

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 1, 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 and live-streamed on the Township’s Facebook page due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was called to order by Chair Gary Carlton at 7:00pm, 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 Regular Meeting on March 4, 2020. Mr Krautter 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
- Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat stated that he looked over the paperwork submitted by All State Septic in regards to the Matt Lowry property, requesting a waiver of the well. He noted that the water source from this well would create an issue for the township since there are adjoining lots. For this reason, Jeff does not recommend the waiver; however, since All State Septic could not attend this meeting due to the Governor’s stay-at-home order, the board should wait until next meeting when they can attend and present their side. Then the Board can make their decision.
- Road Report: Mr Obert advised that the road crew has been working on potholes. It has been raining a lot lately so they’re doing the best they can. They are currently working on Creek Road, especially cleaning out under the guiderail. With everything being shut down, they cannot get material at this time.
- SEO Report: Report received from Glen Martin. Mr Obert asked if Glen said anything about checking the Seese property. Mr Carlton said that, according to Glen’s report, he checked it in the beginning of March and will inspect it in 30 days.
- Solid Waste/Sign Report: Reports received from Ed Simon. Mr Carlton said that Roger Altemier asked him about the sign on Greentown Grill’s property that advertises several businesses. It appears to be a billboard and is right on the property line. The Supervisors looked through the sign report from Sign Officer, Ed Simon, and stated that he issued a sign permit for it. Mr Carlton’s concern is whether or not the sign is in violation of ordinance #54 – Signs, where it states a sign should be 25 feet from a property line, and he advised Mr Obert and Mr Krautter to communicate with Ed to see if the sign is acceptable or not. It was also mentioned that the sign fee was paid but Ed told Treasurer, Sandra, that it is a one-time fee. Mr Carlton advised that that information is incorrect. Jeff Treat advised that the Sign Ordinance be brought to the next meeting to get questions answered.
- Old Business: Jeff Treat inquired whether the Township has received an update from Promised Land Inn or their attorney, Jack Spall, regarding their sign and verifying the property line in question. Nothing has been received from them by the Township. Jeff said that he has not received a response either and he advises this issue be put on next month’s agenda.
- New Business: a. **Resolution 20-5 – Declaration of Emergency** – Secretary, Amanda, advised that the resolution is the Township declaring a Disaster Emergency due to COVID-19 so the Township is eligible to receive any funds in the future due to the pandemic. Mr Obert made a motion to sign the resolution. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- b. **Repository Bid Lot 15 Blk C Sec 7, Tranquility Falls, previous owner is Pike County Tax Claim Bureau (Alvarez) – Thomas A & Linda Peifer, 146 Lake Paupack Rd., Greentown PA 18426 bids \$1,251.00.** – Mr Carlton made a motion to accept the offer. Mr Obert seconded, voice vote, motion carried.
- c. **Blacktop Projects** – Mr Krautter sent information to Edward Sumski at PennDOT in regards to blacktopping Beaver Dam Road. Edward Sumski sent the Form of Advertisement paperwork outlining the bid proposal, specifications, and totals of the project. Jeff Treat advised the Board to be specific of a commencement date and completion date outline, and what the Board wants in regards to getting the

road ready for blacktop. Mr Obert made a motion to put a bid out for the preparation of Beaver Dam Road, for the bids to open in May, 2020, with the completion of preparation being July 31, 2020. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried. The Board discussed the blacktop bid and completion dates, and Mr Obert requested the blacktop bid be put on next month's agenda. The Board then discussed the grants for the township bridges that need repairment and replacement. Mr Krautter advised that MHE is requesting to know what kind of grants the township will apply for. Mr Carlton advised he will call the secretary the following day with the grant information so she can pass it along to MHE.

Visitors (via live-streamed

Video comments):

Secretary, Amanda, read the following comments to the board for their response:

**Michelle Vescera** – “Are they going to do anything about potholes on creek road?” Mr Obert advised that they've been working on Creek Road all this week and when it dries out, they will do more work to get the potholes filled.

**Cheryl Mitchell** – “Hi, can the supervisors please address how COVID-19 has affected twp operations? How can I contact the building department, seo, secretary, make a planning submission, etc. Also, will the grants for bridge repair be affected?” Mr Obert advised that we are holding the meeting without the public due to COVID-19. All township offices are closed to the public but can be contact via phone or email. The grants were discussed above.

**Linda Schmitz** – “Where is Mr. Nicholson? Hoping he is okay.” Secretary, Amanda, advised that Mr. Nicholson retired in February.

**Dana Anolfo** – “Fix the potholes on sawmill and the sugar hill community PLEASE.” Mr Carlton advised that the Township does not fix community roads since they are not owned by the Township. Due to COVID-19, quarries are closed so we can only use the materials we have to fix potholes right now.

Adjournment:

Mr Obert made a motion to adjourn. Mr Krautter seconded, voice vote, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves  
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer