

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 2021

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, held in the Municipal Building on Brink Hill Rd., Greentown, PA and live-streamed on the Township's Facebook page due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was called to order by Chair Gary Carlton at 7:00pm, who lead the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Adopt Agenda: Mr. Obert made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Action on Minutes: Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 3, 2021. Mr. Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Announcement of Meetings: None.
- In Attendance: Chairman: Gary Carlton, Supervisor: Gerald Obert, Supervisor: Barry Krautter, Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat, Treasurer: Sandra Oziemblo, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves.
- Solicitor: Jeff Treat stated that he had sent a letter to the township office regarding his discussion with Glen Martin, SEO. They discussed a property owner who has proceeded to install a septic system without a permit. Glen sent a violation letter to the property owner to cease and desist and to obtain a permit, which he has failed to do. Jeff is asking for the board to grant him permission to file a summary violation. Jeff also brought up another situation he has spoken to Glen about regarding a neighbor's complaint. Mr. Carlton advised that Glen's report states he has been to the location twice and it is an ongoing investigation. Mr. Carlton made a motion to grant Jeff Treat and Glen Martin to pursue legal action in regards to both matters, as needed. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Road Report: Mr. Obert advised that the road crew has been working to fill potholes. Mr. Carlton asked if Mr. Obert and Mr. Krautter can get together on Saturday to look at and discuss the pipe on Old Schoolhouse Road that needs attention. They agreed.
- SEO Report: Report received from Glen Martin. See Solicitor.
- Solid Waste/Sign Report: Reports received from Amanda Seagraves and Sandra Oziemblo. Mr. Carlton confirmed we are good for clean up day. Amanda stated that it will be held at the township building on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Jeff asked what we will not accept. Amanda stated hazardous materials, construction materials like lumber and cinder blocks, liquids and daily garbage. Mr. Krautter added that we won't take human or animal feces. Mr. Obert said that we did have to raise rates this year to accommodate rising costs of clean up day. Mr. Obert made a motion for the chairman of the board to sign the contracts for clean up day and park maintenance for Jazikoff Landscaping. Mr. Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Unfinished Business:
- a. **Ambulance** – Mr. Obert has been attending the meetings regarding the ambulance situation. Blooming Grove Township has now proposed an Intermunicipal Ambulance Cost Sharing Plan Agreement which legally binds participants to pay a \$500 fee to all ambulance services who “respond” to a Comm Center tone for service, whether or not the station's vehicle actually travels to the location or if they stand down and return to base. Mr. Obert provided the Pike County Communications Dispatch Statistics which state that from January 1, 2021 to March 30, 2021 there has been 271 total calls that were responded to by ambulance services in Greene Township. The board and solicitor discussed that the ambulance services would also bill the insurance companies in addition to charging the townships. Jeff advised he feels an agreement needs to be made, but this is not what he had in mind. There was a lengthy discussion about the state of our local volunteer ambulance stations compared to paid stations and the board concluded that this situation still needs to be pursued to come to a solution, but the process is not close to being completed.
 - b. **Girl Scouts Park Donation** - Mr. Carlton advised that the girl scouts who are doing their community project in the Cykosky Park are ready to proceed. Sandra advised that the township previously motioned to donate \$1,000 to the project, \$750 towards the sign they would like installed at the corner of Hemlock Grove Road and Brink Hill Road and \$250 towards landscaping. Mr. Carlton will have the troop leader call the township office to proceed. Mr. Carlton made a motion that we give them the funds as needed. Mr. Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- New Business:
- a. **Repository Lots**
 - i. **BIDDER:** Joshua Tree Associates, LLC Agent-Josh Speiss,301 Thelma Drive # 153, Casper WY 82609
AMOUNT OF BID: \$1250.00 **PREVIOUS OWNER:** Jaguar Real Estate, LLC **DESCRIPTION:** Lot 57 Sec E—Lake in the Clouds
 - ii. **BIDDER:** Patrick M. and Lisa B. Carey **AMOUNT OF BID:** \$1250.00 **PREVIOUS OWNER:** Mackey, Joseph L and Sandra L **KNOWN AS:** Lot 184 – Lake Wallenpaupack Estates
 - iii. **BIDDER:** Patrick M. and Lisa B. Carey **AMOUNT OF BID:** \$1250.00 **PREVIOUS OWNER:** Mackey, Joseph L and Sandra L **KNOWN AS:** Lot 185 – Lake Wallenpaupack Estates

