

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 25, 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. Mr. Templin did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Messner, James Moll, Sheryl Kressler, Stanley Blankenbiller, Lara Bare, George Peiffer, Andrew Dinunzio (Office of Senator Folmer), Larry Texter, Herb Texter, Sandra Parsley, Officers Katzman and Schweyer, and Nate Carrick of the Reading Eagle.

**POLICE RECOGNITION:** Chief Messner presented letters of commendation to Sinking Spring Officers Katzman and Schweyer (Officer Federowich of Spring Township and Officer Endy of Wyomissing were not present) for outstanding judgment displayed on May 18, 2007 during a robbery of the M&T Bank in Broadcasting Square. Upon apprehension of the suspect at the Giant food store on Van Reed Road, a gun was pointed at them, which was later identified as a plastic pistol. Although they would have been justified in firing at the suspect, they did not. Appreciation for their heroism and courage was expressed by the Supervisors, as well.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

**Lara Bare, 2265 Reading Boulevard:** Mrs. Bare requested an update on the Township's evaluation of stormwater issues. Mr. Moll informed her that an extensive check had been conducted by Township personnel on existing storm sewers in the problem area. No specific cause of blockage was discovered. However, preliminary data is being accumulated on the Township's GIS system in order to establish whether a project is warranted to remedy the situation.

**George Peiffer, 2269 Reading Boulevard:** Mr. Peiffer questioned if there was something the residents could do to assist the Township in the process of resolving the stormwater problem. Mr. Moll responded that the residents will need to understand that projects of this type will take some time and, also, that funding may be required.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the Reading Hospital Conditional Use Hearing Minutes, dated May 10, 2007. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Approval of the May 29, 2007 Meeting Minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

**OPERATIONS:**

**Business Office:**

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

- General Fund - \$184,201.58
- Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$22,386.00
- Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$6,247.94
- Refuse Tax Fund - \$116,253.79
- Park Capital Outlay Fund - \$2,056.62
- Sewer District #2 Fund - \$2,881.00
- Sewer District #3 Fund - \$37,814.41
- Fire Protection Fund – \$8,035.51
- Recreation Fund - \$14,610.20

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

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

**Facilities/Public Property:**

**Architect Contract:** As recommended by the Director of Operations, a motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing the appropriate officers of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract with George J. Donovan AIA & Associates for various services associated with the Salt Storage Building and innovation plan, in the amount of \$43,400.00. Said contract has been reviewed by the Solicitor. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**Salt Storage Building – Award Contract:** In accordance with the Specifications and Addendums attached thereto, the following bids were received and opened on June 21, 2007:

<b>Dueck Construction</b>	\$249,479.00	Unit Price for Rock Excavation - \$125.00 per ton
<b>Bulk Storage, Inc.</b>	\$515,430.00	Unit Price for Rock Excavation – \$198.00 per ton

A third bid was received subsequent to the bid opening, which was not opened, and will be return to the bidder. Based on comments from the architect, and as recommended by the Director of Operations, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, accepting the low bid of Dueck Construction (Lancaster, PA) for the Salt Storage Building, in the amount of \$249,479.00, subject to review by the Solicitor. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Engineering/Planning Department:**

**Cedar Hollow Homes – Escrow Release #2:** As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Dettra, approving Cedar Hollow Homes Escrow Release #2, in the amount of \$3,658.20. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Remaining balance is \$3,045.13.

**Bachman Subdivision Final Plan – Reaffirmation:** This plan was previously approved by the Supervisors. The applicant, however, experienced delays with regard to DEP approval for the planning module, and the 90-days required to record the plan has expired. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, reaffirming the Bachman Subdivision Final Plan. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present

voted affirmatively.

**Road Services Department/WWTP:**

**2007 Sewer System Improvement Project – Award Contract:** As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Dallas, awarding the contract for the 2007 Sewer System Improvement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Mr. Rehab, (Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania) in the amount of \$439,735.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**Offer of Employment:** As recommended by the Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Dettra, approving an offer of employment to Michelle McGinty, Dogwood Drive, West Lawn, Pennsylvania, to fill the position of Operator at the Township of Spring Waste Water Treatment Plant, at the rate of \$15.16 per hour during the probationary period. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Ms. McGinty will begin her employment with the Township on July 9, 2007.

**WWTP – Lab Accreditation:** The Township Waste Water Treatment Plant has achieved Environmental Laboratory Accreditation having met the requirements for Chapter 252 regulations issued under the Act of June 29, 2002. This achievement was due to the efforts and dedication of David Rentschler, and the Board of Supervisors commended him on a job well done.

**Infrastructure Committee:**

**Purchase Orders:** As recommended by the Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, approving payment of the following Purchase Orders:

- (1) P.O. #02067 - E.F. Martzall, Inc. - four (4) bollards at the existing garage - \$2,986.00
- (2) P.O. #02068 – E.F. Martzall, Inc. - concrete trenching in belt filter press building - \$3,200.00
- (3) P.O. #02070 – Optimum Controls Corp. – replacement of Wyomissing flow meter – \$2,887.00 (damaged by lightning strike)
- (4) P.O. #02069 - Nutech Control Products – spare radio transceiver for SCADA stations - \$1,081.80 (damaged by lightning strike)

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT:**

**Police Department:**

**Handicapped Parking Request:** As recommended by Chief Messner, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Dettra, approving the handicapped parking request for 21 Intervilla Avenue. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**West Side EMA:**

**2008 Ford Expedition – Purchase Order #01789:** A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Kreider, approving Purchase Order #01789 for a 2008 Ford Expedition, from Hondru Fleet Group, Maheim, Pennsylvania, at a total cost of \$27,694.00 (COSTAR State Bid), for use by the West Side EMA, under an appropriate lease agreement. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**SOLICITOR:**

**Reading Hospital and Medical Center – Post Acute Care Hospital:** A written decision approving the Conditional Use request of the Reading Hospital and Medical Center, with conditions, has been forwarded to the appropriate parties.

**Parkview Land Development, LLP (Prescott Estates):** A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Vaughan, authorizing the Solicitor to take appropriate actions to facilitate a claim against the Improvements Agreement as well as in default of performance and against the Letter of Credit, for the purpose of completing improvements along Fritztown Road. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**Brubaker Subdivision Conditional Use Hearing:** Solicitor Lillis announced the Brubaker Minor Subdivision Conditional Use Hearing will commence at 8:00 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Chairman Vaughan reviewed correspondence from Berks County, Office of the Commissioner, regarding illegal dumping and budget cuts to public transportation from federal and state government. No action was taken at this time.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Broadcasting Pointe/Wal-Mart Files:** A motion was made by Mr. Dettra, second by Mr. Vaughan, directing that all files relating to the Wal-Mart application for Conditional Use be consolidated and that documents such as the legal opinion written by Judge Lash, Notes of Testimony and exhibits be kept in separate files for future reference. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Chairman Vaughan recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m. in preparation for the Brubaker Minor Subdivision Conditional Use Hearing.

**BRUBAKER MINOR SUBDIVISION  
CONDITIONAL USE HEARING  
8:00 P.M.**

Supervisors Dallas, Dettra, Kreider and Vaughan were present. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Township Solicitor, and a court stenographer.

During the course of these proceedings, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, accepting the submission of Exhibits A-1 and A-2 into the record. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

At the conclusion of testimony, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Dallas, adjourning the hearing at 9:05 p.m. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Testimony and evidence were entered into the stenographic records. A copy of the transcript will be incorporated, by reference, into these Minutes when completed and available for inspection in the Engineering and Planning Services Department of the Township of Spring Municipal Building.

An Executive Session was called by Chairman Vaughan.

The public meeting of the Board of Supervisors was reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

**Brubaker Minor Subdivision Conditional Use Hearing – Decision:** A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the Brubaker Minor Subdivision Conditional Use request, as submitted for this hearing. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Mr. Dallas commented that in approving the conditional use request the process would likely continue before the Planning Commission, at which time wetland delineation issues will be addressed.

There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

---

Sheryl Kressler, Township Secretary