

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
November 9, 2021

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9th 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 and reflection was followed by the salute to the Flag.

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

Adam Byrne
George Osborn
Giovana Posey
Jeff Posey

Agnes Reeder
Thomas Reeder
Dan Risk
Dan Shanor

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to adopt the minutes of the October 12th meeting as printed. Motion made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried to adopt the minutes of the Alvin Beiler Conditional Use Hearing as presented.

SANITATION: It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected \$450.00 in sanitation fees and \$50 for well permits issued during the month of October.

ZONING: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 6 zoning, 3 occupancy and 1 driveway permits during the month of October.

TAXES: Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder reported there were no taxes collected during the month of September. She noted that she collected \$576.77 in Real Estate tax and \$41.73 in Interim tax during the month of October along with a street light tax payment of \$15.54.

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

- Checked and cleaned at Park.
- Checked Roads.
- Hauled stone and regraded Scott Road.
- Worked on stormwater project on the Little's property.
- Performed routine equipment maintenance.
- Checked driveway and 911 call sites.
- Mowed road banks.
- Placed rock at pipe crossing.
- Winterized restrooms at Park.
- Mowed at township building.
- Replaced rope on flagpole.
- Repaired asphalt on Blue Gill Road.
- Worked on equipment.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 12377 through 12408 in the amount of \$23,606.23. Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund check 12409 in the amount of \$18.00. Ms. Wood abstained from voting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting was opened for public participation, with no response.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried adopting the minutes of the October 26th Township Planning Commission as printed. Ms. Wood questioned how work on the Mobile Home Ordinance was progressing. Ms. Jackson advised that due to farming/work obligations faced by the Planning Commission members that work has stalled but will regain momentum following the holidays.

CLOSING OF TOWER HEALTH HOSPITAL: Resident, Dan Shanor advised the Board of severe disappointment of the news that Jennersville Hospital was closing as of December 31st. He indicated his belief that all elected officials should be concerned over the announced closing of this facility as the next closest medical facility is 45 minutes away. Mr. Emling stated his belief that the government was phasing out all privately owned medical facilities allowing it the ability to have more control over the medical field. Ms. Wood stated that a representative from Lancaster General Hospital spoke at an Inter-Municipal Council meeting prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and indicated they were considering building a medical facility near the Buck. Mr. Shanor also requested that a notice be placed in the next newsletter announcing that volunteers are needed on election days. He indicated his belief that some of those currently working the elections here in Little Britain need to step down so more efficient and time effective measures could be introduced to expedite the voting process. Following a discussion on the matter, the Board indicated that the Judge of Elections would be contacted to discuss this matter further prior to placing information in a newsletter.

RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER CONCERNS: Residents Adam Byrne and Jeff Posey addressed the Board regarding notifications they received advising of maintenance/repairs required of the stormwater features on their properties. Mr. Byrne advised that based on the information he obtained, which he presented copies of to the Board, that the stormwater plan designed when the Charlestown development plan was approved has been altered by the Township and therefore absolves him of the responsibility of maintaining it. Mr. Byrne indicated that he was advised by a neighbor that an inlet box was installed during the takeback of Kirks Mill Road and that problems have existed since. A lengthy discussion pursued regarding the water flow in this development, the possibility of filter bags being installed in the inlet box or the screening of inlet boxes to filter more debris. It was also noted that the driveways on Kirks Mill Road were grandfathered from the regulations of paving at least the bottom 8 feet of their driveways, however the township may wish to complete this task for the residents to improve the runoff situation. Ms. Jackson advised that all residents who received notifications of stormwater maintenance/repair notices were advised to contact the Township engineer with questions or concerns over the matter. Mr. Byrne was adamant that he should not be responsible for expenses incurred by contacting the engineer as he firmly believes his responsibilities were severed when the township altered the original stormwater plan. The Board agreed that they would contact the engineer, at their expense to obtain more information on the matter. Resident, Giovana Posey indicated she spoke with the Board about this matter in 2014 or 2015 and was advised the Township would handle the situation. She also requested that she be notified prior to any work taking place on her property.

