

GREENE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 11, 2018 ROOM 102

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard F. Allgeier Jr., at the Municipal Building 9333 Tate Road, commencing at 7:00 P.M. with the salute to the U.S. Flag, roll call was taken. Those present were Supervisors Richard F. Allgeier Jr., Linda M. Bliley, and John D. Bartnicki.

- I. Richard made the **motion** to accept the agenda seconded by John, motion passed (3-0).
- II. Richard made an announcement, there was an Executive Session November 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss a legal issue for re-zoning.
- III. There was one comment from the audience about the agenda from November asking for the result of the executive session. Nothing to report at this time it is between the lawyers, no action taken at this point.
- IV. John made the **motion** seconded by Linda to accept the minutes from November 12 and 13 motion passed (3-0).
- V. Treasurer's report for November was presented, John made the **motion** to approve the treasurers report pending an audit and to pay all current bills, seconded by Linda, motion passed (3-0).
- VI. Subdivisions/Sewer Modules, plans
  - a. Kosterman, Peck road **motion** by Richard seconded by John, motion passed (3-0). Sewer module has been to planning and DEP final plans were signed at the meeting.
- VII. Municipal reports were read, and are available for inspection Monday through Friday from 7:00 am. to 3:00 pm.
- VIII. Sewer updates, PENNVEST closing moved to December 20, 2018, for Phase IV.
  - a. Payment application number 7 in the amount of \$340,094.59
  - b. Payment Application number 4 in the amount of \$86,963.85
  - c. Payment Application number 6 in the amount of \$59,175.00
  - d. Questions were asked about:
    - i. When will Phase III be complete, by the end of December the phase construction should be complete, and tap notices should be going out in March of 2019.
    - ii. If the City of Erie raises rates, will that affect Greene Township sewer rates? Yes, but our contribution is very small so the increase will be small, on a percentage basis.
    - iii. What are the costs to tap in to the sewer system? \$4,750, is the tap fee paid to the Township, then the cost of what a plumber charges for work completed at your location, and then you will be inspected, and charged \$96.00 per month on residential connections.
    - iv. Non-residential connections are different, \$4,750.00 tap fee, metered water for usage and a monthly base rate with a look back period, for adjustments.
    - v. Both residential and non-residential use the term tap fee, but that is just not the physical connection it also is the allowance for flow rated by an EDU, or multiple EDU's.
    - vi. Flags were placed on my front door what should I do with the flag? Flags were distributed and should be placed where you would like your connection point to be. Patrick and Ryan can assist if you would like guidance as to where to place the flag. Flags should be placed within a day or two of receiving the flag, so the work crew has time to complete their work. Digging could start within a week to three once the flags are passed out. Plumbers can help place the flags as well, this sometimes can help with the grade and slope of the pipe when it comes time to install.
    - vii. There are three wooden stakes and pink flags in front of my property what are they for? One is marking the location of a manhole, and the other two are set back points, if the machinery takes out the first marker, the set back points help find the original point.

- viii. Why don't all houses in Greene Township get meters for sewer? Meters are expensive, meter reading is expensive, and it was decided that residential locations will not have meters, but non-residential locations will be metered.
- ix. Extra tap fees have been collected, where is that extra money going? Extra tap fees need to be explained, if your structure has two separate entrances, you could be charged an additional tap fee of \$4,750.00, this is not extra money coming into the Township. There is an expense there for the Township, first to connect the additional space, and then the allowance of flow which is being billed to the Township at the Millcreek Line meter. The Township has many loans that the tap fees will help pay off.
- x. Is the Township concerned about the residents that are not paying their tap fees and monthly fees? Yes, the Township has budgeted for 15% of delinquencies, but the rate is currently at 30%. If the delinquency continues to rise, so will the sewer rates per month and the tap fee. If the Township defaults on the loans, the state will step in, pay off the debt and raise all rates to make the payments, which would be out of the Townships hands at that point.

IX. New business:

- a. RESOLUTION 33-2018 Appoint Certified Public Accountant for 2019, Richard **motioned** seconded by Linda to appoint Felix & Gloekler, PC. Motion passed (3-0).
- b. RESOLUTION 34-2018 adopting the 2019 fee schedule, John made the **motion** seconded by Linda, motion passed (3-0).
- c. RESOLUTION 35-2018 Levying 2019 tax millage at 1.99 mills John made the **motion** seconded by Linda, motion passed (3-0).
- d. RESOLUTION 36-2018 Levying other 2019 taxes John made the **motion** seconded by Linda, motion passed (3-0).
- e. RESOLUTION 37-2018 adopt the 2019 preliminary budget Richard made the **motion** seconded by John, motion passed (3-0).
- f. RESOLUTION 38-2018 water system fees for 2019, Linda made the **motion** seconded by Richard, motion passed (3-0).
- g. RESOLUTION 39-2018 Kirsch road sewer rates Richard made the **motion** seconded by Linda, motion passed (3-0).
- h. RESOLUTION 40-2018 Loan proposal acceptance Richard made the **motion** seconded by Linda, motion passed (3-0).
- i. Phase I Relinquishments and Playground Paradise legal description RESOLUTION 41-2018, John made the **motion** table the two items until December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30p.m. when more documentation will be provided, seconded by Richard, motion passed (3-0).
- j. Sacramento California Waste Water Collection course for Eric Biby, Richard made the **motion** seconded by John, motion passed (3-0). Cost of \$140.00, this class is here at the Township building, Eric will not be going to California for the course.

X. Donated use requests:

- a. None at this time.

XI. Public Comment

- a. Recycling, with Greene Township eliminating the Township sponsored recycling program, are there any options for residents to continue recycling. Linda gave information on Raccoon Refuse, which is now moving into our area, their rates are comparable to Waste Management, per quarter. Information was also given in the most recent newsletter with options. At this point our curbside truck is in need of repair, the cost of paying to recycle have gone up. Greene Township is not able to purchase a new or used truck.
- b. Were there new road signs installed for Kirsch and Old Wattsburg roads? Yes, the location of the signs has been moved as well, in an effort to ensure the signs last. On top of the stop signs, will be a common place for new road signs, and on a pole separate from the telephone poles as was done in the past. The linemen seem to be knocking the road signs down, so the stop sign seems to be a better location at this point.
- c. Phase IV of the sewer project when will it begin? Phase IV has started on lower Knoyle road by the pump station. The crews will work from the pump station and work their way

towards Kuhl road, as weather permits. Traffic is encouraged to avoid Knoyle road, and to use Harboregreene road to limit the amount of traffic.

The meeting was held open until December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:30.

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Richard F. Allgeier Jr., Chairman

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Linda M. Bliley, Treasurer

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John D. Bartnicki, Vice-Chair, Secretary