

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2008

OPENING OF MEETING: The regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by 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, Supervisors Collins, Dallas, Kreider, Smith and Vaughan were present. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Solicitor; Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, James Moll, Sheryl Kressler, Judy Houck, Gregory Ganikon, Robert Weller and Erin Negley of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Robert Weller, 1801 Shellbark Drive: On the subject of 816 Bare Path Drive, Mr. Weller reported that the house continues to deteriorate and is a health hazard. The Supervisors are cognizant that the house is a detriment to the community; and it was Mr. Mazurie's understanding that the roof is to be replaced and the house gutted and cleaned. The property is, also, being mowed. Mr. Weller was advised by Chairman Dallas that there is a third party interested in acquiring the house, and there should be action within 30 days.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2008. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

OPERATIONS:

Business Office:

Bills for Approval: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving payment of bills, from the following Township accounts, as listed by the Township Treasurer:

General Fund - \$115,243.58
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$28,101.01
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$6,213.66
Refuse Tax Fund - \$110,889.28
Sewer District #2 - \$21,033.63

Sewer District #3 Fund - \$464,772.08
Fire Protection Fund - \$8,023.00
Capital Fund Account - \$27,349.84

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Financial Reports: The Supervisors received copies of the current financial report for review.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Shiloh Hills Park (Phase I) – Electrical Contract Award: As recommended by Spotts, Stevens and McCoy, a motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Collins, awarding Contract No. 2 – Electrical Work for Shiloh Hills Park, Phase I, to J.B. Electric Corp., in the amount of \$325,556.02. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Kerry Irwin Playground Concept (121 Cecil Avenue): Mrs. Houck, Parks & Recreation Manager, presented the Kerry Irwin Park Redevelopment Project conceptual plan to the Board. The proposed improvements were previously discussed and approved by the family of Kerry Irwin and include a regulation basketball court, new fence, handicap accessible path, rain garden, landscaping, park bench, picnic table, small pavilion, game table with permanent checker board, bollards to prevent vehicles from entering the park, and an open grass area.

A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the conceptual plan for the Kerry Irwin Park. Supervisor Smith, however, was concerned that several basketball standards were being removed and questioned whether there were other options which would comply with impervious cover regulations. She then made a motion to table, pending further investigation, second by Mr. Collins. Upon roll call, Supervisors Dallas, Kreider and Vaughan voted no, Supervisors Collins and Smith voted affirmatively. Motion to table was defeated. Upon roll call on approval of the concept, Supervisors Collins, Dallas, Kreider and Vaughan voted affirmatively, Supervisor Smith voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

Wilson School District Operations Center – Waiver Request: Action on this waiver request was tabled, from the August 11, 2008 meeting, for clarification. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, to waive the standard permit fees for the Wilson School District Operations Center, with the understanding that all costs incurred by the Township, relating to building plan review and inspection, shall be forwarded to the School District for payment. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

ENRADD Speed Timing Device - Purchase Order: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, approving a purchase order, in the amount of \$3,995.00, for a wireless ENRADD Speed Timing Device. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Officer Keller – Promotion: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Kreider, approving the promotion of Officer Barry Keller to Patrol Person 3rd Class, effective September 1, 2008, and with the appropriate salary increase to \$57,139.00, per contract. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

SOLICITOR:

Authorization of Fire Inspection Ordinance: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, authorizing the Solicitor to circulate the draft Fire Inspection Ordinance and advertise said Ordinance, subsequent to review by the Solicitor's office. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Authorization of Recyclables Burning Ordinance: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan,

authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and advertise a stand alone Ordinance, which would prohibit the burning of designated recyclables and yard waste in order to comply with DEP and County requirements. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Authorization for Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements– (1) Spring Township, Sinking Spring, Sinking Spring Municipal Authority, (2) Spring Township, South Heidelberg and South Heidelberg Municipal Authority:

A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing the Solicitor to take the necessary steps including, if required, preparation and advertising of Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinances to allow for the approval of an agreement among Spring Township, Sinking Spring and Sinking Spring Municipal Authority establishing capacity that the Township has in the Sinking Spring Wastewater Treatment Plant; as well as a similar agreement among Spring Township, South Heidelberg and South Heidelberg Municipal Authority establishing capacity and rules and regulations governing the use of that capacity by South Heidelberg Township in the Spring Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Chairman Dallas added that he appreciated the efforts of the Township staff and representatives of the Board to reach this point.

Authorization of Graffiti Ordinance: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the Solicitor to advertise the Graffiti Ordinance, as prepared. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trick or Treat Night Designation (Permanent): A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, designating October 31st as Trick or Treat Night in Spring Township, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., year to year, on a permanent basis. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Chairman Dallas asked that this information be posted on the website and in the Communicator.

Township Pension Plans: Supervisor Collins noted that the Township pension plans for uniformed and non-uniformed employees have been thoroughly analyzed and reviewed over the past six (6) months. As a result, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Kreider, establishing a Pension Oversight Committee consisting of two (2) Supervisors, Director of Operations, Senior Financial Manager, one (1) representative of the non-uniformed bargaining unit, and one (1) representative of the uniformed bargaining group. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The Board was asked to contact Chairman Dallas with individual recommendations for this Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Ms. Smith, appointing Trollinger Consulting Group as the Township Pension Investment Agent for all pension plans and, also, Conrad Siegel Investment Advisors as the Township actuarial authority. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Vaughan, who abstained.

Supervisors Vaughan and Dallas thanked Mr. Collins, Mr. Mazurie and Mr. Groller for a job well done.

McCullough Consulting Group: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Kreider, authorizing the appropriate Township official to enter into an agreement with the McCullough Consulting Group for the purpose of assisting the Township in applying for an H2O Grant, which is made available for water and sewer projects. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

WORKSHOPS/TRAINING REQUESTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kreider, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving the following workshop/training requests:

- J. Schach – Vehicle Fire Investigation, 9/15/08-9/17/08, \$295.00**
- J. Houck – Greenways and Trails Summit, 9/28/08-9/30/08, \$297.00**

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Executive Session: Chairman Dallas announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting, at 6:15 p.m., to discuss matters of personnel. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Kressler, Township Secretary