## LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP MARCH 12, 2024

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building, 323 Green Lane, Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Prior notice of the meeting was given.

Chairman, Richard Brenneman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A moment of silence and reflection was followed by the salute to the Flag.

PRESENT: Richard Brenneman Clark Coates Mervin Beiler David Martin Wayne Reynolds Christine Jackson Margaret DeCarolis

Abner Beiler Daniel S. Beiler Eli Ebersol Jacob L. Ebersol George Osborn Marcella Peyre-Ferry Dan Risk Kris Schwerin John Stoltzfus Rob Visniski

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried to adopt the minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as printed.

**SANITATION:** It was reported that Mr. Prettyman collected \$600.00 in Sanitation fees and \$225.00 for well permits issued during the month of February.

**ZONING:** Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 4 zoning, 5 occupancy, 1 driveway and 3 demolition permits during the month of February along with the acceptance of 1 Zoning Hearing Application. Ms. Jackson also advised the Board on the following:

• Zoning Hearing Application of Keith and Samantha Bires who reside at 253 Kirks Mill Road are requesting a special exception to house chickens on their R-1 zoned property. They are also requesting a variance of setback as the chicken coop is currently located only 17 ft from the property line. Following a review of the application, a motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried to support the application.

**TAXES:** It was reported that no collection report from February was obtained and that all 2024 tax statements have been mailed.

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

- Hauled and spread stone on dirt roads.
- Rolled and compacted stone on dirt roads.
- Took Mack truck to Lancaster Truck Bodies for tarp.
- Worked on truck.
- Cleaned and checked on the park.
- Checked roads.
- Hauled and stockpiled anti-skid material.
- Cleaned inlet boxes.
- Worked on equipment.

- Prepared equipment for snow removal.
- Treated roads and plowed snow.
- Cleaned equipment following snow.
- Swept and cleaned the shop.
- Picked up sod from yards.
- Picked up fire-proof safe from York County.

Mr. Brenneman questioned the condition of the roads following the recent snows. Mr. Risk advised the last cold snap was causing some splitting and he is still evaluating the matter. He also advised the Board that the State contacted him regarding repairs being made on the bridge near the Water Authority. He stated the updated bridge was a few inches higher than the roadway and the State informed him he could cold patch the area now and pave it in the Spring. Mr. Risk advised that the variance in the road versus the bridge height should have been included in the project costs and is the States responsibility to correct.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion made by Mr. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried to authorize the payment of General Fund checks 13323 through 13356 in the amount of \$40,099.73. Mr. Coates motioned that State check 2063 in the amount of \$7,108.69 be authorized for payment. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Beiler and carried to adopt the minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup> Township Planning Commission meetings as printed.

**Gaspar Reyes:** Rob Visniski of RAV Associates presented the stormwater plan. Following a review of the plan, a motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to approve the plan as presented.

Aaron Fisher: As no one was present to represent the plan, the plan was tabled.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Ms. Jackson advised the Board that per the Township Engineer, Mr. Fisher, the next steps in updating the Comprehensive Plan are obtaining surveys from residents and appointing members to a committee to begin reviewing the current plan and deciding what information needs to be kept, deleted or updated. She indicated the desire for the updated plan to be more user friendly and workable. A listing of potential survey questions provided by the Engineer were reviewed. As the Board approved of the survey questions, it was decided they would be included in the next township newsletter to ensure each resident receives a survey. It was noted that Mr. Young and Ms. Krassenstein would represent the Township Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan committee. Motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Beiler and carried appointing Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Coates to serves as representatives for the Board of Supervisors on the committee.

**BLACK AND LITTLE BRITAIN ROADS INTERSECTION:** Ms. Jackson advised that per Township Engineer, Ed Fisher, that he must design a detour around the work zone utilizing only

State roads. Mr. Fisher is also reviewing the grant application/approval to ensure the township abides by all legal criteria. The project should be ready to bid shortly, although the State has requested the project not begin until school is released for the year. Mr. Brenneman acknowledged Mr. Emling who was present and instrumental in obtaining the approval and funding for this project. Mr. Emling questioned if a bonus could legally be awarded if the project is completed prior to the deadline established. Ms. Jackson advised she would check with the Engineer.

**LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE:** The Board was advised that the County Drug Task Force was requesting an annual donation of \$1.00 per capita. Following a discussion on the matter, Mr. Coates motioned that the Township maintain its \$1,000.00 yearly donation. Mr. Beiler seconded the motion, which carried.

**PROPOSED ECHO ORDIANCE REVISION:** Comments from the Township Planning Commission were reviewed. Following a discussion on the matter, Mr. Beiler motioned that the proposed ordinance be updated to state that the owner of the property can reside in either the principal residence or the ECHO unit on the property. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.

**RESOLUTION #2-24: Assigning of land to Fulton townships Ag Security Area -** Ms. Jackson advised the Board that a property owned by Red Knob Farm located primarily within Fulton Township was enrolled into the Agricultural Security Area of Fulton Township in May 2014. The property which consists of 52.5 acres, 3.5 acres of which are within Little Britain are now moving toward preservation. Therefore, the Ag Board requires clarification through a resolution that Little Britain agrees to have the 3.5 acres included within Fulton Township Ag's Security Area. Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Beiler and carried to adopt Resolution #2-24 as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 3-24: 2004 Material Bids -** Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Beiler and carried adopting Resolution #3-24 authorizing the bidding of road materials for the year.

**CLEANING OF FLOORS:** The Board authorized the obtaining of an estimate to have the hallway and possible breakroom floors cleaned and waxed following the construction of the porch.

**RELEASE OF ESCROW:** The Board reviewed the comments provided by Township Engineer, Ed Fisher pertaining to the release of escrow on the following plans:

**Jacob Beiler:** Motion made by Mr. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried authorizing the release of escrow funding held on the Lloyds Road project.

**Levi Kinsinger:** Mr. Martin motioned that the escrow funding being held on the Nottingham Road project be released. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Brenneman called for an executive at 8:16 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed.

**MOWER TRACTOR:** Mr. Coates advised the old mower tractor was currently in for repairs because of a leak. One leak was repaired, which cost \$1,400.00. Another leak has been discovered which may be several thousand dollars to repair. He questioned if the Board wished the repairs to continue or for him to return it and allow it to be sold outright or traded in for something newer. It was noted that the mower had approximately 10,000 hours and that the transmission had been rebuilt last year. Following a discussion, Mr. Beiler motioned the mower be repaired. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:38 p.m., being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis Secretary/Treasurer