

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
JUNE 11, 2024

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11th 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 7:30 p.m. A moment of silence and reflection was followed by the salute to the Flag.

PRESENT:	Richard Brenneman	Jason Andrews	Allison McDowell
	Clark Coates	Abner Beiler	George Osborn
	Mervin Beiler	Daniel S. Beiler	Marcella Peyre-Ferry
	David Martin	Trisha Colletti	Rick Prettyman
	Wayne Reynolds	Christopher Coletti	Dan Risk
	Christine Jackson	Sara Davis	Adam Waltemyer
	Margaret DeCarolis	Ivan Fisher	Gary Vinnacomb
		Philip Mahan	Amos Zook

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried to adopt the minutes of the May 14th meeting as printed.

SANITATION: It was reported that Sewage Enforcement Officer, Mr. Prettyman collected \$450.00 in sanitation fees during the month of May. No well permits were issued.

ZONING: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 11 zoning, 9 occupancy, 3 driveway and 5 demolition permits during the month of May. Ms. Jackson also advised the Board on the following:

- Zoning Hearing Application of Brendan Filliaux who is again requesting a special exception to keep chickens on his residentially zoned property. He is seeking approval to house 18 chickens and provided drawings of his yard and the setback of structures along with photographs of his current chicken house and his proposed house if additional livestock is approved. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Beiler to support the application for chickens, no roosters. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.
- Zoning Hearing Application of Amos Zook who resides on Kinseyville Road is seeking a variance of section 303.2 of the zoning ordinance to allow him to construct a lean-to onto his existing barn which exceeds the height of his current single-family dwelling by 5 feet. He is also requesting a variance of section 440 to allow him to house 300 chickens on his property and a variance of setback for an accessory structure to be placed in the front yard. Following a discussion and a review of the Township Planning Commission minutes, Mr. Coates motioned the Board support the variance of building height and the number of chickens requested but to recommend the structure be moved out of the pole, into the lot meeting a 50-foot setback from adjoining residential lot lines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried.

- Approximately 107 acres of farmland owned by Jeffrey Brown on Fulton Britain Road, which is currently included in the County preservation program is now being considered for inclusion in the State Agricultural Land Preservation program.
- Notification sent by Solicitor to the Lancaster County Planning Department (LCPD) informing them that Little Britain Township is not a participant in the Southern Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and requesting our name be removed from the plan and its executive summary. The LCPD responded indicating they were willing to add an acknowledgment stating that “As of June 2024, Little Britain, Providence and Sadsbury townships have not adopted the Southern Lancaster County Regional Plan.” Following a discussion in which the Board clearly stated they were in the process of updating a stand alone plan for Little Britain and never had an intention of joining the group plan, they will request that the verbiage agreed to the LCPD be updated to more clearly notate our non-participation in the plan.
- That attorney Shelia O’Rorke who represents John and Daniel Beiler attended the Township Planning Commission meeting to discuss the proposed revision of the zoning ordinance pertaining to the use of refrigerated trailers for the storing of agricultural produce. Comments obtained from the Planning Commission have been incorporated into the proposed revisions. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried to forward the proposed revision dated May 28th to the Solicitor for review and comment.
- Provided information obtained and emails exchanged between the Township, the Township Solicitor, DEP and the County Conservation District in an effort to obtain current and clear guidance on the handling of produce wash waters. Several items in the information received to date remain unclear and are continuing to be addressed. As of this time, this matter is affecting only 1 resident of the Township who has opted to forgo the installation of a holding tank.

TAXES: It was reported that Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder submitted \$6,412.25 in Real Estate tax and \$62.21 in Interim tax during the month of May.

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

- Mowed at the park and municipal building.
- Mowed road banks.
- Prepared park restrooms for the season.
- Cut side gutter on Kinseyville Rd.
- Prepared roads for oil and chipping.
- Checked on park.
- Picked up sticks at the park.
- Mulched and mowed at the park.
- Hauled stone.
- Filled potholes.
- Setup for Spring Clean Up.
- Worked on mower tractor.
- Removed tree.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to authorize the payment of General Fund checks 13420 through 13444 in the amount of \$22,860.95.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Resident, Jason Andrews questioned when the Township was going to force residents on Kinseyville Road to clean up their properties and remove people from residing in campers on properties. Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson advised that the property she was aware of having excess trash in their yard disposed of a large portion of those items on Spring Clean Up day. Mr. Andrews indicated the property is now full of vehicles, trailers and a boat. Ms. Jackson also noted that she had spoken with the resident who owns the camper and was assured that no one was living in the unit. She was advised the resident's children hang out there, but no one was living in the camper. Mr. Andrews insists there is a resident and special needs child residing in the unit. Ms. Jackson will investigate both matters.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Beiler and carried to adopt the minutes of the May 28th Township Planning Commission meetings as printed.

AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION: Adam Waltemyer and Chris Coletti of the Wakefield Ambulance Association (WAA) spoke and introduced several members of their association along with Gary Vinnacombe of the Oxford Ambulance Association. Mr. Waltemyer indicated that the WAA has responded to 351 of the 409 calls received year to date. He noted that of the unanswered calls, they were already in service during 41 of the calls and had no staffing for 17 calls. In 2023, the company responded to 905 of the 1013 calls received, 25 calls could not be responded to due to lack of staffing. He stated obtaining help, both paid and volunteer, is challenging and stated that the current wages being offered to paid personnel are approximately \$6 per hour less than being paid elsewhere. The WAA is currently only running one ambulance due to staffing issues and with wait times at hospitals taking up to 4 hours per call, there are times when the area is without local coverage. It was noted that the association has been staffed approximately 75% of this year versus 90% staffing levels in 2023. He further noted that they are currently only collecting about 37¢ on the dollar through billing. The association has tried a few fundraisers, with limited success. It was suggested the Board consider adding an emergency services tax to fund their services as the current funding model will not sustain the needs of the community going forward. A current volunteer spoke to advise of the financial and personal sacrifices he has made to volunteer over the years. He further noted that as he and other volunteers are increasing in age therefore the need to bring in new members is crucial. The Board thanked the volunteers for the information and their service. The Board was advised that quarterly reports could be provided going forward.

RESOLUTION #5-24: Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried to adopt Resolution #5-24 to accurately reflect the change in the well permitting fee.

BLACK AND LITTLE BRITAIN ROADS INTERSECTION PROJECT: Zoning Officer, Ms. Jackson presented the plans for the road work to be completed at the Black and Little Britain Roads intersection. She noted the project is nearly ready for bidding. Following a discussion of the project, Mr. Coates motioned the project be bid as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beiler and carried.

SEPTIC TANK PUMPING EXCEPTION REQUEST: The Board was advised of a request from Gary Opperman of Little Britain Road to exempt him from the 3-year septic pumping requirement and allow him to adhere to a 5-year cycle as he and his wife are the only occupants of their 3-bedroom home. Following a discussion, Mr. Beiler motioned the approval of the 5-year exemption request. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion, which carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Brenneman called for an executive session at 9:04 to discuss a pending litigation matter. The meeting reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

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

Metzler Home Builders: Mr. Coates motioned that the escrow funding being held for the Fairmount Road project be released. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion, which carried.

Dawn Kreider: A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried approving the release of escrow on the Schoolhouse Road project.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed. The Board was advised that the Roadmaster and Secretary/Treasurer would be attending a grant funding seminar hosted by Senator Scott Martin on June 18th.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:23 p.m., being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis
Secretary/Treasurer