

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2022**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, held in the Municipal Building on Brink Hill Rd., Greentown, PA, was called to order by Chair Gary Carlton at 6:59pm, who led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Obert made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Action on Minutes: Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2022. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Announcement of Meetings: None.

In Attendance: Chairperson: Gary Carlton, Supervisor: Gerald Obert, Supervisor: Barry Krautter, Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves, Treasurer: Sandra Oziemblo, Code Enforcement Officer: Edward Geisler.

Visitors: Charles Shafer – Mr. Shafer is here in regards to Ordinance 75 – Dangerous Structures. He is on the board for Lake in the Clouds Development and there is a house that is unoccupied. It has trees on the roof, broken windows, missing doors, a crack in the chimney and black mold. The property owner lives in Florida. Mr. Shafer explained that their development has been trying to work with the owner to repair or demolish the structure with no success. He filled out a Request for Action Form to try to get the township to enforce Ordinance 75, as this house is in violation. Mr. Carlton asked if the owner pays his dues and taxes and Mr. Shafer said that yes, he pays his dues and he paid his taxes just before the property went up for tax sale. Mr. Carlton explained that since this property is in a private development, the development would be responsible for enforcing their own bylaws and making property owners repair or demolish dangerous structures. If the township were to pursue this and the owner did not comply, the township would have to pay for the repair or demolition then would put a lien against the property. It is not in the best interest of the township or the development for the township to have to collect the payment or re-sell the property if the owner did not remedy the violation. Mr. Treat reviewed photos of the property provided by Mr. Shafer and expressed that, in his opinion, this house is a violation, and he recommends the board turn it over to him. Mr. Carlton made a motion to have Mr. Treat write a letter of violation to the property owner encouraging him to take action to repair or remove the structure within 30 days. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Marcia Folenta – Observing.

Solicitor: Mr. Treat stated that he has been in contact with Lake Region EMS who presented a proposal at the February meeting. They advised him that Mr. Phy is no longer with their company and was not authorized to present a proposal. They ask that the township disregard his proposal and they will be open to a new conversation regarding our EMS needs in the future. The matter is tabled.

Road Report: Mr. Obert said the road crew is plowing as needed and will continue with winter maintenance until spring.

SEO Report: Report received from Glen Martin. Mr. Carlton read the report stating that Mr. Martin has been working with The Dime Bank's contractor regarding the septic system at the new branch in Greentown.

Code Enforcement Report: Report received from Edward Geisler. Mr. Geisler explained that there has been progress on solid waste violations. He has been advised that a new sign will be erected in Promised Land area off Route 390 so he is awaiting the permit.

Unfinished Business:

a. Lake Region EMS – See Solicitor.

New Business:

- a. **Resolution 22-3 Alternate Planning Commission Member** – Mr. Obert made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-3. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.
- b. **Land Donation from Roger Altemier** – Mr. Obert made a motion for the board of supervisors to look into this donation and inspect the property before making a decision whether or not they will accept. Mr. Carlton seconded; motion carried.
- c. **Tax Appeal – Parcel #128.02-01-62** – Mr. Carlton made a motion to accept the appeal. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried.
- d. **Repository Lots**
 - i. PREVIOUS OWNER: RIOTTA, JESSICA ANN KNOWN AS LOT 242R – FOUNDATION – LAKE WALLENPAUPACK ESTATES MAP NUMBER: 084.02-04-28 BIDDER: RICHART FERREIRA c/o NOVA FOOD SERVICE & EQUIPMENT LLC 60 PORTLAND ROAD, UNION, NJ 07083 AMOUNT OF BID: \$1,250.00Mr. Carlton made a motion to accept the bid. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Adjournment: Mr. Carlton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer