

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) met in a work session starting at 6 p.m. They finalized the meeting date schedule for 2017. Ms. Snyder gave a brief report on her attendance at a PSATS Standing Committee meeting for township's population 2000 - 5000. Mr. Russ Brooks, chairman of the Gregg Township 2025 Steering Committee addressed the board and shared highlights of their written report to the BOS. Chairman Brooks reiterated their mission/vision statement and outlined the subcommittees and their specific tasks. Communication is a high priority for the steering committee. The BOS had no further questions for Chairman Brooks in regards to the written report. Correspondence was discussed. The work session was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**Gregg Township Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 8, 2016**

The regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting for Gregg Township was held on December 8, 2016, at 106 School Street, Suite 106, Spring Mills PA with Supervisors Joel Myers, Douglas Bierly and Charles Stover in attendance.

Staff present: Laron Horner- Roadmaster, Jennifer Snyder - Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: Casey Grove, Michelle Grove, Russ Brooks, Doug Young, Brandon Young, Don Grenoble, Bob Corman, Keri Miller, Jenny Rider, Kevin Rider, Scott Breon, Jane Burrows, Charles Stover, Alan Stover, Justin Dashem, Michael Confer, Darlene Confer, Dianne Musser, Jim Smith, Pat Leary, Deb Stitzer, Dan Hall, Gary Gentzel, Sr., Zach Gay, Tammy Lesniak, Mike Lesniak, Donna Miller, Douglas Leitch, Walt Whitmer, Judy Grisham, Ray Grove

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag.
Mr. Myers moved the guest speakers to this point in the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS Zach Gay, representing Charles and Cindy Stover, addressed the board and asked if the BOS would consider accepting parkland dedication instead of the fee in lieu. Mr. Bierly was not in favor of accepting parkland in place of the fee in lieu. Chairman Myers asked to table this for further clarification. **Mr. Bierly made a motion to table this until the January meeting. Second by Mr. Myers. Motion carried. 2 - 0 Mr. Stover abstained from the vote.** Zoning Officer, Mike Lesniak, indicated that the requirements for the agricultural open space have been met.

Justin Dashem, representing Russell and Jeanne Schleiden, addressed the board in regards to their proposed subdivision. Revisions to the plan have been made taking into account the comments by the county. A fee in lieu would be required. **Mr. Bierly made a motion to conditionally approve the planning module for the Schleiden property. Second by Mr. Stover. No further comments. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Casey Grove, Spring Mills, addressed the BOS and expressed his opposition to the tax increase and is concerned with the conduct of members of the BOS in regards to the meeting recordings, budget meetings, and transparency.

Michelle Grove, Spring Mills, addressed the board in opposition to the 40% tax increase. Her suggestions to the BOS to decrease expenditures in the 2017 budget were not addressed.

Bob Corman, Centre Hall, is opposed to the tax increase and questioned if the BOS had consulted with anyone in the agricultural industry before deciding on this increase. He also brought up his concern about a safety issue on Middle Road.

Ray Grove, Spring Mills, would like to see the BOS communicate with residents more effectively and is opposed to the tax increase.

Gary Gentzel, Sr., Spring Mills, is concerned about the tax increase and the lack of communication with residents. He would like to see a more detailed budget on the website.

Mike Lesniak, Spring Mills, addressed his concerns with the tax increase and how it will affect farmers who have large plots of land. He is also expressed his concerns with the board's management of township funds.

Darlene Confer, Spring Mills, suggested the BOS consider an amusement tax to generate more income for the township. An amusement tax is assessed in Potter Township and Centre Hall Borough.

Tammy Lesniak, Spring Mills, questioned past expenditures for equipment and is opposed to the 40% tax increase. She is also concerned with the lack of communication with residents.

Donna Miller, Spring Mills, explained that real estate taxes have not increased but Earned Income Tax has increased significantly since Centre Tax Agency started to collect the tax.

Mr. Myers thanked everyone for their comments and recognized that communication is something they need to work on.

LIAISON REPORTS

Solicitors Report: Mr. Rayman suggested a motion be made to continue appointments until the January 3rd, organizational meeting. **Mr. Stover made a motion to continue appointments for all authorities, boards and commissions until the organization meeting on January 3, 2017. Second by Mr. Bierly. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0** Mr. Rayman reported the authorization for the line of credit at Jersey Shore State Bank for the Tri-Municipal Park is ready to be signed. Mr. Rayman stated that audio recordings from public meetings are not public records and are only for the benefit of the recording secretary to create meeting minutes.

Gregg 2025 Committee: Mr. Brooks reiterated that the 2025 committee is chartered for up to 15 members. Currently, there are 10 members on the committee and they are looking for interested citizens to be a part of this group. See discussion above from the work session.

Emergency Management Coordinator/Gregg Township Fire Company: Mr. Grenoble reported there is nothing new in Emergency Management or with the Fire Company.

Old Gregg School Advisory (OGS) Board: Ms. Burrows was a founding member of the committee responsible for encouraging the Township to purchase the building from Penns Valley School District for \$1. She explained the reason for the Township paying rent to the Old Gregg School fund and the many challenges they have faced, including the high cost to heat and cool the building over the years. The shades on the windows helped to decrease these costs. The OGS board met on December 6th, where they discussed a capital budget for long term expenditures. They discussed a contract for internet fees for the tenants currently using the internet. Ms. Burrows also mentioned the website is up and running. The Craft Fair is scheduled for December 10. As this is Ms. Burrows last meeting as the president of the OGS Advisory Board, she thanked the 2006 - 2007 Board of Supervisors for having faith in a group of volunteers to transform the school into a vibrant community center. They spent countless hours getting the rooms ready to rent. To date, all rooms are rented with a wait list of people interested in the space. There is a viable community kitchen, fitness center, lending library and the gym used daily. She hopes the Old Gregg School Community and Recreation Center continues to flourish and be a cherished part of the community. The Board thanked her for her years of service.

Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency (PVCEA): Mr. Lesniak reviewed his written report with the BOS. No further discussion.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission (PVRPC): Mr. Bierly reported that the PVRPC met on November 21st. There was a presentation from Penns Valley School District concerning their proposed renovations. The PVRPC were informed there is a gas line running through Centre Hall Borough for the primary purpose of servicing Hannover Foods on Route 45. The county is working on adding dry hydrants to the GIS informational system. There are grants available to township for the sign replacement program. The PVRPC continues to work on their comprehensive plan.

Gregg Township Planning Commission (PC): Mr. Bierly reported the Planning Commission met on December 5. Justin Dashem presented the Schleiden subdivision module. They also discussed a Highway Occupancy Ordinance.

Playground: A final inspection is scheduled for December 14. Once this happens, we should be able to request the final 10% of the grant money.

Tri-Municipal Park: The Tri-Municipal Park Board meets on Tuesday, December 13. **Mr. Bierly made a motion to sign the line of credit application for the Tri-Municipal Park through Jersey Shore State Bank. Second by Mr. Myers. No further discussion. Motion carried 2 - 1. Mr. Stover voting against the motion.**

Water and Sewer Authority: Nothing new to report.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the November 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Bierly. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 – 0
Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the joint meeting minutes from November 7, 2016. Second by Mr. Stover. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 – 0

Financial Report: Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the financial report. Second by Mr. Stover. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenditures & Liabilities	Fund Balance
Capital Reserve	227,686.31	20.79	-	227,707.10
General Fund	64,905.91	44,276.49	23,792.83	85,389.57
Old Gregg School	22,005.31	6,865.80	8,030.73	20,840.38
Street Light Fund	1,232.41	.24	281.82	950.83
Liquid Fuels Fund	78,047.61	15.99	-	78,063.60
Equipment Fund	3,795.38	111.00	-	3,906.38
Recreation Fund	1,353.47	-		1,353.47
Playground Fund	5,437.78	.10	1,638.92	3,798.96
Total	404,464.18	51,290.41	33,744.30	422,010.29

ROADMASTER REPORT

Mr. Horner reported they have finished putting up snow fence and are preparing for the winter season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tool Shed Lane/Cooper Street: Nothing new to report.

Block sign request from fire company: Chairman Myers has asked that this item be removed from the agenda and brought forward when more information is available.

Dry Hydrant on Harter Road Bridge: Mr. Stover talked to officials from DEP who indicated that nothing would move forward with the permit until the spring.

