

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 6, 2024

- Call to Order: The Regular 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 7:00pm, who led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Adopt Agenda: Mr. Krautter made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried.
- Public Comment Policy: Mr. Wittenbrader read the notice on the agenda which states the policy for public conduct during meetings.
- Action on Minutes: Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 7, 2024. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.
- Announcement of Meetings: None.
- In Attendance: Chairman: Justin Wittenbrader, Vice-Chairman: Barry Krautter, Supervisor: Edward Geisler, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves, Treasurer: Sandra Oziemblo, Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat.
- Visitors: Glenn Reilly – Mr. Reilly said that on behalf of his wife, she wants to thank the roadcrew for the great job they have done maintaining Kuhn Hill Road this winter. It is appreciated.
Jeff Olsommer – Mr. Olsommer announced that he is a candidate for the legislative 139th district. He and his family are from Pike and Wayne counties. His grandfather was on Greene Township committees in the 1950s and 1960s. Like his family, he also likes to serve his community and has served on many boards. His priorities will be to preserve the area’s conservative values, create economic opportunity, with a focus on working to reduce taxes and regulation on small businesses, and ensuring our first responders have applicable resources. He will defend our second amendment rights, sanctity of life, and improve education system. Mr. Olsommer thanked the board for allowing him to speak.
Steve Nesco – Observing.
Jerry Crismon – Observing.
Deborah Matthews – Observing.
Chris Davies – Mr. Davies asked Mr. Treat if he has reviewed the paper he sent him. Mr. Treat asked Mr. Davies to reiterate what he sent so it is on the record. Mr. Davies explained that what the township is doing in Resolution 23-15, he believes is illegal, as removing trimmed trees from properties is not within township power. Mr. Treat clarified that Mr. Davies is stating that the trees on properties, which the township has the right to sever, is still the property of the owner. Mr. Treat’s understanding is that Mr. Davies objects to the verbiage that it then becomes the property of the township. Mr. Davies argued that he believes the township does not have the right to seek possession. Mr. Treat recommends to the board to re-word the verbiage in Resolution 23-15 so there is no misunderstanding whose wood it is, and then the property owner can decide if they would like to keep the wood or have the township dispose of it. Mr. Davies also added he likes that the board added a public comment at the end of the meeting.
- Solicitor: Nothing.
- Treasurer’s Report: Report received from Sandra Oziemblo. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to ratify the bills. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried.
- Road Report: Mr. Wittenbrader said the roadcrew has been working to repair road damage from storms and fix potholes. Mr. Krautter said they are replacing signs; however, some signs are being stolen.
- SEO Report: Report received from Glen Martin.
- Code Enforcement Report: Report received from Bureau Veritas on behalf of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- Unfinished Business: None.
- New Business:
- a. **Adopt Resolution 24-5 Establishing Policies and Procedures to Permit and Regulate Public Comment at Public Meetings** – Mr. Krautter made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-5 which establishes policies

and procedure to permit and regulate public comment at public meetings. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.

- b. **Set Date of Clean Up Day** – Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to set the date of the annual Clean Up Day for Saturday, May 18, 2024 and to accept Jazikoff Inc.'s proposal for services at \$6,250.00. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried.
- c. **Approve Constable Rate to Attend Meetings** – Mr. Geisler made a motion to accept Mr. Wallace's rate of \$40.00 to attend board of supervisor's meetings. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.
- d. **Selling Kauffman Trailers and Other Equipment on Municibid** – Mr. Wittenbrader explained there is a bunch of equipment that the township no longer needs and they would like to sell it on Municibid, which is an online auction website for the sale of government property. He explained further that they are going to put reserves on some of the equipment, based upon current re-sale pricing. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to sell equipment on Municibid and place the following reserves: Kauffman Trailer \$4,000.00; Single Axle Enclosed Trailer \$2,000.00; York Rake \$1,000.00; Flail Mower \$1,000.00. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried.
- e. **Bids for Township Building Outside Lighting** – New lighting is needed outside of the township building. Mr. Krautter made a motion to get bids for new lighting. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried.
- f. **Open a New Bank Account for Ambulance Tax** – Previously, the township has implemented a .5mill tax for ambulance services, which is matched by Pike County. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to open a new bank account with The Dime Bank to deposit the collected funds into before distributing them to the ambulance companies. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried.
- g. **Purchase of Bulk Salt** – Mr. Wittenbrader said that a lot of cinders are currently used on blacktop roads since they need to be applied every time the roads freeze. He made a motion to get bulk salt to apply to the blacktop roads to keep them ice-free and save on cinders. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jerry Crismon – Mr. Crismon asked what the matching grant is from the county for the ambulance. Mr. Wittenbrader clarified that the township has implemented a half a mill tax on the township, which Pike County matches, providing a one (1) mill total which is then distributed to ambulance companies who service Greene Township. Mr. Olsommer asked if the county would match a higher amount and Mr. Treat said that they may, but you cannot implement more than .5mill without the public vote.

Chris Davies – Mr. Davies expressed that the new public comment rule is positive, but it is not good enough because he cannot comment during business to ask questions. He read a portion of the Sunshine Law and stated that the agenda needs to be more detailed or people need to be able to ask questions during each agenda item's discussion, such as how much the bulk salt will cost. Mr. Wittenbrader said that anyone who has a question on an agenda item can ask that during the first public comment session. Mr. Treat clarified that agenda items may only be authorizing deliberation in the future and may not have detailed information. If that is the case, the item would also be on the following month's agenda. Mr. Davies continued his point that he wants to be able to ask questions during each agenda item. The board thanked him for his comment and opened the floor to anyone else who would like to speak.

Adjournment:

There were no other public comments, therefore Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Geisler seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer