

March 26, 2024, 8:00 P.M., Greenfield Township Municipal Building, a regular meeting of the Greenfield Township Board of Supervisors.

Present: Kevin Bartlett, Brian Brown, Travis Clabbatz, Renee Wagner, Joe Heslop, Mark Corey P.E. and Lavern Skarzenski.

Kevin Bartlett stated that Public Comment would be taken as permitted in the Public Comment Resolution - All residents and taxpayers of Greenfield Township in attendance at the meeting shall have a reasonable opportunity to comment on matters on the agenda for the meeting and/or matters of concern, official action and/or deliberation which are or may be before the Board of Supervisors prior to the Board of Supervisors taking official action.

Joe Heslop reported that the crew had hauled in 5500 tons of millings from North East Township. Harborcreek Township offered approximately 800 tons of millings that had larger chunks in them - for free. Greenfield Township would need to provide the loader. The Board agreed with taking the millings. The crew had started screening some of the material. The roads were graded and planed as the weather allowed. Roads were plowed and salted as needed. Harborcreek Township stated that they would be getting more millings this summer. PennDOT paving projects were expected to be less this year, due to other large projects. Road inspection was set for 8:00 a.m., April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board will meet at the Township. Properties would be checked for violations of the Nuisance Ordinance during road inspection. Mark Corey reviewed the background of the Erie County Municipal GAP Funding grant. The original guidelines for funding were for projects that involved water, sewer and broadband. In the beginning, one municipality received funding for \$ 700,000.00. Once that was discovered by the County Executive, the funding was capped at \$ 250,000.00. Greenfield Township did not qualify for funding because it did not have water, sewer or broadband. Guidelines were relaxed to include drainage pipes. Mark Corey was encouraged by the County Executive to submit applications for municipalities he represented. The Board of Supervisors recently approved application for the replacement of pipes on Raymond Mills Road. Again, the guidelines were changed to limit the size of drainage pipes to less than 8 feet. It was suggested that Act 13 funding was available for this project, but to qualify for that grant the pipes had to be determined to be structurally deficient. This disqualified the Raymond Mills project as the pipes are not structurally deficient. There has been no funding from any applications submitted since the County Executive requested them. The shift now seems to be to fund projects which involve funding from other sources plus Township match, or to deny and recommend that Townships apply for other sources of funding. When the proposed project of funding for tile was submitted by email, the County Executive's office stated that funding was available through the Dirt & Gravel Roads grant program. An email from the County Executive's office stated "If you are not leveraging other funding sources and investing local funds, your application will not be competitive." Another water project in Wayne Township was turned down even though the Township was putting up \$ 100,000.00. No other funding source was used. Another example was given of a project in Harborcreek Township, which met the requirements but was currently being turned down, stating that a Growing Greener grant should be filed. A LeBoeuf Township project was questioned, but complete information was not available. There were still funds able to be distributed.

Kevin Bartlett made a motion to have Mark Corey apply to the Erie County Municipal Gap

funding grant for 10 miles of tile and stone to be placed as surface drainage in Township roads, which will be determined at a later date. Travis Clabatz seconded. No public comment was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Lavern Skarzenski questioned where the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Solar Facilities stood. Board members stated that by Pennsylvania law, the Zoning Ordinance must provide a location for every imaginable use. If there are no provisions in the Zoning Ordinance, the use can go anywhere. Decommissioning was a big part of the proposed amendment, backed with the requirement for a bond increased annually for inflation. Screening/buffers would be required. An overlay district bordering the power lines that are adequate for transmission connections was being checked on.

No new business was presented.

Final public comment was Lavern Skarzenski stating that the Supervisors did a good job. Kevin Bartlett made a motion to adjourn. Brian Brown seconded. No public comment was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee M. Wagner  
Secretary