

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
November 10, 2020

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at the Municipal Building, 323 Green Lane, Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Prior notice of the meeting was given.

Chairman, Jerry Emling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was followed by the salute to the Flag.

PRESENT: Jerry Emling
Clark Coates
Shawn Reimold
Pat Wood
Christine Jackson
Margaret DeCarolis

Cliff Holloway
Chris Krassenstein
George Osborn
Marcella Peyre-Ferry
Dan Risk
Phil Smith
Craig Williams

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to adopt the minutes of the October 13th meeting and budget workshop as printed.

SANITATION: It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected \$75.00 in sanitation fees during the month of October. No well permits were issued.

ZONING: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 9 zoning, 7 occupancy, 1 driveway, 1 extension and 4 demolition permits during the month of October along with the acceptance of 1 Zoning Hearing Application. Ms. Jackson also advised of the following:

- Zoning Hearing Application of Eileen Scotten requesting a variance of section 200.7 and a special exception of section 503.2 of the zoning ordinance to allow her to purchase 5 acres of adjoining property from Mr. & Mrs. Cox. While both properties were in compliance with the zoning ordinance until 2013, they are now both non-confirming lots as their size is more than 2 acres and less than 20 acres. The proposed purchase would leave Ms. Scotten with 13.24 acres of property and the Cox's 10.1 acres. Ms. Scotten intends to have the property enrolled in an agriculture preserve and does not propose any new construction on the property. Following a review of the application, Mr. Emling motioned the Board recommend the approval of this application to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded Mr. Coates and carried.
- Attendance of herself and Mr. Coates at a recent Places 2040 meeting. She noted the county is strongly recommending that all municipalities in the southern end of the county adopt 1 inter-municipal comprehensive plan. They would like more areas designated for commercial use and would push all residential growth into the Quarryville area. Following a discussion of the information presented Mr. Emling advised he is completely opposed to the proposed propositions and believes smaller government is better government. Ms. Jackson advised that the current comprehensive plan is for Drumore, East Drumore, Fulton and Little Britain Townships. She additionally noted that comprehensive plans are only good for 10 years. Our current plan was adopted in August 2009 so work must continue to update it.

TAXES: It was reported that Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder collected \$66.25 in Real Estate tax and \$67.16 in Interim tax during the month of September and \$455.58 in Real Estate tax and \$62.69 in Interim tax during the month of October.

ROADS: Roadmaster, Dan Risk reported on the following October road crew activities

- Worked on mower tractor.
- Checked and cleaned Park.
- Checked and cleaned inlet boxes.
- Mowed at municipal building.
- Prepared yard area/regraded at municipal building and seeded.
- Mowed road banks.
- Performed routine equipment maintenance.
- Hauled stone to and regraded Eagle Road.
- Checked driveways for permits.
- Picked up conduit for Park.
- Regraded and filled potholes on dirt roads.
- Replaced faucet in restroom at Park.
- Began preparing equipment for winter maintenance.
- Checked roads for damage following storm.
- Dealt with boat that was abandoned on Reath Road.

Mr. Risk advised he located a name on items in the abandoned boat on Reath Road which the State Police and Fish Commission are investigating.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 11943 through 11982 in the amount of \$73,804.13.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ms. Wood advised that Bill Welch has informed her that he will be retiring from his position in closing the park at night. The Board discussed the number of years Mr. Welch diligently performed this job and ways to express their gratitude for his years of service. Following this discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried authorizing a payment of \$100 be made in appreciation of his services. Ms. Wood also requested that Mr. Risk contact Brendan Filliaux to confirm if he is still interested in performing these tasks.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried adopting the minutes of the October 27th Township Planning Commission as printed.

Carlo DeAugustine: Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying presented the stormwater management plan and explained how the project has grown since its inception. He indicated the proposed plan meets the requirements of the stormwater ordinance but is requesting a waiver of the submission of an as-built plan. Ms. Jackson indicated she supported this request as long as the project is built per design with no revisions. Motion was then made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to approve the plan as presented and waive the as-built plan if the build is per design as presented.

APPOINTMENT TO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION: Ms. Jackson advised the Board that resident Christine Krassenstein has expressed interest in serving on the Township

Planning Commission. She attended their October meeting, and the Planning Commission is now requesting that Ms. Krassenstein be appointed to complete the remainder of Mr. Bullitt's term through the end of this year. A motion was made by Ms. Wood to appoint Ms. Krassenstein for the duration of Mr. Bullitt's term. Mr. Reimold seconded the motion, which carried. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Krassenstein for stepping up to serve her community in this capacity.

ROBERT FULTON FIRE COMPANY: Phil Smith, Fire Chief of the Robert Fulton Fire Company (RFFC) and Cliff Holloway, President of the RFFC advised the Board of their need to replace the 1984 Mac Tanker truck currently being used by the fire department. It was noted the company runs the equipment for approximately 70 calls per year, the current vehicle holds 3,000 gallons of water and at its last inspection they were advised it would require around \$60,000.00 of repairs to pass its next inspection. They would like to purchase a new tanker truck and a committee has been appointed to spec out the needs of the department and obtain pricing. The Fire Company lost between \$120,000.00 to \$140,000.00 so far this year due to cancelled fundraisers per COVID-19 restrictions. The company has obtained a few grants to help defray the lost income but not enough to allow the replacement of this vehicle. A new tanker will cost approximately \$380,000.00 and take 10 months to receive. They have checked surplus equipment supplies, however there is nothing available to meet their needs. Through discussion it was noted that Fulton Township will be contributing \$50,000.00 towards the purchase of this equipment. The Board advised they would need time to discuss and evaluate funding prior to committing to a donation amount.

TRUCK PURCHASE UPDATE: Mr. Risk advised that he has obtained an estimate on a new 2021 Ford F-550 truck and determined it would be approximately the same price as the 2020 which was approved for purchase in October. It was noted that the dealership Mr. Reimold contacted provided an excellent estimate, but was not a member of Co-Stars, which would make the buying process more involved and time consuming to pursue. Following a discussion on the matter, the Board advised Mr. Risk to proceed with the purchase of the 2021 truck.

COVID/CARES ACT FUNDING: The Board was advised that additional information had been obtained from the County pertaining to the COVID/Care Act Funding. Based on the new updated information, it appears an additional allocation of \$34,064.00 has been set aside for Little Britain Township. This would bring the total allocation for the Township to \$53,407.00, of which \$2,722.00 has already been received. The Board discussed allocating this funding to the Fire Company for their equipment purchase. Due to this funding being allocated to offset income deficits already experienced and those anticipated the Board agreed that it would be better to plan \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00 of this funding be donated to the Fire Company and the remaining amount retained until the full impact of the income deficits are realized.

TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2021 BUDGET AND TAX MILAGE: Motion made by Mr. Reimold to tentatively adopt the 2021 tax milage of .3019 and the 2021 budget as prepared. Ms. Wood seconded the motion, which carried.

RELEASE OF ESCROW: The Board reviewed the comments provided by Township Engineer, Ed Fisher on the plans below prior to taking the following actions:

Levi Stoltzfus: Motion was made Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried authorizing the release of escrow on the Clendenin Road project.

Benjamin Gallardy: Ms. Wood motioned the release of escrow funding being held on the Pine Grove Road project. Mr. Reimold seconded the motion, which carried.

Richard Gorgo: Mr. Reimold motioned the escrow funding being held on the King Pen Road project be released. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coates and carried.

Joel Welch: Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried authorizing the release of escrow being held on the King Pen Road project.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 p.m. being no further business, motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis
Secretary/Treasurer