

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2020

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, held in the Municipal Building on Brink Hill Rd., Greentown, PA was called to order by Chair Gary Carlton at 7:01pm, who led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Adopt Agenda: Mr Obert made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried
- Action on Minutes: Mr Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting on January 5, 2020. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried. Mr Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2020. Mr Carlton seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Announcement of Meetings: None
- In Attendance: Chair: Gary Carlton, Supervisors: Barry Krautter, Gerald Obert, Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat, Treasurer: Sandra Oziemblo, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves
- Visitors: **Marcia Folenta** – Marcia is looking for an update on the sign at Promised Land Inn. Treasurer, Sandra Oziemblo, advised that the owner, Jeff Barwick, sent an email stating to contact his lawyer. Solicitor, Jeff Treat, requested the name of Jeff Barwick’s lawyer be sent to him. Mr Carlton read the sign report and nothing was stated regarding this issue. Mr Carlton made a motion for Ed Simon to follow through. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Nicole Van Buskirk** – Nicole stated she is here because of Russell Seese’s property. It is a disgrace and she left messages with DEP and the Citizen’s Complaint Line to see if someone else can look into it. She has concerns about the camping trailers on the property that have people living in them. Mr Obert advised that letters have been sent by the Solid Waste Officer and the township is looking into an acceptable time frame before solid waste issues should be sent to the solicitor. He also stated that the building department, Bureau Veritas, has posted notices at the property on what needs to be done. Mr Obert made a motion for the township to request a written report from the building department so we can update our residents at the next meeting. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat requested an executive session for a personnel matter at 7:18pm. The executive session ended and the meeting resumed at 7:29pm.
- Road Report: Mr Obert advised that roads are soft and have a lot of pot holes due to the winter weather. At this time, we cannot fill the pot holes because it’s so wet and snowy. The road crew has been trying to keep up with the snow as it comes and have also been putting signs back up on the roads and bridges when they’ve come down.
- Location/SEO Report: Report received from Don Nicholson.
- Solid Waste/Sign Report: Reports received from Ed Simon. See Visitors.
- Old Business: Mr Krautter is attending the PSATS Convention and the township will pay for 4 days of meals and lodging. Mr Carlton made a motion to put Mr Krautter on the list. Mr Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- a. **Lake Region Ambulance** – Mr Obert recapped what the Lake Region Ambulance’s goal and requirements are. He stated that there were only a few people at the last meeting and it was recommended to have taxpayer dollars put into the existing volunteer fire/ambulance departments to improve them. The next meeting is February 26th so we will see where it goes from there. Robert Coolbaugh asked where he should donate to because he received a letter from Promised Land Volunteer Fire Department requesting a donation. Mr Obert advised that he cannot say where residents should donate to. Promised Land only responded to 14 calls last year. Marcia said that’s because of lack of volunteers. Mr Obert agreed that something needs to be done to improve the fire/ambulance situation.
- New Business: a. **Thank you Letters** – Mr Carlton said we received thank you letters for our donations to Greene-Dreher Historical Society, Pike Co. Food Pantry, Lacawac Sanctuary, and The Laurel Blossoms Senior Group.

- b. **Solid Waste Time Frame** – Discussed above.
- c. **Bridges** – Mr Carlton spoke with State Representative Mike Piefer and there are ways to trying to raise the money to do bridge work besides raising taxes. Mr Obert advised that the bridge on Mozette Rd. needs to be replaced. He made a motion to have the engineers send us specifications so we can get bids. Mr Carlton said we need to figure out how we are going to pay for it before we get bids. Nicole asked if we can get a grant. Mr Obert said we will have to look into what grants are available. Jeff Treat advised we get a preliminary cost estimate from the engineer so we know what kind of price we are looking at. Mr Carlton made a motion to send a letter to the engineer for a preliminary cost estimate. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
Mr Obert stated that bridge #4 on Saw Mill Rd. need to be repaired and the guardrail needs to be replaced. Also, the guardrail on Saw Mill Rd. culvert needs to be replaced. Mr Carlton made a motion to get bids for all guardrails and the bridge repairment. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- d. **Interested Resident in Planning Commission** - Mr Carlton made a motion to accept Alfred Premuto onto the Planning Commission and for Secretary, Amanda Seagraves, to send him a letter advising him of his appointment. Mr Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- e. **Township Website** - Mr Krautter explained that it would be beneficial for the township to have a website where residents can go online and find information more efficiently. Secretary, Amanda, explained the PSATS offers website hosting for an initial fee of \$200, then an annual fee of \$240. Mr Obert made a motion to authorize the cost and get a website. Mr Carlton seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- f. **Interviewing Job Applicants** – Mr Obert stated that Amanda put an ad online to hire someone on the road crew and now we have numerous applications. We have some applicants we would like to interview.

Adjournment: Mr Obert made a motion to adjourn. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer