

**Gregg Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2024**

The regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting for Gregg Township, Centre County, was held on July 11, 2024, at 106 School Street, Suite 203, Spring Mills, PA, with Chair Charles Stover, Ben Haupt, and Vicky Vanada. Others in attendance: John Lhota – Solicitor.

Chair Stover called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several individuals, including Laron Horner, Mr. Kenneth Haupt, and Keri Miller, made comments regarding the situation involving the Township secretary.

John Lhota and the BOS explained that the criminal investigation is ongoing. As such, they cannot provide any further details at this time, but will when they are able.

Tom Titus spoke about the timing of potential repairs to the recreational facilities in the Old Gregg School.

Donna Miller spoke about the situation involving Centre County's transfer to a new tax software system.

Kylie Topeka spoke about the status of the Auman property.

John Lhota explained that if Mr. and Mrs. Auman do not comply with the Court's previous order, the Township intends to file a motion for contempt and request that the Auman's be taken into custody until such time that they comply with the Court's previous order.

Ben Haupt spoke in response to the comments regarding the situation involving the Township secretary.

LIAISON REPORTS

Solicitors Report: John Lhota did not have anything to report that he had not already addressed during Public Comments.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Jim Smith was absent.

Gregg Township Fire Company: Dan Musser gave report.

Old Gregg School Advisory Committee: Molly Miller reported that the Advisory Committee would like all of the tenants of the Old Gregg School to sign "Releases" requiring Landlords to take responsibility for any guests and/or invitees that they have in the building after hours. Ms. Miller was advised to contact David Gaines to further discuss the specifics of the "Releases."

Physical Plant Manager's Report: Jim Smith was absent.

Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency (PVCEA): Justin Dashem gave a report on code enforcement activities, including PVCEA's recommendation to adopt an Airbnb/Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Elam Beiler spoke about Airbnb's policies and insurance.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services (PVEMS): Charles Stover gave a report regarding the PVEMS.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission (PVRPC): Ben Haupt gave a report regarding the PVRPC.

Planning Commission (PC): Ben Haupt gave a report regarding the PC.

Water & Sewer Authorities: Bob Myers gave a report regarding the Water & Sewer Authorities.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Haupt made a motion to approve the June 13, 2024 BOS Meeting Minutes. Second by Ms. Vanada. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Mr. Haupt made a motion to approve All-Funds Financial Report. Second by Ms. Vanada. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Mr. Haupt made a motion to approve renewing the Certificates of Deposit (CDs) with First National Bank. Second by Ms. Vanada. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

ROADMASTERS REPORT

Brandon Ripka was not present, but Ben Haupt gave a report regarding the Roadmaster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Myers stated that Centre County 911 Emergency Communications will not approve the assignment of a street name for his private road without Township approval.

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the assignment of a street name to Mr. Beilers' private road. Second by Mr. Haupt. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Bob Myers gave a presentation on the Jonas Beiler development plan, and requested the BOS approve the use of Karst Topography relating to stormwater management requirements, as is permitted in surrounding municipalities like Potter Township. Mr. Myers also requested that the fee in lieu of dedication not be required until a building permit is requested.

A discussion was held regarding the Jonas Beiler development plan, and Mr. Myers' requests.

Mr. Haupt made a motion to approve Jonas Beiler development plan. Second by Ms. Vanada. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Mr. Haupt made a motion to approve the use of Karst Topography in relation to stormwater management requirements, as is permitted in Potter Township's ordinance. Second by Mr. Stover. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Mr. Stover made a motion that the fee in lieu of dedication relating to the Jonas Beiler plan not be due until a building permit is requested. Second by Ms. Vanada. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Laron Horner stated that he already spoke during public comment, but reiterated his thoughts regarding the situation involving the Township Secretary.

Marty Mallone was not present to discuss Bitner Hollow Road.

Regarding the proposed burn ban, Dan Musser advised that people should not burn when it is dry.

Laron Horner raised the question of whether the Township is required to provide services to dispose of leaves and brush when a burn ban is implemented.

Charles Stover stated that the Spring Mills Town-Wide Yard Sale will be September 13 and 14, 2024.

Ben Haupt gave an update on the boiler, gym, electric service, and related matters in the Old Gregg School. He stated that the Township is waiting on the outcome of a grant, and the Board is attempting to coordinate the work to reduce costs and expenses to the Township.

Charles Stover stated that the Airbnb issue was previously addressed in the meeting.

Charles Stover reported that the Township is in the process of hiring a secretary, but Ms. Vanada has assumed the role in the interim.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Stover made a motion to adjourn the regular BOS meeting at 7:48 p.m. Second by Mr. Haupt. No further discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By,

David S. Gaines, Jr., Solicitor

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