

**LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP**  
**December 8, 2020**

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Shawn Reimold  
Christine Jackson  
Margaret DeCarolis

George Osborn  
Marcella Peyre-Ferry  
Dan Risk  
Eileen Scotten  
Craig Williams

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to adopt the minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as printed.

**SANITATION:** It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected \$75.00 in sanitation fees and \$50.00 for well permits during the month of November.

**ZONING:** Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 7 zoning, 5 occupancy, 1 driveway and 1 demolition permits during November along with the acceptance of 2 Zoning Hearing Application. Ms. Jackson also advised of the following;

- Zoning Hearing Application of Four Corners Properties/Frey Brothers requesting an interpretation of and/or special exception of section 105 the Zoning Ordinance to allow them to install two 50' x 72' hoop structures on the property. It was noted that no new operations were being proposed, they were merely looking to keep the material on site dry. The planner for the project also believes the structures should be considered temporary. Ms. Jackson explained the reasons for it being considered a permanent structure and the reasons for that determination. Following a review of the application, it was noted without comment by the Board.
- Zoning Hearing Application of Michael and Camille Gracie seeking a variance of side yard setbacks (200.8 B) and for setback regulations for dwellings adjacent to agricultural uses. (200.8 E) It was noted that applicants have 2 adjoining properties: 1 in Colerain and 1 in Little Britain totaling approximately 35 acres. The applicants are looking to construct a single-family home near the foundation of the mobile home previously located on the property. Following a review of the application, the Board noted it without comment.

**TAXES:** It was reported that tax collector, Agnes Reeder collected \$170.00 in real estate tax and \$44.25 in interim tax during the month of November.

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

- Closed and winterized restrooms at the Park.

- Worked on equipment.
- Set up for and tore down from elections.
- Filled potholes on dirt roads.
- Blew leaves off roads.
- Cleaned inlet boxes.
- Performed routine equipment maintenance.
- Loaded boat that was abandoned on Reath Road.
- Checked driveways for permits.
- Removed tree after hours.
- Replaced starter on the Ford 550.
- Inspected emergency light and fire extinguishers.
- Loaded up old telephone poles on Brabson Road.

Mr. Brenneman questioned if there were any leads on the person who dumped the boat/trash on Reath Road and was advised that no new information had been received from the State Police or the Fish Commission.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 11983 through 12018 in the amount of \$24,852.93.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The Board was advised that a representative from the County Planning Commission presented information on Places 2040 at the most recent Intermunicipal Council Meeting (IMC). The information presented was consistent with that explained by Ms. Jackson in November. Each member of the IMC was charged with obtaining feedback from their Board prior to their next meeting pertaining to the County's desires. The Board reiterated its opposition to establishing a county comprehensive plan and of its belief that small, local government is better government.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried adopting the minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup> Township Planning Commission meeting as printed.

Supervisor, Shawn Reimold entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**Eileen Scotten:** Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson presented the plan to the Board advising that this plan recently obtained Zoning Hearing Board approval for its non-confirming lot size within an agricultural zoning district. Township Engineer, Ed Fisher is supportive of the plan but has not provided written feedback as of this time. The County is also within its 45-day review window. Ms. Jackson requested authorization to sign this plan outside of a meeting once written documentation is received from Mr. Fisher and the County Planning Commission. Mr. Coates motioned approval of the authorization request noted above. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

**Carlo DeAugustine:** Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying presented the stormwater plan for the DeAugustine project. He advised the Board that due to a change in the runoff

coefficients which were changed in the updating of the stormwater ordinance in January of this year, that he is unable to provide acceptable runoff figures to the Township engineer. He explained the manner in which pre- and post-development runoff is determined and advised he intends to capture the runoff water required but based on terminology of property and the way figures are to be calculated this project is being required to capture more water than the project is generating. The repeated attempts to work through the problem is costing his clients a tremendous amount of money. He requested feedback from the Board on how they would like plans like this to be processed going forward. Following a review of the plan and further information on the stormwater plan for this property, Mr. Emling motioned that a waiver of this requirement be granted as all runoff from this project would be filtered underground in an infiltration bed, which he feels is sufficient. Mr. Reimold seconded the motion, which carried.

**RESOLUTION #8-20: 2021 Tax Rate-** Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to adopt Resolution #8-20 confirming the Real Estate Tax rate of .301 mills for the year 2021.

**RESOLUTION #9-20: 2021 Budget-** Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried adopting Resolution #9-20 as The Little Britain Township budget for 2021.

**END OF YEAR PAYMENTS:** Motion made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried, authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to pay all end of year bills.

**COVID/CARES ACT FUNDING:** The Board was advised that upon further investigation, it was determined that all COVID/CARES funding from the County had to be expended on COVID related expenses and were not to be utilized as an offset for decreased or projected decreases in revenue. Donations to Emergency First Responders are authorized expenditures of the funding. Following a discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Mr. Emling, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to donate \$5,000.00 to the Wakefield Ambulance Association and \$40, 689.99 to the Robert Fulton Fire Company, thereby utilizing all COVID funding allocated to the Township.

**2021 APPOINTMENTS:** The Board was advised of those positions up for re-appointment at the January re-organizational meeting.

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

**Amos Beiler:** Motion was made Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried authorizing the release of escrow being held on the Kinseyville Road project.

**Charles Grinestaff:** Mr. Coates motioned the release of the remaining \$1,500.00 escrow funding being held on the Kirks Mill Road project. Mr. Reimold seconded the motion, which carried.

**Aaron Stoltzfus:** Mr. Reimold motioned the escrow funding being held on the Clendenin Road project be released. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:53 p.m. Mr. Emling called for an executive session to discuss some legal issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:14 p.m. being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis  
Secretary/Treasurer