

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 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 7:00pm, who led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Carlton made a motion to add a letter from Timothy Jones to the agenda for the purpose of appointing Mr. Jones to the Greene Township Planning Commission. Mr Obert seconded; motion carried.

Action on Minutes: Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 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.

Visitors: Allen Shiffler – Mr. Shiffler brought some of his EMA gear in to show the board of supervisors. The gear was purchased with the ARPA funds that the township received. He purchased a helmet, jacket, pants and boots to wear on scene at emergency situations. Mr. Shiffler also brought up a situation in a neighboring township regarding a fire at a home that is rented out for short-term rentals. He explained that there was a furnace malfunction and the people who were renting this home for a vacation were lucky to be alive. He suggests that Greene Township adopt an ordinance pertaining to short-term rentals. Mr. Treat stated that he is actually in the process of drafting a model ordinance regarding this. His ordinance would pinpoint certain regulations regarding each property's septic system, smoke alarms, egress locations and other inspection aspects of short-term rental structures. He clarified that a short-term rental is less than 30 days. Charles Shafer – Mr. Shafer is following up on his concern from last month's meeting regarding a dangerous structure in Lake in the Clouds development. He stated that the development has fined the property owner and they have not paid or responded. Mr. Treat said he sent a letter and has been in contact with the son of the owners, as the father is deceased and the mother is elderly. Mr. Treat and the son have come to an agreement where Mr. Treat will assist in finding contractors to repair the home. Mr. Treat asked Mr. Shafer if the board of the development can be patient while he helps the situation to be remedied. Mr. Shafer agreed. Peter Mestousis – Mr. Mestousis owns a property on Route 447. He told the board that the neighboring property has a house on it that is right on the road and in a dilapidated state. It looks as if it will fall into the road at any time and there is also a junk tow behind camper on the property. He had submitted a Request for Action form, but nothing has been done. The board read the Code Enforcement Officer's last report that this property was on, which was in December 2021. They agreed to have Mr. Treat send a letter to the property owner. Linc Arthur – Mr. Arthur is looking for a status update regarding the brewery that is going in on the corner of Creamery Road and Route 507, in the old 84 Country Store location. Mr. Carlton explained that it is in process and must go through the Sewage Enforcement Officer and the building department before they can open, to ensure it conforms to all regulations and codes.

Solicitor: See Visitors.

Road Report: Mr. Obert said the road crew is fixing potholes, cleaning cinders off the roads and cleaning ditches. Once the frost is completely out of the ground, they will be able to fix all the potholes.

SEO Report: Report received from Glen Martin.

Code Enforcement Report: Report received from Edward Geisler.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Land Donation from Roger Altemier** – The board has gone out to review this land, and they feel it would not be an advantage to Greene Township residents. Since this property is mostly swamp and wetlands, it would not be suitable for a walking trail. With the recent submission for a boat storage building land development on the road that accesses this property, they feel it would be too busy and expensive to maintain that road. There are many walking trails in our township on state lands. For these reasons, Mr. Carlton made a motion to decline the donation. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Malamas Lot Combination** – Mr. Treat advised he has no comments regarding this lot combination. Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve and sign the deed. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.
- b. **Liquor License Transfer Request** – A letter was received regarding the request to transfer a liquor license from Palmyra Township into Greene Township for Jeffrey Barwick. Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried.
- c. **Purchase of Township Truck** – Mr. Carlton explained that the township truck, which was a 2002 Nissan, is no longer in working condition. The township has sold it for \$900 and now needs to purchase a replacement truck. There has been no luck finding a vehicle through COSTARS, as many phone calls have been made to dealerships and they are all sold out for 2022. Mr. Carlton made a motion to purchase a used truck for \$6,000. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.
- d. **Planning Commission Member** – The board has received a letter from Timothy Jones stating that he would be willing to serve on the planning commission. Mr. Carlton made a motion to appoint him as a planning commission member. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Carlton brought up a bill that has been approved by the Senate Local Government Committee, which would amend the Second-Class Township Code to authorize the board of supervisors to adopt a resolution to increase the compensation for elected auditors from \$10.00 per hour to up to \$17.00 per hour. Mr. Treat advised that since this is regarding money, it should go on next month's agenda. The matter is tabled.

Adjournment:

Mr. Carlton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer