

Greenwich Township Board of Supervisors
Monday October 7, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attending: Supervisors: Dean Spohn, Steven Diehl Professional Staff: Colin Macfarlane-Kozloff Stoudt P.C, and Diane Hollenbach-Administrator

Guests: Marc and Dodie Sable, Andrew Dietrich, Linda Wood,

Mr. Spohn called the Greenwich Township regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Spohn asked that the public state their name and address if addressing the Board. This meeting will be recorded for the accuracy of the minutes and deleted. Attending visitors may also be recording. An executive session was held on September 18th from 7 am to 8 am for a personnel six month employment review.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 regular meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES and PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Wood, 142 Circle Road presented information about the Kittantiny Ridge Sentinel Landscape designation.

Marc Sable, 593 Old Route 22 presented Penn DOT publications that indicate that signalized intersections with stop signs do not comply with Penn DOT regulations. Dodie Sable questioned if the township would be liable in an accident if the signalization did not meet Penn DOT regulations. Linda Wood asked if the township could say no to taking responsibility for the traffic light. Mr. Macfarlane explained township immunity if the light is functional.

PLANS TO REVIEW: The monthly Subdivision and Land Development Status Report was reviewed. All plans are current.

OLD BUSINESS:

2002 New Holland Tractor

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, to authorize the sale of the 2002 New Holland Tractor and mower to the highest bid received on Municibid from Jim Gaskin for \$10,700 and authorize Road Master to sign all paperwork to complete the sale. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Signal at Route 737 and Route 22

Penn DOT has again requested the township take ownership of the new signal at Rt 737 and Old 22. The Board of Supervisors position has not changed on the matter. Tabled.

Joint Comprehensive Plan Small Group Proposal – A meeting was held with the County of Berks, DCED and all municipalities that were participating in the Joint Comprehensive Plan. A

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proposal has been made to limit each municipality to two representatives and hold small group meetings and bring the entire group together when necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, accepting the small group proposal for the Joint Comprehensive Plan meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Weisner Employment Review

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, to approve an increase of \$2 per hour and authorize 40 hours of vacation for Tom Weisner effective September 23, 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, to adopt Resolution 2024-15 setting the 2025 Pension MMO at \$74,161. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2025 Truck Purchase – Mrs. Hollenbach explained that the LSA Category 4 grant has been submitted and the truck could not be purchased before the grant was awarded. Award is expected in March. If the township is not successful with the grant, the truck will be financed.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, to authorize the purchase of a 2025 Western Star Dump Truck with plow and spreader per quotes received from Berman Freightliner and Em Kutz totaling \$279,604 upon the award of the LSA Category 4 Grant. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Agricultural Security Area Acknowledgement

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, authorizing a letter of acknowledgement be sent to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board that .56 acres of the Lenhartsville Fish and Game property in Greenwich Township is enrolled in the Windsor Township Agricultural Security Area. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Levan Road – H & K has not responded to the township's requests for the current fill site work to be completed, litter pick up along Levan Road and other items the Board wishes to include in a new agreement. Action on H & K request to use Levan Road – Tabled.

REPORTS:

Administrator –A written report was provided. Another meeting was held with BCIU on their per capita tax collection program. Mrs. Hollenbach reviewed the costs associated with the township handling per capita billing and collection without cost sharing with the school district. The tax revenue would be reduced to about half, and it does not make sense to continue to collect

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this tax. The same revenue could be raised with a real estate tax increase of .00005mills. A decision will be made during the budget discussion in November.

Road Master - No report

Engineering and Zoning Reports – A written zoning report was provided by Mr. Pflum.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, approving the release of the Nolt Duck Barn Inspection Escrow. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, upon the recommendation of Systems Design Engineering, Inc., approving the release of the Folino Estates Winery & Bistro Letter of Credit 100229336 issued in 2017 by Fleetwood Bank. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Spohn, upon the recommendation of LTL Consultants approving the final release of the Infinity II Letter of Credit. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Solicitor

Zerfass Sketch Plan Appeal Settlement Agreement – Mr. Macfarlane reported that the judge rejected the settlement agreement to stay the Zerfass Appeal.

A motion was made by Mr. Spohn, seconded by Mr. Diehl, to authorize an amendment to the Zerfass agreement that memorializes the parties filing a joint precipe to discontinue the case. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Having no further business, Mr. Spohn adjourned the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Hollenbach

Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer