

Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
Room 203

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 pm by Chair Ben Haupt. Present are BOS: Ben Haupt, Carol Gingrich, Vicky Vanada and Solicitor David Gaines.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Chair Ben Haupt announced there was an Executive Meeting prior to the BOS Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Donna Miller – Donna has been working with the new tax system, GSS and tax statements have been sent out. Donna said this system is a little different. Donna said that she had five tax statements returned.

ROADMASTER:

1. Roadcrew finished sweeping roads
2. Roadcrew filled the pot holes that they could, weather still is not ideal for this project
3. The salt shed was cleaned out today
4. Brandon met with Matt Kenepp from Penn DOT about tar and chipping roads. Brandon Ripka would like to get bids to double seal three roads in Gregg Twp. this summer: Beaver Dam Road, Grenoble Road, and Gingrich Gap. Brandon said to double seal the three roads, that a rough estimate would be about \$140,000 - \$150,000 and that this would use all of his liquid fuels money that the township received for this year. Motion made by Carol Gingrich to get bids to double seal the three roads mentioned above. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.
5. Brandon said that the used truck that Gregg Twp. is purchasing from College Twp. should be ready in a couple of weeks.
6. Brandon, Troy Parker, Ben, and Vicky met with Ken Szala from Lehman Engineering on Monday, April 7, 2025 and went out and looked at 48" pipe on Bitner Hollow Road by the Miller property. Ken Szala to get back to us with his thoughts on box culvert. Also looked at the foundation at Tool Shed Lane & discussed possibility of a pole building for additional storage area for the roadcrew. Will also be looking into grants for this project.
7. Brandon said that stone bids were opened today at noon. Received one stone bid from Heidelberg. Motion made by Carol Gingrich to accept the Heidelberg stone bid. Second by Vicky. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Liaison Reports:

1. **Solicitor – David Gaines:** Auman property, for the next month David will focus on further cleanup outside of court. David said that he will reach out to the property owners. Kylie Topeka told David that she knows of cash buyers that would purchase the house and for David to let them know that information. Kylie said that she has been asking for a home inspection since November 2024 and that there is a broken window. Kylie said that the dumpster that was there, is now gone and there are still items on the

property.

2. **Emergency Management Coordinator** – Jim Smith not present
3. **Fire Company** – Troy Parker: Troy apologized for not being at last months meeting, that he had training that he was attending.
 - For February, there were 6 calls
 - For March, there were 15 calls
 - Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 12, 2025
 - Hoagie Sale beginning, delivery will be on Thursday, May 1, 2025
 - Bingo on Friday, April 18, 2025
 - Applied for a grant and will be getting \$12,000
 - Will be having a Fall Craft Fair at the Carnival Grounds
4. **Old Gregg School:**
 - a. **Advisory Board Report – Molly Miller**
 - Letter requesting a donation from YMCA for Child Care Summer Program using playground equipment/bathrooms was sent. But we are hearing that the PV YMCA Summer Program may be moved to Centre Hall.
 - Spring Craft Fair did not see the business that they have in the past. Molly does not have final numbers yet.
 - One suggestion in suggestion box for more signage for the craft fair.
 - Mark Fisher, PVYC would like to remove the raised beds and plant grass seed since they no longer use the raised beds. He said that he would have the PVYC group help with the project. Motion made by Vicky Vanada to have Mark and PVYC remove the raised beds and plant grass seed. Second by Carol Gingrich. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.
 - Mark Fisher, PVYC would also like to remove the small water fountain/sink cabinet due to the water damage. Motion made by Carol Gingrich to remove the small water fountain/sink/cabinet. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.
 - Restoring Veteran's Water Fountain by the playground:
Vicky called six contractors. One contractor said he was not interested in the restoration. Two contractors looked at it and are going to give estimates. Three contractors did not respond.
 - b. **Maintenance Report – Dave Sweeley**
 - Pantry remodeling is 99% complete. Need to do polyurethane to wooden doors and need the cap for the bottom of the outside door from Poorman's Welding.
 - Starting two other projects:
 - #1. Separating a drain line from a 2nd floor business so that it does not connect to the first floor businesses. The 2nd floor business will have a drain line that connects directly to the main drainage line so that we do not have any further problems with backflow of gray water into the 1st floor businesses.
 - #2. Replacing broken floor tiles in 1st floor hallway
5. **Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency (PVCEA)** – Justin Dashem apologized for not being at meeting last month but said that he stepped on a nail. Justin said that they

issued two permits in February and issued four permits in March. Justin said that a business, Country Time Coffee, along Rt 45 is in the early stages of applying for permits. Justin said they also need sewer approval.

6. **Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services (PVEMS)** – Carol Gingrich said that she attended the PVEMS meeting on April 9, 2025. They reported recently receiving COVID monies from the IRS. They reported clearing \$157,738.09 so far. They paid a company \$32,000 for finding this money. They anticipate receiving two more checks that could take them close to receiving a total of \$200,000. They have been looking at a demo ambulance, and then possibly purchasing a second ambulance around 2026-2027.
7. **Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission** – Ben Haupt said that he attended the meeting and there was a presentation from a recreational outfit in State College and they talked about Highways and Byways. Ben said that they want to make Rt 45 be a Byway for Tourism. Ben said that there is a stipulation that there cannot be any more billboards. Ben said that Millheim Borough signed on with the Highways and Byways.
8. **Planning Commission (PC)** – Ben Haupt said that they discussed the Open Space Ordinance but decided to leave it as is.
9. **Water & Sewer** – Ben Haupt said that he attended the meeting and they drained the old sewer plant and had workers looking at it and they said we need a new plant. The Sewer Committee is discussing how to get grant money.

Secretary:

1. Motion to approve the March 13, 2025 BOS Meeting Minutes made by Carol Gingrich. Second by Vicky Vanada. Not further discussion. Vote was unanimous.
2. Motion to accept and approve the February 2025 Balance Sheet and P&L (Profit & Loss) Financial Reports for Gregg Twp Supervisors and OGS by Carol Gingrich. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business:

1. John & Catherine Smith's Conditional Use Application – David Gaines, Solicitor explained that the written framework of the Conditional Use is almost complete. Still need to consider the voiced concerns from the neighbors (hours of operation, parking, signage) regarding the Smith's Conditional Use Application. After conditional use guidelines are completed, the then finalized written decision can be completed. Motion made by Carol Gingrich that once the subject to conditions is reviewed and finalized that the Smith's Condition Use Application be approved. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.
2. Agricultural Security Area Ordinance not being re-established and re-recognized, was supposed to be done every seven years and hasn't been done since 2003 – David Gaines said that the State Regulations state that if it is not renewed that it automatically renews. David made a phone call and is waiting on a return phone call on this issue. Motion to re-establish and re-recognize the Agricultural Security Area Ordinance made by Carol Gingrich. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

1. Motion to write off the Auman clean up expense at Tool Shed Lane from the A/R Aging

Summary from years ago (2017 & 2021). Motion made by Carol Gingrich to write off the Auman clean up expense from the A/R Aging Summary. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.

2. Dunklebarger CD will need to be renewed on 4/19/2025. Motion made by Carol Gingrich to renew Dunklebarger CD. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Correspondence:

1. Received Scholarship Applications from Centre County Association of Township Officials (CCATO). The application deadline is June 27, 2025. The application is posted on the township website.

Adjourn:

Carol Gingrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Second by Vicky Vanada. No further discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Next BOS meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 6:30 pm in room 203.