

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
September 8, 2020

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8th, at the Municipal Building, 323 Green Lane, Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Prior notice of the meeting was given.

Chairman, Jerry Emling, called the regular meeting to order at 10:12 p.m. following an Agricultural Security Area hearing. A moment of silence was followed by the salute to the Flag.

PRESENT: Jerry Emling	Dennis Blevins
Clark Coates	Glen Cauffman
Richard Brenneman	George Osborn
Shawn Reimold	Marcella Peyre-Ferry
Pat Wood	Dan Risk
Christine Jackson	Judith Shoemaker
Margaret DeCarolis	

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to adopt the minutes of the August 11th meeting as printed.

SANITATION: It was reported that Mr. Stoner submitted \$375.00 in Sanitation fees for August. No well permits were issued.

ZONING: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 13 zoning, 10 occupancy, 2 driveway and 5 demolition permits during August along with the acceptance of 1 Conditional Use and 3 Zoning Hearing Applications. The Board was also advised of the following zoning matters:

- Zoning Hearing Application of Michael and Devon Brooks requesting a variance per section 201.2, permitted uses in a residential district to operate an online home décor retail company on the property formerly used for Eldreth Pottery. Following a review of the application, Ms. Wood noted her belief that this type of business would be an excellent use of the property and motioned the Board recommend approval of this application. Mr. Reimold seconded the motion, which carried.
- Zoning Hearing Application of Jared Galbreath requesting a special exception for the housing of livestock on lots less than 20 acres on his mother-in-laws property located at 160 Kirks Mills Rd, which is 10 acres. He is requesting authorization to house seven Group 3 livestock animals as well as authorization to exchange the Group 3 livestock in the future for the equivalent amount of Group 1 and/or Group 2 livestock animals. The property owner is in the process of obtaining possession of an adjoining 5.5-acre lot that she has been maintaining and paying taxes on for 15 plus years and wishes to use these lots in unison when establishing animal counts. Following a review of the application, the Board noted it without comment.
- Zoning Hearing Application of William Willen requesting a special exception of section 203.3 B and a variance of section 406.2 of the zoning ordinance to operate an auto repair shop at 399 Nottingham Road. Comments from Township Engineer, Ed Fisher have been requested. As this hearing is not scheduled until October, a motion was made by Ms.

Wood, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to table this application until comments from Mr. Fisher are received.

TAXES: It was reported that Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder collected \$329.09 in Real Estate tax during the month of August.

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

- Mowed road banks.
- Checked on and cleaned at Park.
- Mulched playground area at Park.
- Cleaned inlet boxes.
- Repaired dirt roads following storms.
- Replace Stop sign that were taken.
- Regraded dirt roads.
- Jackhammered asphalt from doorways at municipal building.
- Worked on Grader.
- Repaired leaks in Park restrooms.
- Replaced faucet and valves in Park restrooms.
- Repaired grader tire.
- Checked road following storms.
- Filled potholes on Camp Road.

Ms. Wood commented she was pleased with the paving of the municipal building parking lot. She also inquired if Mr. Risk believed more mowing of the road banks would occur this year. Mr. Risk advised more mowing would take place as soon as repairs to the mower are made.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 11874 through 11901 in the amount of \$69,707.10. Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried authorizing the payment of State Fund checks 2040 through 2042 in the amount of \$95,956.67

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

QUARRYVILLE LIBRARY: Dennis Blevins of the Quarryville Library presented information pertaining to the library and the effects COVID-19 have had on the services they have been able to provide as well as the fundraisers that have been cancelled, creating shortfalls in their budget. He noted the library has received 3 grants to help supplement this shortfall. In closing he advised that township residents borrowed 12,924 items during the year 2019 and requested the Board consider the library's value to its residents when preparing the 2021 budget.

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried adopting the minutes of the August 25th Township Planning Commission as presented.

TRICK-OR-TREAT: The Board was questioned if they wished to cancel trick-or-treating due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board agreed that trick-or-treat should be held as the decision of whether to participate in this event is best left to the residents. The Board was then advised that due to Halloween falling on a Saturday that trick-or-treat would be held on Friday, October 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. in compliance with the County agreement signed years ago.

RELEASE OF ESCROW: The Board was advised that township engineer, Ed Fisher had reviewed the stormwater improvements on the John Alderman project and recommended a release of escrow funds. A motion was then made by Mr. Reimold, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the release of escrow.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENT: Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson advised the Board that she had met with a potential candidate for the opening on the Zoning Hearing Board. She indicated they spoke at length regarding the position and reviewed portions of the Zoning Ordinance and discussed the importance of this role in ensuring the integrity of zoning regulations. She further advised the candidate, Laurie Topper that the Board may wish to interview her as well prior to a decision being made. Mr. Emling noted he had confidence in Ms. Jackson's recommendation and if she felt confident the person would be a good fit for the Board, he did not see the need to interview her personally. The Board agreed with his assessment. Mr. Brenneman then motioned that Ms. Topper be appointed to fulfill the remaining term of Joan Deen's term which expires in December 2021.

OPENING ON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION: Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson advised the Board that Township Planning Commission member Jim Bullitt passed away on August 10th. The Township was unaware of this until Ms. Wood spotted his obituary in the Lancaster Newspaper in early September. She requested the Board keep in mind the opening this now leaves on the planning commission.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA BOARD: The Board was advised that in researching the guidelines of the Agricultural Security Area that a Board member is to be appointed to the committee and serve as its Chairperson. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Wood motioned that Mr. Brenneman be appointed as a member of the Agricultural Security Board. Mr. Emling seconded the motion, which carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: It was noted that a budget workshop would be held following the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:46 p.m. being no further business, motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Reimold and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis
Secretary/Treasurer