

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
August 13, 2019

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 13th, 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
Richard Brenneman
Pat Wood
Christine Jackson
Margaret DeCarolis
Jim Bullitt
George Osborn
Dan Risk

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Brenneman to adopt the minutes of the July 9th Board meeting and the minutes of the Vernon Fox ECHO hearing as printed. Ms. Wood seconded the motion, which carried.

SANITATION: It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected in \$225.00 in Sanitation fees and \$50.00 for well permits during the month of July.

ZONING: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 12 zoning, 6 occupancy, 4 demolition and 2 driveway permits during the month of July. She also advised the Board of the following:

- Resolution pertaining to the installation and tax assessment for public lighting was adopted in March 2013. Streetlights on Howard Lane have been installed but not connected. PP&L prefers the Township to sign the contract for the completion of the hookup to avoid transferring the contract over once the road dedication is completed. She noted that she had discussed the matter with the Township Engineer, Ed Fisher who is suggesting the Township sign the contract, install traditional light heads with 4 power lumen LED bulbs. Ms. Wood questioned the location of the light poles and if they would interfere with traffic. Ms. Jackson stated that per Mr. Fisher, based on the lumen being proposed it should not be a problem. Following a thorough review of the information presented a motion was made by Ms. Wood authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to sign the PP&L contract, have traditional light heads installed and to install 4 lumen LED bulbs. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

Supervisor, Clark Coates entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

- Minutes from the Osborne UCC hearing were enclosed for the Boards review.
- A listing of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments was provided. It was noted that section 109 list the new definitions to be added. The other sections specify the proposed changes to made. Ms. Jackson noted that the Township Planning Commission would receive copies of the proposed ordinance and changes at their August meeting. She is hoping to have the updated ordinance adopted by the end of the year.

- Presented copies of 2 bills being considered in the State legislature. One pertains to the licensing of limited wineries and the other pertains to games of skills. Both bills are attempting to close loopholes that are available in the current laws.
- Request received from Scott Standish of the Lancaster County Planning Commission requesting that she and Matt Young of the Township Planning Commission serve as the municipal point people for Little Britain on phase 2 of the Places 2040 project. She indicated she is willing to attend their first meeting to confirm what the expectations of the committee are but is not interested in committing to a long-term project. Ms. Wood indicated the representatives from the County received quite a bit of information from the southern end of the County during their presentation at the June Inter-Municipal Council meeting and are aware of the desires of this area. Following a discussion on the matter, Ms. Wood motioned that Ms. Jackson and Mr. Young be appointed to serve as point people on this project. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.
- The Galen and Alice Nolt property located at 211 Little Britain Church Road, which was already enrolled in the Agricultural Security Area has been accepted into the Agricultural Preserve.
- Following a number of questions and concerns stated over the parking of Asplundh trucks on the property of the Solanco School district, she contacted the school district to confirm if authorization for the parking there had been authorized by the school district. She was advised it had been and that they were unaware that Township approval was required. The school district advised the vehicles should be gone prior to the start of the school year and going forward they would contact the township prior to making any such arrangements. Mr. Emling stated he did not like the vehicles being parked there, was uncomfortable with the character of some of those at the site, stated he was advised people are sleeping at the site in cars and was concerned there are no restroom facilities at the site. He further stated the property is not zoned for commercial use and should not be used as such. Mr. Coates indicated the property is tax exempt due to its ownership and does not believe it should be used for commercial purposes. It was noted that other locations were available for the parking of these vehicles. Mr. Brenneman indicated his concern over a precedence being established as more transient workers/people come to the area. Following a discussion on the matter, the Board advised they would authorize the current trucks to remain until school starts but that no other vehicles other than the current school buses utilizing the lot should be approved for parking on the property.

RESOLUTION #6-19: Dedication of Howard Lane – The Board reviewed the resolution pertaining to the dedication of Howard Lane that had been reviewed and approved by both the Township Engineer and the Township Solicitor. The funding for the improvement guarantee and title insurance have been received. Following a review of the materials presented, Ms. Wood motioned the Township accept the dedication of Howard Lane. Mr. Coates seconded the motion, which carried.

TAXES: It was reported that Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder collected \$1,395.75 in Real Estate tax and \$217.14 in Interim tax during the month of July.

ROADS: Roadmaster, Dan Risk advised of the following July road crew activities:

- Removed tree on Blue Gill Road.
- Picked up parts.
- Picked up cold patch and filled potholes.

- Replaced Mack coolant lines.
- Checked and cleaned Park.
- Checked driveway permit sites.
- Hauled stone.
- Mowed road banks.
- Mowed at municipal building.
- Performed routine equipment maintenance.
- Fixed dirt roads following storm.
- Trimmed trees.
- Cleaned stone and trees off roads following storm.
- Dug out side gutter on Clendenin Road.
- Checked roads following storms.
- Sprayed weeds.
- Worked on dirt roads.
- Swept bridges.
- Worked on mower tractor.
- Mowed road banks and brush.
- Repaired equipment.

Mr. Brenneman questioned the chemicals and mixture being used when spraying weeds on the road banks. He was advised of information requested and informed that Mr. Kirk was employed as seasonal help to apply the chemicals as he is certified for their use. Mr. Brenneman suggested that going forward a mixture for broadleaf weeds be utilized as the current formula is killing more than weeds. Mr. Risk said he will discuss this with Mr. Kirk for next year as well as advised that spraying was not taking place where residents were mowing the lawn and road banks. Ms. Wood questioned if funding had been set aside for line painting this year and if so, when such work would occur. Mr. Risk advised the work has been scheduled but due to weather the timeframe has been pushed back. He intends to place lines on Ashville, Kirks Mill, Brown, Lloyds and Sleepy Hollow Roads. He would also like to install a single line on Green Lane. Mr. Emling stated he was pleased with the paving of Little Britain Road completed by PennDOT. Ms. Wood commented that she would like to see the legislature force the registration of Amish buggies thus ensuring they have a financial interest in the roads they travel.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Mr. Emling questioned the price of re-treaded tires purchased and indicated his belief that new tires through the cooperative purchasing agreement may be equivalent in price. Ms. Risk indicated he would compare prices before next purchase. Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 11446 through 11489 in the amount of \$23,361.37. Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried authorizing the payment of State Fund checks 2023 through 2025 in the amount of \$4,517.61.

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

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION: The Board was advised that the July meeting of the Township Planning Commission was cancelled due to lack of plans. The revised June meeting minutes which included the review of the Grinestaff Zoning Hearing Application were

represented for approval. Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried adopting the revised minutes of the June 25th Township Planning Commission as presented.

ACT 537: The Board discussed the proposed Ordinance governing municipal management of on lot subsurface sewage disposal facilities that was presented at the July meeting. Questions on the following were addressed:

Section 7 – Maintenance: Ms. Wood questioned if any consideration would be given to the number of people residing in a home on the pumping schedule. Ms. Jackson advised septic systems are based upon the number of bedrooms in a home, so the numbers of residents at a property would not be considered.

Section 11 – Administration: Ms. Wood questioned if a fee would be charged for the administration of the program. Ms. Jackson advised the ordinance allows for that should the Board wish to initiate a fee to cover the postage and tracking expenses but is not required to do so.

Section 12 – Appeals: Ms. Wood noted the duplication of a sentence under item B that needs to be corrected prior to adoption.

The Board also discussed the manner in which the Township would be divided into thirds and agreed to do so alphabetically by street. They also discussed having a mailing sent to each resident advising of this matter in which residents are advised the Board is adopting this ordinance only due to DEP mandates. It was noted the anticipated effective date of the ordinance is January 1, 2020.

RELEASE OF ESCROW: The Board reviewed comments from Township Engineer, Ed Fisher pertaining to the release of escrow being held for the Emanuel Esh project on Schoolhouse Road. Following the review, a motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the release of the escrow being held on this project.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: The Board established that the 2020 budget workshop would be conducted following the October Board meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD SECRETARY: The Board was advised that the Zoning Hearing Board Secretary, Dot Simpson has requested to use the laptop computer previously used in the Township office for Zoning Hearing Board matters. She is aware the laptop is older and may have limited life remaining. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow Ms. Simpson to utilize the laptop once all of its files and data have been cleared and removed.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:20 p.m. being no further business, motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis
Secretary/Treasurer