

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
MAY 8, 2018

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 8th, 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 7:02 p.m. A moment of silence was followed by the salute to the Flag.

PRESENT:	Jerry Emling	Jim Bullitt
	Clark Coates	Sue Bullitt
	Richard Brenneman	George Osborn
	Pat Wood	Marcella Peyre-Ferry
	Christine Jackson	Dan Risk
	Margaret DeCarolis	

MINUTES: Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to adopt the minutes of the April 10th Board of Supervisors meetings as printed.

SANITATION: It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected \$375.00 in sanitation fees and \$50.00 in well permit fees during the month of April.

ZONING: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 7 zoning, 7 occupancy, 1 driveway and 2 demolition permits during the month of April along with the acceptance of 2 Zoning Hearing Applications. Ms. Jackson also advised of the following:

- Zoning Hearing Application of John G. Fisher requesting a special exception of section 431 of the zoning ordinance to add an addition to his greenhouse that would cause the total structure to exceed 5,000 sq. ft.
- Zoning Hearing Application of Menno King to obtain a special exception of section 431 of the zoning ordinance for a greenhouse exceeding 5,000 sq. ft, which he built without permits or approval. It was noted that the Township Planning Commission is requesting that should the application be approved that Mr. King be required to remove the greenhouse cover until he receives all necessary approvals, including storm water and zoning permits.
- Passage of House Bill 1486 pertaining to storm water regulations on high tunnels. Ms. Jackson noted that numerous farmers believed this bill totally exempted them from storm water planning but were unaware that conditions apply. She reviewed the bill and conditions noted and stated that she had questions regarding if this bill only applied to temporary structures and if so, must the structure be uncovered when not in use and for how long. She also questions the difference in high tunnels and greenhouses, which were not included in this bill. She has contacted Representative Cutler's office for clarification and is awaiting a response.

ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE: Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson advised that all corrections and/or changes discussed during the April meeting have been incorporated into the proposed ordinance amendments. A review of the timeline and steps to be completed prior to the adoption of ordinance was also reviewed. The Board discussed the Timbering/Forestry options presented and

agreed they did not wish to become overly restrictive on this matter but know regulations are necessary to prevent problems as experienced in the past. It was noted that the townships Stormwater Ordinance addresses many of the concerns pertaining to the clearing of woodland. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Coates to utilize step #7 listed in the “Long Forestry Option” pertaining to Woodland Preservation as the regulations for the zoning ordinance. Ms. Wood seconded the motion, which carried.

TAXES: It was reported that Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder collected \$64,901.50 in Real Estate tax and \$205.44 in Interim tax during the month April.

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

- Checked roads.
- Worked on equipment.
- Checked driveway sites.
- Hauled stone and stockpiled.
- Checked One Call sites.
- Opened material bids.
- Worked on dirt roads.
- Removed salt spreaders from trucks.
- Worked on Spring Clean-Up and clean-up following event.
- Cleaned up and removed debris following storm.
- Cleaned off inlet box grates.
- Attended the Emergency Management drill.
- Took load of tires to dump.
- Cleaned lights throughout municipal building.
- Assisted Fulton Township on project.
- Attended PSATS Convention.
- Hauled mulch and diamond tex to the Park.
- Mulched branches at the Park.
- Worked on and organized miscellaneous things in the shop.

SALT SHED: The Board reviewed the updated drawing and price estimates for the salt shed as prepared by Township Engineer, Ed Fisher and presented by Ms. Jackson. Following a review of the information presented, a motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to proceed with the process and have formal bid and construction documents drawn up.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 10905 through 10934 in the amount of \$19,322.00. Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried authorizing the payment of State Fund checks 1998 through 2000 in the amount of \$2,077.79.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Resident, George Osborn advised the Board that he too is concerned over the practice of high tunnel farming and stated that Lancaster County is within the top 4 counties in the state of pollutants due to this practice. Mr. Osborn also stated a safety concern pertaining to young Amish children standing on the tongue of equipment with too many horses being used. He indicated he has seen more than one near accident occur while this practice was taking place and firmly believes it will lead to a fatality if not stopped. The Board indicated that while there are no laws or regulations pertaining to the matter that perhaps the Bishops may be able

to convey the concerns this habit is causing. It was also agreed that Mr. Coates would speak with the Fire Company to see if more farm safety days could be arranged as the Amish may be more receptive to suggestions for change if presented by Fire Company personnel. A concern pertaining to the burning of plastic from farming practices was discussed and it was noted that the Department of Environmental Protection states that the burning of this plastic creates toxic waste and should be contacted if burning is taking place. Mr. Brenneman indicated that there is a gentleman from Lancaster who is collecting this plastic and trying to provide an incentive for farmers to properly dispose of this material.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Ms Wood, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried adopting the minutes of the April 24th Township Planning Commission meeting as printed. Ms. Wood questioned the correspondence for review item pertaining to Menno King and was advised this item related to the Zoning Hearing Application filed by Mr. King and the Township Planning Commissions desire to ensure Mr. King was not allowed to profit from his illegal construction and use of this facility unfairly.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: The Board was advised that 56 residents participated in the Spring Clean-Up event. A total of 29 tires, 3 large whites and 8.92 tons of refuse were collected and disposed of following the event. Following all expenses, the total cost to the Township was \$176.16. Ms. Jackson suggested a thank you note be sent to Mr. Temple for his providing the trailer for the scrap metal and his delivery and pickup of the item. The Board agreed and instructed the Secretary/Treasurer to send the thank you note.

RELEASE OF ESCROW: The Board reviewed comments from the Township Engineer, Ed Fisher on the plans below prior to taking to the following actions:

Bill Pyle: Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried authorizing the release of the feature escrow being held on the Kirks Mill Road project.

Isaac Stoltzfus: Motion made by Ms. Wood authorizing the release of feature escrow being held on the Pine Grove Road project. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was called by Mr. Emling at 8:11 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. The meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed. Ms. Wood indicated she was impressed by the business meeting held at the State Convention and felt good discussions were held pertaining to the resolutions presented for adoption.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:25 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