SOLANCO HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST: The Board was advised that a request had been received from a member of the Solanco Historical Society. They are requesting approval to trim the evergreen trees at the municipal building, allowing them to keep the material trimmed for their evergreen wreath/decorations sales. Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson noted that those trees were planted per stipulations placed on the township by the Zoning Hearing Board when authorization was granted to construct the municipal building at this location. Following a discussion on the matter in which several people indicated their patronage of the evergreen sale, the Board indicated they could not authorize the trimming of the trees.

LIFE/SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE: The Board was advised that the PSATS Trustees Insurance and Retirement Services group which provides Life Insurance and Short-term Disability Insurance for the township is updating their coverage options. Currently, the life insurance coverage is only for \$12,000.00. The updated coverages offer coverage between \$10,000.00 and \$75,000.00. The current disability policy offers coverage of \$250.00 per week for weeks up to 26 weeks. The updated plans being offered allow weekly coverage ranging from \$248.00 per week to up to 60% of regular pay up to \$600.00 per week. The current coverages will be grandfathered should no changes in coverage be desired. The Board discussed the options in length. A motion was then made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to upgrade the life insurance coverage to \$25,000.00 per employee at the Township expense and to maintain the current leverage of disability coverage at township expense but to allow employees to upgrade their coverage at their own expense if desired.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: The Board was advised of an additional estimate received for William Sumner Plumbing for the installation of touchless faucets and flush valves on the urinals at the Municipal Building. His estimate for work totaled \$2,900.00. He also noted his belief that due to the amount of damage that occurs at the park that these features are not considered at the location. Mr. Emling stated he did not desire to allow vandalism to dictate what improvements were made at the park and that updates should be considered at the park as well. The Board also reviewed an estimate obtained from Lowry Services for the installation of motion detector lighting at the municipal building. The estimate for that work came in at \$5,348.25. The Board was advised that the Secretary/Treasurer discussed improvements at the park utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding and was advised as of this time, it does not appear that work would be approved under the program guidelines. It was further noted that Pennsylvania is one of a few states that have local government levels as we do. County or City government is generally the lowest level of government in other states and therefore the guidelines for this funding is much more easily utilized by governments of their size and structure. Solicitor, Angela Sanders is hopeful, additional consideration and guidelines will be provided that more accurately reflect the needs of local governments such as ours.

PARK INSPECTION: The Board was advised that an inspection of the park by the township's liability and property insurance provider found some areas of concern. An overview of the report was given, and the Board was advised that several of the issues regarding weeding and the placement of mulch had already been rectified. Repairs to the slide at the original playground will be made by Mr. Risk. The concern raised over the metal freestanding slide being outdated and needing to be replaced was discussed. Following a discussion, the Board indicated they wanted additional information on why it being older meant it needed replacing. The Board also agreed to update the ¾ style toddler swings with full bucket style swings and advised Mr. Risk to ensure the removal of the downed tree.

TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2022 BUDGET AND TAX MILAGE: Motion made by Mr. Reimold to tentatively adopt the 2022 tax milage of .3019 and the 2022 budget as prepared. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

RELEASE OF ESCROW: The Board was advised that the stormwater improvements have been completed on the Ruth Ridgeway project and approved by the Township Engineer. Motion was then made by Mr. Coates to release the escrow funding held on this project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wood and carried.

PSATS CONVENTION UPDATE: Mr. Brenneman provided the Board with an overview of the activities that took place at the State Convention, which celebrated PSATS 100th anniversary. He indicated the program was informative and pleasurable.

ZONING INQUIRY: Mr. Reimold questioned if Justin Kreider was authorized to run an event venue as he has seen large scale weddings taking place on his property. Ms. Jackson advised that Mr. Kreider's property is not authorized as an event venue, but she was aware one of his children were married on the property. She will speak with Mr. Kreider to ensure he is aware only events for his immediate family may take place there.

BLACK/LITTLE BRITAIN ROAD INTERSECTION: Mr. Emling questioned where things stood with the project at the Black and Little Britain Road intersection. He was advised approval had not yet been obtained from the state. Mr. Brenneman suggested trimming the trees at the intersection to help improve site visibility while waiting for authorization from the state.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:34 p.m. being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis
Secretary/Treasurer