R-16-16 Establishing the Tax Rate for 2017: Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve R-16-16 a resolution establishing the tax rate for 2017. Second by Mr. Myers. No further discussion. Motion carried. 2 - 1 with Mr. Stover voting against the motion.

2017 Budget: Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve and adopt the 2017 budget as presented. Second by Mr. Myers. No further discussion. Motion carried 2 -1 with Mr. Stover voting against the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

PSATS Conference: Mr. Myers, Mr. Bierly and staff will attend PSATS this year. The funds for this has been incorporated into the budget.

Penns Valley EMA volunteer workers compensation: Ms. Snyder will prepare invoices to be mailed at the beginning of the year to each of the Penns Valley region municipalities for their portion of the cost of this insurance.

Centre County Planning Office- Final Subdivision plan Schleiden: See discussion above.

2016 Audit: Mr. Stover made a motion to sign the engagement letter with Baker Tilly for the annual audit costing \$4700. Second by Mr. Bierly. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed and discussed in the work session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Stover made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Second by Mr. Bierly. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 – 0
Respectfully Submitted By,

Jennifer Snyder, Secretary



Jennifer Snyder <secretarygreggtownship@gmail.com>

PSATS Conference3 messages

Gregg Twp Secretary <secretarygreggtownship@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 1:06 PM

To: Charles Stover <cws14@yahoo.com>, douglas bierly <douglasbierly1@gmail.com>, Joel Myers <joelmyers@myersfarm.com>

I just wanted to make sure that I have the ok to register Keri Miller from the Planning Commission to attend PSATS. She said that she had spoken with Joel about it and I know it is our policy is that we send Planning Commission members if they want to attend. So please let me know. Need to get her registered and a hotel room soon.

Thanks!

JEN

--

Jennifer Snyder
Secretary/Treasurer
Gregg Township, Centre County
www.greggtownship.org

joelmyers@myersfarm.com <joelmyers5@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2016 at 9:16 PM

Reply-To: joelmyers@myersfarm.com

To: Gregg Twp Secretary <secretarygreggtownship@gmail.com>

Cc: Charles Stover <cws14@yahoo.com>, douglas bierly <douglasbierly1@gmail.com>

I would welcome her attendance and also we discussed some sessions that would be helpful to her both as a planning commission member and as a leader in the advisory board. joel

[Quoted text hidden]

--

Joel C. Myers
868 Sinking Creek Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875
814-574-1319
joelmyers@myersfarm.com
www.myersfarm.com

Douglas Bierly <douglasbierly1@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2016 at 9:30 AM

To: Gregg Twp Secretary <secretarygreggtownship@gmail.com>

OK here. I thinks it's important, for everyone asociated with the township, to receive training.

Doug

On Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 1:06 PM, Gregg Twp Secretary <secretarygreggtownship@gmail.com> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) met in a work session starting at 6 p.m. They finalized the meeting date schedule for 2017. Ms. Snyder gave a brief report on her attendance at a PSATS Standing Committee meeting for township's population 2000 - 5000. Mr. Russ Brooks, chairman of the Gregg Township 2025 Steering Committee addressed the board and shared highlights of their written report to the BOS. Chairman Brooks reiterated their mission/vision statement and outlined the subcommittees and their specific tasks. Communication is a high priority for the steering committee. The BOS had no further questions for Chairman Brooks in regards to the written report. Correspondence was discussed. The work session was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**Gregg Township Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 8, 2016**

The regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting for Gregg Township was held on December 8, 2016, at 106 School Street, Suite 106, Spring Mills PA with Supervisors Joel Myers, Douglas Bierly and Charles Stover in attendance.

Staff present: Laron Horner- Roadmaster, Jennifer Snyder - Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: Casey Grove, Michelle Grove, Russ Brooks, Doug Young, Brandon Young, Don Grenoble, Bob Corman, Keri Miller, Jenny Rider, Kevin Rider, Scott Breon, Jane Burrows, Charles Stover, Alan Stover, Justin Dashem, Michael Confer, Darlene Confer, Dianne Musser, Jim Smith, Pat Leary, Deb Stitzer, Dan Hall, Gary Gentzel, Sr., Zach Gay, Tammy Lesniak, Mike Lesniak, Donna Miller, Douglas Leitch, Walt Whitmer, Judy Grisham, Ray Grove

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Mr. Myers moved the guest speakers to this point in the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS Zach Gay, representing Charles and Cindy Stover, addressed the board and asked if the BOS would consider accepting parkland dedication instead of the fee in lieu. Mr. Bierly was not in favor of accepting parkland in place of the fee in lieu. Chairman Myers asked to table this for further clarification. **Mr. Bierly made a motion to table this until the January meeting. Second by Mr. Myers. Motion carried. 2 - 0 Mr. Stover abstained from the vote.** Zoning Officer, Mike Lesniak, indicated that the requirements for the agricultural open space have been met.

Justin Dashem, representing Russell and Jeanne Schleiden, addressed the board in regards to their proposed subdivision. Revisions to the plan have been made taking into account the comments by the county. A fee in lieu would be required. **Mr. Bierly made a motion to conditionally approve the planning module for the Schleiden property. Second by Mr. Stover. No further comments. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Casey Grove, Spring Mills, addressed the BOS and expressed his opposition to the tax increase and is concerned with the conduct of members of the BOS in regards to the meeting recordings, budget meetings, and transparency.

Michelle Grove, Spring Mills, addressed the board in opposition to the 40% tax increase. Her suggestions to the BOS to decrease expenditures in the 2017 budget were not addressed.

Bob Corman, Centre Hall, is opposed to the tax increase and questioned if the BOS had consulted with anyone in the agricultural industry before deciding on this increase. He also brought up his concern about a safety issue on Middle Road.

Ray Grove, Spring Mills, would like to see the BOS communicate with residents more effectively and is opposed to the tax increase.

Dan Hall, Spring Mills, expressed his opposition to the tax increase and his concern with communication with residents in the township.

Gary Gentzel, Sr., Spring Mills, is concerned about the tax increase and the lack of communication with residents. He would like to see a more detailed budget on the website.

Mike Lesniak, Spring Mills, addressed his concerns with the tax increase and how it will affect farmers who have large plots of land. He is also expressed his concerns with the board's management of township funds. Darlene Confer, Spring Mills, suggested the BOS consider an amusement tax to generate more income for the township. An amusement tax is assessed in Potter Township and Centre Hall Borough. Tammy Lesniak, Spring Mills, questioned past expenditures for equipment and is opposed to the 40% tax increase. She is also concerned with the lack of communication with residents. Donna Miller, Spring Mills, explained that real estate taxes have not increased but Earned Income Tax has increased significantly since Centre Tax Agency started to collect the tax. Mr. Myers thanked everyone for their comments and recognized that communication is something they need to work on.

LIAISON REPORTS

Solicitors Report: Mr. Rayman suggested a motion be made to continue appointments until the January 3rd, organizational meeting. **Mr. Stover made a motion to continue appointments for all authorities, boards and commissions until the organization meeting on January 3, 2017. Second by Mr. Bierly. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0** Mr. Rayman reported the authorization for the line of credit at Jersey Shore State Bank for the Tri-Municipal Park is ready to be signed. Mr. Rayman stated that audio recordings from public meetings are not public records and are only for the benefit of the recording secretary to create meeting minutes.

Gregg 2025 Committee: Mr. Brooks reiterated that the 2025 committee is chartered for up to 15 members. Currently, there are 10 members on the committee and they are looking for interested citizens to be a part of this group. See discussion above from the work session.

Emergency Management Coordinator/Gregg Township Fire Company: Mr. Grenoble reported there is nothing new in Emergency Management or with the Fire Company.

Old Gregg School Advisory (OGS) Board: Ms. Burrows was a founding member of the committee responsible for encouraging the Township to purchase the building from Penns Valley School District for \$1. She explained the reason for the Township paying rent to the Old Gregg School fund and the many challenges they have faced, including the high cost to heat and cool the building over the years. The shades on the windows helped to decrease these costs. The OGS board met on December 6th, where they discussed a capital budget for long term expenditures. They discussed a contract for internet fees for the tenants currently using the internet. Ms. Burrows also mentioned the website is up and running. The Craft Fair is scheduled for December 10. As this is Ms. Burrows last meeting as the president of the OGS Advisory Board, she thanked the 2006 - 2007 Board of Supervisors for having faith in a group of volunteers to transform the school into a vibrant community center. They spent countless hours getting the rooms ready to rent. To date, all rooms are rented with a wait list of people interested in the space. There is a viable community kitchen, fitness center, lending library and the gym used daily. She hopes the Old Gregg School Community and Recreation Center continues to flourish and be a cherished part of the community. The Board thanked her for her years of service.

Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency (PVCEA): Mr. Lesniak reviewed his written report with the BOS. No further discussion.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission (PVRPC): Mr. Bierly reported that the PVRPC met on November 21st. There was a presentation from Penns Valley School District concerning their proposed renovations. The PVRPC was informed there will be a gas line running through Centre Hall Borough for the primary purpose of servicing Hannover Foods on Route 45. The county is working on adding dry hydrants to the GIS informational system. There are grants available to the township for the sign replacement program. The PVRPC continues to work on their comprehensive plan.

Gregg Township Planning Commission (PC): Mr. Bierly reported the Planning Commission met on December 5. Justin Dashem presented the Schleiden subdivision module. They also discussed a Highway Occupancy Ordinance.

Playground: A final inspection is scheduled for December 14. Once this happens, we should be able to request the final 10% of the grant money.

Tri-Municipal Park: The Tri-Municipal Park Board meets on Tuesday, December 13. **Mr. Bierly made a motion to sign the line of credit application for the Tri-Municipal Park through Jersey Shore State Bank. Second by Mr. Myers. No further discussion. Motion carried 2 - 1. Mr. Stover voting against the motion.**

Water and Sewer Authority: Nothing new to report.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the November 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Bierly. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 – 0 Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the joint meeting minutes from November 7, 2016. Second by Mr. Stover. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 – 0

Financial Report: Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve the financial report. Second by Mr. Stover. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenditures & Liabilities	Fund Balance
Capital Reserve	227,686.31	20.79	-	227,707.10
General Fund	64,905.91	44,276.49	23,792.83	85,389.57
Old Gregg School	22,005.31	6,865.80	8,030.73	20,840.38
Street Light Fund	1,232.41	.24	281.82	950.83
Liquid Fuels Fund	78,047.61	15.99	-	78,063.60
Equipment Fund	3,795.38	111.00	-	3,906.38
Recreation Fund	1,353.47	-	-	1,353.47
Playground Fund	5,437.78	.10	1,638.92	3,798.96
Total	404,464.18	51,290.41	33,744.30	422,010.29

ROADMASTER REPORT

Mr. Horner reported they have finished putting up snow fence and are preparing for the winter season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tool Shed Lane/Cooper Street: Nothing new to report.

Block sign request from fire company: Chairman Myers has asked that this item be removed from the agenda and brought forward when more information is available.

Dry Hydrant on Harter Road Bridge: Mr. Stover talked to officials from DEP who indicated that nothing would move forward with the permit until the spring.

R-16-16 Establishing the Tax Rate for 2017: Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve R-16-16 a resolution establishing the tax rate for 2017. Second by Mr. Myers. No further discussion. Motion carried. 2 - 1 with Mr. Stover voting against the motion.

2017 Budget: Mr. Bierly made a motion to approve and adopt the 2017 budget as presented. Second by Mr. Myers. No further discussion. Motion carried 2 -1 with Mr. Stover voting against the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

PSATS Conference: Mr. Myers, Mr. Bierly and staff will attend PSATS this year. The funds for this has been incorporated into the budget.

Penns Valley EMA volunteer workers compensation: Ms. Snyder will prepare invoices to be mailed at the beginning of the year to each of the Penns Valley region municipalities for their portion of the cost of this insurance.

Centre County Planning Office- Final Subdivision plan Schleiden: See discussion above.

2016 Audit: Mr. Stover made a motion to sign the engagement letter with Baker Tilly for the annual audit costing \$4700. Second by Mr. Bierly. No further discussion. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 - 0

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed and discussed in the work session.

ADJOURN

**Mr. Stover made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Second by Mr. Bierly. Vote in favor was unanimous. 3 – 0
Respectfully Submitted By,**

Jennifer Snyder, Secretary

DRAFT