

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**May 11, 2023**

Call to Order: The Special Meeting of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, held in the Municipal Building on Brink Hill Road, Greentown, PA, was called to order by Chair Justin Wittenbrader at 2:34pm, who suspended the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose: Discuss a .5 mil tax towards ambulance services and to adopt Resolution 23-6 Authorizing Fire Departments to Perform Ancillary Events.

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

In Attendance: Chairperson: Justin Wittenbrader, Supervisor: Barry Krautter, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves, Supervisor: Gerald Obert was absent.

Visitors: Gordon Olsommer – Mr. Olsommer would like more information on the situation with Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company. He expressed that he hopes there are no issues between the fire company and the township because of previous feuds regarding money provided to Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company and Greene-Dreher Volunteer Fire Company. He previously heard that the township cannot afford to pay the insurance for the fire company, which he feels is a problem since they are an essential part of residents' safety. Mr. Krautter explained that the problem is the lack of documents provided from Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company in order to perform the annual audit of previously spent fire tax funds. The township cannot provide tax funds if the fire company fails to provide complete and timely paperwork to the auditors. Greene-Dreher Volunteer Fire Company provides their audit each year by the required date; therefore, they receive their funds from the township. Mr. Olsommer said he was not aware of that and asked if Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company is aware of what is required. Mr. Krautter said that they have been provided with the requirements numerous times. Mr. Wittenbrader explained that he has been a member of a neighboring fire company for twenty (20) years and the township that fire company is in only pays the workers' compensation insurance, as required by law. That is the same thing Greene Township is now doing. Olsommer said that he hates to see the demise of a fire company and he would like to see better communication between Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company and Greene Township, and he appreciates the clarification regarding this matter.

New Business:

- a. **.5 mil Tax for Ambulance Services** – Mr. Krautter explained that the township has been requested by the county to implement a half a mil tax, which they will match, to go towards ambulance services in neighboring townships, as Greene Township no longer has an ambulance within its borders. Mr. Krautter made a motion to implement such tax. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 23-6 Authorizing Fire Departments to Perform Ancillary Events** – Mrs. Seagraves reached out to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) for information on options to handle activities of the fire company to be covered under workers' compensation insurance. She has not received a response yet. Mr. Krautter made a motion to table Resolution 23-6 until guidance is provided by PSATS, and in the meantime approve Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company to participate in the Wallenpaupack South Elementary School's public service activity on May 26, 2023 and for fire police to perform traffic control at Renegade's Saloon on May 27, 2023. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.

Adjournment: Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves  
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer