

**MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

**OPENING OF MEETING:** The regularly scheduled bi-monthly public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Spring was called to order by Chairman Vaughan at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building located at 2800 Shillington Road, Cornwall Terrace, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Messrs. Dallas, Dettra, Kreider and Vaughan were present. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Chief Messner, Leon Mazurie, James Moll, Sheryl Kressler, Bill Kiritsis and Erin Negley, of the Reading Eagle.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, approving meeting Minutes of February 12, 2007. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT:**

**Bills for Approval:** Mr. Dallas, made a motion, second by Mr. Kreider, approving payment of bills from various Township accounts, as listed by the Township Treasurer:

General Fund - \$254,021.79  
Street Lighting Fund - \$22,553.20  
Refuse Tax Fund - \$107,640.56  
Escrow Account - \$18,636.00  
Sewer District #2 Fund – \$17,622.51  
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$365,255.44  
Traffic Impact Fund - \$740.00  
Fire Protection Fund – \$8,529.85  
Capital Fund Account - \$48,373.38  
Recreation Fund - \$20,583.30

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Chairman Vaughan abstained from voting on Check No. 63911. He noted that Checks No. 063847, payable to Medtronic Physio-Control Corporation, represent the Township donation to Western Berks Ambulance, deducted from the EMS fund, for the purchase of 4 life-pak monitors and 12 cardiac defibrillators.

**Financial Reports:** All members received copies of the current financial reports.

**Bulk I.T. Services Presentation – Omega Systems:** Mr. Kiritsis informed the Supervisors that Omega Systems is offering the Township network monitoring, 24 hours per day, and explained that they are

requesting bulk rate (75 hours/quarter) on a pre-pay basis. Systems monitored include the water treatment facility, fire department and municipal building. Problems will be reported to Omega Systems instantaneously without the Township having to notify them. A written proposal was requested for review by the Solicitor and approval at the next meeting.

**Shared Fiber Optic Presentation – Omega Systems:** Mr. Kiritsis, also, requested authorization to proceed with negotiations with Wilson School District relating to the Township connecting to the Wilson School District fiber optic network, the cost thereof, and the cost of additional fiber. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Dettra, authorizing appropriate personnel to meet with Wilson School District staff and officials to determine the feasibility of securing space on the Wilson School District fiber optic system, pending final approval by the Board of Supervisors. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**ENGINEERING/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

**Amendments to Standard Construction Specifications – Resolution No. 2007-13:** The proposed amendments primarily govern subdivision and land development construction. As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee and Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, adopting the amendments to the Standard Construction Specifications, in accordance with Resolution No. 2007-12. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Inverness at Spring Ridge, Phase II – Escrow Release No. 2:** As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, to approve Escrow Release No. 2 for Inverness at Spring Ridge, Phase II, in the amount of \$18,274.06. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The remaining balance is \$7,331.94.

**Reading Hospital – Long Term Acute Care Hospital - Conditional Use:** A conditional use application was received from Reading Hospital on February 26, 2007. Mr. Moll advised the Board that they have 60 days to schedule a conditional use hearing.

**Revisions to Zoning Ordinance:** Mr. Moll reported that revisions to the Zoning Ordinance were submitted to the County, and he will meet with the Berks County Planning Commission next week.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT:**

**Wheatfield Way – Resolution No. 2007-12:** It was discovered that the existing sewer line in the rear of these three (3) lots was deeper than anticipated, and the change was made to connect to the main trunk line. The developer incurred additional costs attempting to comply with the approved plan. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Kreider, adopting Resolution No. 2007-12, refunding two out of the three connection fees in the amount of \$6,680.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Parks & Recreation Foreman:** A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, to approve Matthew Yoh as Parks & Recreation Foreman and team leader in the Parks, Public Building and Public Works Department. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS/PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**Installation of Fence on Ball Field Baselines – Purchase Order:** A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dettra, to approve a Purchase Order, in the amount of \$7,585.00, for ProMax Fence Systems, to install fence on ball field baselines at Cacoosing Meadows Fields #2 and #3, Kline's Creek Recreation Area, Colony Park Playground and Midvale Manor Playground. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Three quotes were obtained and reviewed by Mr. Mazurie. The Spring Township Athletic Association will share the costs. Net cost to the Township - \$3,792.50.

**Shiloh Hills Park PVC Sewer Line – Location Service Agreement:** Additional information is necessary in order to design the sewer system for the park. It is estimated that ten (10) hours will be required to collect the needed information. As recommended by Mr. Mazurie, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing the appropriate officer to execute a service agreement with Fluid Conservation Technologies, Inc. of 1025 Cider Lane, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at a cost of \$125.00/hour, not to exceed fifteen (15) hours. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT:**

**Police:**

**Officer Troutman – Promotion:** As a result of his high scores on both a written test and oral exam, and at the request of Chief Messner, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Dettra, to approve the promotion of Officer Troutman to the rank of Sergeant of the Criminal Investigation Unit. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Officers Hilliard and Hlavac – Completion of Probationary Period:** Having successfully completed their 6-month probationary training period, and having had prior experience, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, to approve the promotion of Officer Hilliard and Officer Hlavac to Patrolman Third Class, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Supervisors Dallas commended the officers noting that their promotions were well deserved.

**SOLICITOR:**

**West Side Emergency Management Agency - Amendments to Existing Agreement:** Solicitor Lillis explained that the West Side Emergency Management Agency Council has requested certain amendments to the existing agreement, which amendments should be approved by Ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing the Solicitor to prepare, advertise and propose an Ordinance for the next meeting. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The changes include assigning cost responsibility for the deputy directors and for the emergency management coordinator.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letter of Resignation:** Chairman Vaughan read the following letter of resignation into the record, as received from Jeri L. Diesinger:

February 20, 2007

Mr. Vaughan:

Please accept this letter as official notification of my resignation effective April 23, 2007. My last day in the office will be on Friday, February 23, 2007. I will work with Sheryl during the next few days to transfer pertinent information.

Thank you for the opportunity of providing me with so many diverse projects and experiences that have allowed me to accept new challenges as a Township Manager. Without your recent reorganization, I would never have been motivated enough to look elsewhere.

Sincerely,  
Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G.

A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Dettra, to accept the resignation of Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Compensation for Township Secretary:** As recommended by the Human Resource Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, to compensate the Township Secretary two hours of pay at one and one-half times her regular hourly pay (\$25.97/hour) for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors, regardless of the length of the meeting. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Workshops/Training Requests:** A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, to approve the attendance of Tracy Daniels and Leon Mazurie at a half-day seminar on GASB 45 at the Reading Country Club on March 8, 2007. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. There is no fee for this seminar.

There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Sheryl Kressler, Secretary