iv. **BIDDER:** Kaytlyn Horvay and Michael Horvay **AMOUNT OF BID:** \$1255.00 **PREVIOUS OWNER:** Motel 99 LLC
Assignee KNOWN AS: Lot 520 Sec B – Sky View Lake

Mr. Carlton made a motion to accept the bids. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.

- b. **Trombino Tax Abatement** – The basis of this tax abatement is due to the disabled veteran exemption. Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve this abatement. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- c. **Jazikoff Proposals for Clean Up Day & Park Maintenance** – See Sign/Solid Waste Report.
- d. **Pike Co. Grant – Request for Letter of Support** – Pike County Board of Commissioners is preparing to submit a grant application in the amount of \$60,000 to support an update to the County Open Space, Greenways, and Recreation Plan. They are seeking a letter of support from the Greene Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Carlton made a motion to provide a letter of support. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- e. **New Holland Tractor Loan** – Mr. Carlton made a motion for the township to finance a New Holland Workmaster 75 Cab Tractor. Through COSTARS, the total cost of the machine is \$44,281.00. The township will be trading in the Mahindra 2655 Tractor for \$23,500.00. The new tractor will be financed through The Dime Bank in the amount of \$20,781.00. It will be used to move stones, load modified, remove trees from the road, and do other maintenance. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried. Mr. Carlton made a motion for the township to sign any and all documentation required to consummate the loan through The Dime Bank. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- f. **Pedone Lot Combination** – The board reviewed the map and proposed deed for the Pedone Lot Combination, located in Lake in the Clouds. Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the lot combination. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- g. **Award of Blacktop Bid – Saw Mill & Valley View Roads** – The township put out an advertisement for bid to pave the remaining part of Saw Mill Road and to seal the portion of Valley View Road that was paved in 2020. The results were submitted from the public meeting that was held at 10:00am. The results are as follows:
 - i. Hanson Aggregates - \$186,358.00
 - ii. Wayco Inc. - \$198,603.42
 - iii. Leeward Construction - \$198,742.00
 - iv. Pioneer Construction - \$216,371.30Mr. Carlton made a motion to award the bid to Hanson Aggregates for \$186,358.00 for the project as per specified in the bid package. Mr. Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.

Visitors (via live-streamed
Video comments):

Secretary, Amanda read the following residents' comments:

Cheryl Plummer Mitchell – “Just thought you should know that there a couple of TVs or monitors thrown on the side of the road on Beaver Dam on the blacktopped end near where there are trees cut and lying.”

Michelle De Paolo Vescera – “Will they be cleaning up all the trees that were cut down on Creek Road when the new poles and power lines were put up” Mr. Carlton advised that that is the responsibility of the land owner, not the township.

Joseph De Paolo – “Any plans on paving Creek Road?” The board advised that Creek Road is not on the list to be paved in the near future.

Jeffrey DiFrancesco – “German Valley Road needs embankment and drainage.” Mr. Obert stated that they are working on filling potholes right now and will work on the drainage when they weather permits and the time is available. Jeffrey DiFrancesco also asked – “Can we investigate the township attaining state and federal funding/grants for broadband (internet) access for all commercial and residential properties?” The board and the solicitor said they are not aware of available funding for broadband access.

Tim Oneil – “I would like to get involved with my township, I've lived here for 20+ years can you give me some information” The board would need more information on how he would like to get involved, but they suggested he speak with the chairman of the Planning Commission, Roger Altemier, to get information on becoming a member of the commission.

Cheryl Plummer Mitchell posted another comment – “Where is the blacktop project?” The board replied that it's on Saw Mill and Valley View Roads.

Adjournment:

Mr. Obert made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer