

MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 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 Vice Chairman Dallas 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 Templin were present. Mr. Vaughan did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Chief Messner, Leon Mazurie, James Moll, Fire Commissioner Schach, Sheryl Kressler, A. DiNunzio, Anthony Iagnemma, Stanley Blankenbiller, Richard Maloof, Steve Law and Diane Robinson of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Anthony Iagnemma, 1407 Independence Drive: Mr. Iagnemma purchased property on Brevity Lane, approximately two years ago, and is currently in the process of selling the property. He was concerned that his realtor had been advised by the Zoning Officer that the property is for public recreation. Mr. Iagnemma, also, asked for the cooperation of the Township staff when speaking with prospective buyers. Mr. Iagnemma will be contacted subsequent to review of this issue by Solicitor Lillis and Mr. Mazurie, Director of Operations.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Templin, accepting the minutes of April 9, 2007. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

OPERATIONS:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$110,617.81
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$22,386.00
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$7,099.22
Refuse Tax Fund - \$101,814.25
Park Capital Outlay Fund – \$1,000.00
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$8,453.43
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$62,892.01
Traffic Impact Fund - \$393.95
Fire Protection Fund – \$9,827.40

Capital Fund Account - \$27,339.99
Recreation Fund - \$9,371.83

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

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

Zoning/Building Codes Department:

Fee Schedule Amendment – Resolution No. 2007-18: A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Templin, to approve the revised Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 2007-18, with the recommended changes. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The subdivision and land development filing fees have been increased, and a fee was added for the Township Professional Planning and Subdivision Consultant (in house).

Trailblazer Sign Request: A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing installation of directional signs to the following Rt. 222 businesses: Barbary's Nursery, Chapel Hill Golf Course and the American Flag Shop. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. These businesses were affected by the re-routing of Rt. 222. Cost, installation and maintenance of the signs will be borne by the respective businesses.

Part-Time Summer Employment: A motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the part-time summer employment of Nicole Woomer, from May through the end of June, for approximately 8 to 15 hours per week. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Cornwall Terrace Playground Association Request - Chicken Barbeque: A motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, to approve a request from the Cornwall Terrace Playground Association to hold their annual chicken barbeque on the Township property, and under the porch of the Municipal Building in the event of rain. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

2007 Summer Playground and Tot Lot Staff Recommendations: A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Templin, approving the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Board for the 2007 Summer Playground/Tot Lot staff, back-up leaders and bus drivers. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Vice Chairman Dallas commended the Parks and Recreation staff for being leaders in the county with regard to the Spring Township summer playground program. (A copy of the list of recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Board is attached hereto.)

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Evergreen Hill Estates – Final Plan – Time Extension: A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Templin, granting a 90-day extension of time for the Evergreen Hill Estates Final Plan, to July 6, 2007. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

3047 Van Reed Road – Amendment to Previous Escrow Release: A motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, amending the previously approved escrow release from \$13,403.68 to \$12,023.16, which reflects payment of a Township invoice, in the amount of \$1,380.52, required prior to release of escrow. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The applicant indicated he would accept such an amendment.

2565 Century Boulevard – PRD Sign Waiver: A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, to deny the applicant's request for a waiver of the PRD sign regulations, being that the proposed sign does

not comply with the PO/B standard for granting sign waivers. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Templin, who voted no.

1350 Broadcasting Road – PRD Sign Waiver: A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Templin, granting the PRD Sign Waiver for 1350 Broadcasting Road with the condition that specifications of your application meet the sign requirements as presented in **Section 6** of the Zoning Ordinance, and that the sign will be removed by the owner within 30 days should the property be sold or the lease transferred. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Laptop Computer – Purchase Order #01379: A motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, approving Purchase Order #01379 for a laptop computer and software from Omega Systems, at a total cost of \$2,645.73. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. This purchase is a budgeted item.

Road Services:

Road Detour: As recommended by the Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, approving a detour of Wernersville Road during the relocation process, with the condition that the applicant, (contractor for the Lilyfield development), submit adequate detour and traffic control plans. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The contractor has estimated that the road may be closed for a period of 4 to 6 weeks. South Heidelberg Township will be contacted for comment.

Infrastructure Committee:

Sewer Rate Study Proposal: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, to accept the proposal from Gannett Fleming, Inc., for a sewer rate **study**, at an estimated cost of between \$14,000.00 and \$16,000.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. This study will project the revenue requirements for the next three years, including operation and maintenance expenses, purchased treatment costs, existing and proposed debt service and other capital requirements.

334 Vinemont Road – Bog Turtle Survey: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing a Phase II Bog Turtle Habitat Survey for Township property, located at 334 Vinemont Road, at a cost not to exceed \$3,900.00, said study to be performed by a qualified bog turtle expert. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Recent correspondence from the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, noted that data obtained during the Phase I Bog Turtle Habitat Survey indicated portions of the property contain potential bog turtle habitat.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

Police Department:

Handicapped Parking Space – 9 Montello Road: Having met the necessary criteria, and as recommended by the Chief of Police, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Templin, to approve a handicapped parking space for 9 Montello Road. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department:

Stortz Adapters Bid Results: A single bid was opened publicly on Monday, April 23, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. As recommended by the Fire Commissioner, a motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, to accept the bid of Berks Emergency Equipment, for 558 adapters, at a unit price of \$105.50, for a total of \$58,869.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. For the record, Solicitor Lillis stated that the name Stortz Adapters should not imply that these adapters are only made by one manufacturer. In fact, Stortz is a term of art, and is actually a specification of the type of adapter. They are manufactured and sold by several firms.

Servicing of Fire Extinguishers: Fire Commissioner Schach reported that the Township's portable fire extinguishers are currently being serviced by Simplex Grinnell, through the Berks County Cooperative contract for this year and next year. A new contract will be negotiated at that time.

SOLICITOR:

Infrastructure Committee Ordinance Amendment #308: Solicitor Lillis explained that the current Infrastructure Committee Ordinance establishes that the Infrastructure Committee is comprised of five (5) members, two (2) Supervisors, two (2) Planners and an at-large member, who is defined as a present or previous member of the former Municipal Authority. A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Templin, authorizing the Solicitor to advertise an amendment to Ordinance #308, which would specifically require that the Township Roadmaster be a member of this Committee and, if the Roadmaster is a Supervisor, that up to two (2) members be Supervisors, up to two (2) members be Planners and that the remainder of the five (5) members would be at-large community residents or taxpayers of the Township. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. This amendment is being considered to allow for greater flexibility.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The Solicitor informed the Supervisors that the composition of the Transportation Advisory Committee is defined by Resolution, adopted in 1998, and does not require that the Roadmaster be a member. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing Solicitor Lillis to prepare a Resolution requiring that the Roadmaster be a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Weis Market – Mylars: The Township has received mylars from Great Valley Consultants for improvements to signals necessary for the Weis Market, proposed for West Wyomissing Boulevard and Rt. 724. A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing the appropriate Township official to sign the mylars. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Workshops/Training Requests: A motion was made by Mr. Templin, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the following workshop/training requests:

- J. Dallas – Community Planning Course, May 2, 9, and 16, 2007, at a cost of \$95.00**
- L. Mazurie – Municipal Insurance Risk Management Seminar, May 17, 2007.**

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively, with the exception of Mr. Dallas, who abstained.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dallas adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Sheryl Kressler, Secretary