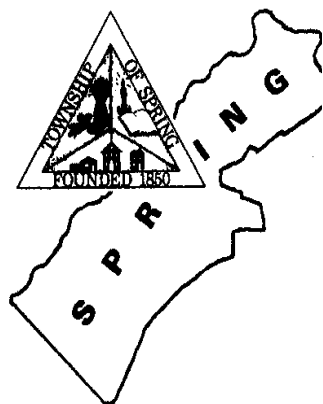


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MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2009

OPENING OF MEETING: The regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kreider, 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 and Vaughan were present. Ms. Smith did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, Fire Commissioner Schach, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Chris Fitterling, Kelly Malandra, John Rothwell, Brian Hessinger, Greg Ganikon and Chris Reber of the Reading Eagle.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kelly Malandra – Recognition of Service to Spring Township Library: On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Dallas presented Ms. Malandra with a Certificate of Recognition in appreciation for her six (6) years of service and dedication as one of the original trustees and president of the Spring Township Library Association. Ms. Malandra's resignation was accepted with regret at the October 26, 2009 Supervisors meeting.

Pennsylvania American Water Company Grant: Fire Commissioner Schach introduced Mr. Hessinger and Mr. Rothwell, both of PAWC, who presented the Township fire department with a \$500.00 grant, from the new PAWC grant program, toward the purchase of a portable pond. Mr. Hessinger was pleased to have the opportunity to partner with the fire department in this regard.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR: There were no comments from the floor.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, approving the Minutes of October 26, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$74,091.63
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$7,669.16
Refuse Tax Fund - \$42,710.59
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$447,413.22
Fire Protection Fund – \$5,004.33
Capital Fund Account - \$167,956.89
Sinking Fund - \$587,913.76

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Financial Reports: The Supervisors received copies of the current financial report for review. There were no questions.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Proposals for P&R Brochure and Communicator: As recommended by the Director of Parks and Recreation and Public Facilities, a motion was made Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, accepting the proposal from Precision Graphics, Inc., of Mohnton, Pennsylvania, for publication of the Parks and Recreation brochure and the Communicator for 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Residency Definition: The Parks and Recreation Board, having discussed the confusion created when residents rent park facilities and register for programs (excluding the Summer Playground/Tot Lot programs) with regard to the definition of Township resident, recommends that the Board of Supervisors consider a “resident” as anyone who resides within the geographical boundaries of the Township of Spring. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, establishing that the geographical boundaries of the Township shall establish residency. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Playground/Tot Lot Program Recommendations for Increasing Rates: Recommendations were made by the Township playground staff to increase rates for 2010 as follows:

January 1st to June 1st: first child - \$70.00; second (+) child - \$60.00; first child w/resident discount - \$50.00; second (+) child w/resident discount - \$40.00.
Late registration fee, June 2nd – June 26th, additional \$30.00 per child.
Registrations will not be accepted after June 26th. (Exception – if families move in after the registration deadline. When providing proof of residency, registration fee would be pro-rated at a rate of \$2.50 per day, per child, for the remaining days of the program.

While the Parks and Recreation Board recommended higher increases (rather than small increases each year), a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, to accept the recommendations of the playground staff as stated above. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Facilities/Public Property:

Advertise, Accept and Open Bids for Police Station: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing the Township Manager to advertise, accept and open bids for the Police Station renovation. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Greystone Business Center – Release of Maintenance Funds: As recommended by the Director of Engineering and Planning Services, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving release

of funds held as maintenance security for the Greystone 4-lot subdivision and subsequent land development, in the amount of \$38,779.64 (\$28,954.64 for maintenance and \$9,825.00 for improvements not previously completed). Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Bollman Hat Co. Subdivision – Waiver of Right to Review Plan: As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, to waive the Township’s right to review the Bollman Hat Co. subdivision, with the following note added to the plan:

“Notice should be taken that the sole access from Lot 5 to public thoroughfares is by a private fifty feet (50’) strip of property, entering upon Adamstown Road, which access is entirely within the Township of Spring, Berks County. Pursuant to prevailing Spring Township Ordinances, such access is presently insufficient to serve more than two (2) single-family detached dwellings or any non-residential development. As such, no more than one (1) single-family detached dwelling, in addition to the single-family detached dwelling as presently benefits from the above-described right-of-way, no non-residential building or other development, and no subdivision to allow for more than one (1) additional single-family detached dwelling or non-residential building or other development, will be permitted, unless and until said access is improved to standards satisfactory to the Township of Spring, upon further application to the Township of Spring and, as appropriate, other municipalities. Said standards shall include all necessary provisions to provide adequate visibility and sight distance at the entrance onto Adamstown Road. All deeds conveying any lands or improvements or any part of Lot 5 shall prominently and clearly set forth a covenant binding the purchaser, successors, heirs, and assigns to the restriction as set forth in this note.”

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department:

Disposal of Unclaimed Property (Bicycles) – Resolution #2009-30: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing Chief Ross to dispose of unclaimed property, namely, bicycles, and donate them to a company called Wood to Wonderful. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department:

October, 2009 Monthly Report: Fire Commissioner Schach pointed out that there have been 750 calls for the year to date, approximately 100 calls more than last year at this time. Also, October was fire prevention month, and the TSVFD worked with over 5,000 students and teachers in the Wilson School District.

SOLICITOR:

Dominion Retail Proposal: Pertaining to the proposal presented by Dominion Electric during the last meeting, and as further explained by Solicitor Lillis, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, to not enter into any Memorandum of Understanding with Dominion and release our residents’ information to them for mailing purposes. However, the Township will release information received from power companies who offer potential savings to our residents, as recommended by the PUC. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

OLD BUSINESS:

Move Announcement: An official announcement was made by the Township Manager that this would be the final public meeting held in the building. Effective November 16, 2009, all meetings and business operations will be conducted at the new administration building located at 2850 Windmill Road. Additionally, the administrative offices will be closed November 11, 2009 for Veterans Day and, also, November 12 and 13, 2009 for the move to the new building.

NEW BUSINESS:

904 Performance Grant: The Township Treasurer has reported that the Township received a 904 Performance Grant from Pennsylvania DEP (for calendar year 2007), in the amount of \$227,436.00. The Township Manager and Treasurer commended the efforts of the residents and commercial businesses in the Township, and included Township employee, Mrs. Reifsnnyder, who compiled the documentation from businesses for the grant application.

Penn Avenue Corridor Study Committee Appointments: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Kreider, appointing the following residents and/or business owners/operators to the study committee:

Chris Schoellkopf – Gerry’s Mobile, 2005 Penn Avenue
Steve Larkin – Larkin’s Veterinary Center, 2333 Penn Avenue
Joe Mays – Mays Sandwich Shop, 2525 Penn Avenue
Ernest Kasprowicz, Sr., 2701 Penn Avenue
Bill Kiritsis – Omega Systems, 3020 Penn Avenue

In addition, the following members of the Township staff shall serve on the committee:

Jim Moll, Director of Engineering and Planning Services
Aaron Wozniak, Director of Codes
John Dallas, Planning Commission Representative
Judy Houck, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities
Patti Smith, Supervisor
Leon Mazurie, Township Manager

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. All interested residents are invited to attend the committee meetings.

Police Pension Contributions – Resolution #2009-29: As recommended by Mr. Mazurie, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, adopting Resolution #2009-29, which states that the police shall not make contributions toward their pension plan, effective for the calendar year 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Kreider announced that an Executive Session had been held prior to the meeting for matters of personnel and litigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary