investigations and stated that if residents believe allegations of wrongdoing are taking place they should report to the PA Ethics Commission or the PA State Police. D. Becker is concerned with statements being made by residents and the disparatory comments improperly alleging wrongdoing by the Supervisors may be actionable. If this continues the Township Board of Supervisors may decide to take legal action.
- b. Executive Session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss the status of the Crossroads X litigation process. Appeal has been filed. The Township is required to provide all documents to the Court of Common Pleas. A schedule for briefing and oral argument will be filed.
- c. Snow Ordinance on hold for further research
- d. Update on the Zettlemoyer Bridge. County will go out for bids April 1, 2018 and plans to start construction May 1, 2018 with a reopening date of December 1, 2018.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion made by AF and seconded by VB to sign required paperwork for New Tripoli Bank adding Dean Spohn. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS: Motion made by DS and seconded by AF to recess tonight's meeting and reconvene on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:45. Motion carried 3-0.

RECONVENE: The Board of Supervisors reconvened their meeting of February 5, 2018 at 7:45 on Monday, February 19, 2018. Chairman, Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm to discuss the EMS maps.

EMS

1. Board members discussed and compared their individual maps and came to an agreement on the boundary lines for each EMS provider. The map was finalized and shown to the EMS providers present. Alex Elliker will forward the finalized map to the county.

ADJORNMENT: Motion made by AF to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Werley
Secretary/Treasurer