

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 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 Justin Wittenbrader at 7:18pm, 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. Wittenbrader made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for the Purpose of a Liquor License Transfer Request on June 9, 2022. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried. Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 9, 2022. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Announcement of Meetings: None.

In Attendance: Chairperson: Justin Wittenbrader, Vice-Chairperson: Barry Krautter, Supervisor: Gerald Obert, Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves, Treasurer: Sandra Oziemblo.

Visitors: Roy & Gretchen Finney – Mrs. Finney explained that they are here for the noise that's caused by shooting on neighboring property. At last month's meeting, she corresponded with Eric Rebels from Double Eagle Pocono, who has since blamed other neighbors and has told her that he will not be ordering the barriers he told the township he ordered. Mrs. Finney said she called the neighbor that he accused and she clarified that she was not shooting. Mrs. Finney would like the township to move forward with a Noise Ordinance to remedy this issue.

Carol George Geiges – Mr. Geiges stated that he is here for the same reason as the Finney's. The shooting is not coming just from Double Eagle Pocono, but also from other neighboring properties and continues for hours and goes into the night. John Kilpatrick and Eileen Gifford asked why can't the state noise ordinance be enforced. They explained that their neighbors are playing music extremely late and turning the speakers towards their property. They've called the state police and were told the township would have to enforce a noise ordinance. Mr. Treat said that sounds like disturbance of the peace and a violation of the crimes code and the state police should enforce those violations.

Sofia Vilares – Ms. Vilares is concerned with the dust and speeding on Beaver Dam Road and Bartleson Road. Mr. Obert explained that the state police are who would enforce speeding violations. As far as the dust, the township is trying to get materials. We did get one pallet of calcium, but now there is no more available from our vendors. Mr. Wittenbrader explained that we have been putting what little we do have in front of houses. Ms. Gifford asked if we could blacktop and Mr. Obert explained that the prices are outrageous and to pave a half mile of road costs hundreds of thousands of dollars right now.

Amber Getting – Mrs. Getting is here in support of the noise ordinance. She was the neighbor of the Finney's that Mr. Rebels from Double Eagle Pocono accused of shooting and she wanted to clarify that she was not shooting.

Marian Keegan – Ms. Keegan would like to announce that she is a write-in candidate for PA State Representative for the 139th District.

Derek Figueroa – Observing.

Amy Baskin – Observing.

Peter Mestousis – Mr. Mestousis is here for an update on the dangerous structure located on Rt 447 and the dilapidated trailer on the same property. Mr. Krautter said the issue was handed over to the building department to investigate and determine whether the structure is in violation. Mr. Mestousis also brought a photograph of a man he says illegally dumped on his property, vandalized and stole from him. He did file a police report, but is wondering if anyone knows who the individual in the photograph is. No one could confirm their identity.

Eileen Gifford & John Kilpatrick – Ms. Gifford & Mr. Kilpatrick are looking for an update on the dust on their road. Previously discussed.

Dennis Stinson from Kiley Associates – Mr. Stinson is here for the Guerrieri Subdivision. Mr. Treat explained that he spoke with the SEO, Glen Martin, and suggests a deed from the seller to the buyer, which is the same party, that includes the non-building waiver. Mr. Treat has no further comment. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to approve this plan, subject to a recorded deed which includes the applicable DEP language, and for proof of recording to be provided to the township. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried. The board of supervisors will sign the plans after the meeting adjournment.

Solicitor:

Mr. Treat researched a potential Noise Ordinance and has concluded that the purpose must be for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Greene Township, Pike County. Noise has to be monitored and defined as to what is and is not permissible. Time of day is crucial, for example, mowing a lawn at 2:00pm is acceptable, whereas the same activity at 2:00am is not. Another aspect of noise restriction is how to measure the noise level and distance from the origin. Exceptions will have to be considered for emergency vehicles, farming activities, aircrafts, and other noises. Mr. Krautter asked if the township would have to hire someone to do enforcement and Mr. Treat explained that enforcement must be conducted by a licensed, experienced party who will possess the correct equipment and be secure if a court appearance is required. Mr. Krautter made a motion for Mr. Treat to pursue a Noise Ordinance draft. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried. Mr. Treat also noted that he has no comment on the Santelli Lot Combination. In addition, he spoke with an attorney regarding a transfer of a liquor license from Blooming Grove Township into Greene Township, specifically Greentown Grill. A public hearing will need to be scheduled. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to schedule the public hearing during the August 3, 2022 regular meeting, starting at 7:00pm and to advertise such date and purpose. Mr. Obert seconded; motion carried.

Road Report:

Mr. Obert said the road crew has potholes under control and they are now working to control dust in front of houses with what little material we have. They are also mowing the grass and trimming on the sides of the roads.

SEO Report:

Report received from Glen Martin.

Code Enforcement

Report:

Report received from Edward Geisler.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Township Employee Medical Insurance** – Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to provide medical insurance to township employees. The matter was further discussed and concluded that the board should review all available plans, costs and options for employee contribution. Mr. Wittenbrader retracted his motion and tabled the matter.
- b. **Lake Russell Road Bridge Project Bids** – Mrs. Seagraves described the current situation of Lake Russell Road Bridge Repair Project. She said that two bids had been received through an online portal that was checked by the township engineer, Gilmore & Associates. Upon the board accepting the only complete bid at the June 9, 2022 regular meeting, which happened to be the higher cost, the engineer discovered the lower bidder had, in fact, provided all necessary documents and the thought their bid was incomplete was not correct. The engineer spoke with the accepted bidder and explained the situation, who expressed their understanding. Mr. Treat advised the board request a signed document stating the higher bidder will not pursue legal action against the township for pulling their bid acceptance and awarding the project to the company who provided the lowest, complete bid. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to request such a letter, then upon receipt, award the project to the lower bidder, Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc. - \$268,488.00. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Schedule Noise Ordinance Work Session** – See Solicitor.
 - b. **Guerrieri Minor Subdivision** – See Visitors – Dennis Stinson
 - c. **Repository Lot**
 - i. PREVIOUS OWNER: MACKEY, JOSEPH L and SANDRA L KNOWN AS:
LOT 174B – LAKE WALLENPAUPACK ESTATES MAP NUMBER: 084.02-03-23
BIDDER: DEREK JUSTIN FIGUEROA 3841 SPLIT RAIL LANE, 1005 THE
HIDEOUT, LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436 AMOUNT OF BID: \$1,250.00
- Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to approve with no objection. Mr. Krautter seconded;
motion carried.

Adjournment: Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer