

October 5, 2021

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting on the above date at the Municipal Building, with Michael Messner, Merry Smith and Nathan Jarrup present, along with Assistant Administrative Secretary/Treasurer Glenda Short, 8 visitors and Solicitor Curt McMillen. Chairman Michael Messner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

DECLARE ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA - None

MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING – A motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting was made by Mike Messner and seconded by Nathan Jarrup. AIF. MC

TREASURER’S REPORT OF PRESENT/APPROVAL OF BILLS PRESENTED – approved. Motioned by Merry Smith and seconded by Nathan Jarrup. AIF. MC

OLD BUSINESS –.

RENTAL HOUSE CARPET -Lowes came to measure the rooms for carpet and have asked that the township pick a carpet to provide a quote.

NEW BUSINESS –

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING DATES – Workshops will be held on October 14 and October 28 at 6:00 pm and will be advertised.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FOOD BANK – Merry Smith asked if the benefit committee could place an outdoor plastic bin at the old garage to place canned goods for those in need. This item was tabled for discussion at the October workshop.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT – A reminder that the chosen date and time, suggested by the Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department, will be on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

REPORTS –

ROADMASTER –.Paving in the township is almost complete with 2 small sections needing done yet then berming will begin. Merry Smith explained that PennDOT had reached out to the township to partner with them through the agility program. The township could perform winter maintenance on Gas Valley Road and Old Millcreek Road. Signing the agility contract would allow both parties to do work for one another. Nathan made a motion to reject signing the agility contract and it was seconded by Mike Messner. MC

PARKS AND RECREATION – All scout projects are complete. We will recognize them at the November BOS meeting. A visitor asked if the playground equipment had been repaired or replaced. The climbing wall still needs replaced. We have it and the material for the base under the playground. Merry asked for repairs to the paved trail around the baseball field be considered with either spot repair or full repaving and use the parks and recreation budget in capital reserve.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Carpeting quotes are being received for the rental house. Suggestions were made to reach out to Prizant, Abbey & Builder’s Wholesale.

ENGINEER – Nothing

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER- A summary of the permits and investigations for the month of September was given by Nathan Jarrup.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT – No one attended last month’s meeting.

5-10 YEAR COMMITTEE – At the November BOS meeting, scouts will be recognized for their projects. Lisa Moore and Kim are working on engraving for the plaques. Lisa will be purchasing gift cards with any money donated by the board, employees and public.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Both the Ashcroft and Johnson plans were recommended for approval in September. Geopetro has reached out to the PC for a possible pre-application land development conference for a proposed crypto mining operation at the McMasters well.

TECHNOLOGY-FACEBOOK, WEBSITE – The public meeting agendas are being placed on the township website 24 hours prior to the meeting. There are still several outstanding issues with the ADT camera and access system and there are multiple questions about the actual bill. Glenda has reached out to both the ADT customer service reps and the sales man without receiving any answers at this point. It was recommended that, even though we continue to receive invoices for services, we do not provide payment until an explanation of the bill can be provided and corrections made.

CORRESPONDENCE – The game commission has provided a form to order trees for the township property.

VISITORS – A visitor asked whether a logging permit had been received and or approved for the property where the solar farm will be located. There was discussion about the road bond, EMA and driveway permits that have all been approved.

The same visitor asked questions about the vendor ordinance and asked if it could be abolished. There will be more discussion at the October workshop.

Another visitor asked if the township could help in any way to get his private drive repaired since the landlord of the mobile home park will not do the repairs.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – Mike asked if the planting of a tree in honor of past supervisor Brian Herron would be done this fall or in the spring. Mike also spoke about recent training that the Hookstown and Hanover Volunteer Fire Departments received.

FIRST ENERGY UPDATE – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board received a request from the International Union of Operating Engineers for information to begin union contract renegotiation.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 pm by Nathan Jarrup and seconded by Merry Smith. AIF. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Short, Assistant Administrative Secretary/Treasurer