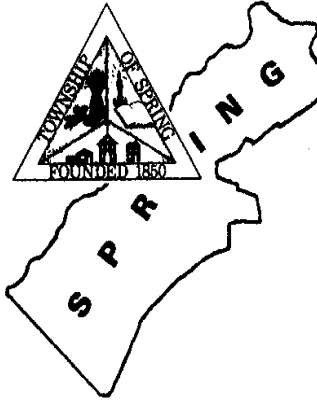


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MEETING MINUTES

December 28, 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 Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, 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, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Greg Ganikon, Rich Savoy and Chris Reber of the Reading Eagle.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving the meeting Minutes of December 14, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$267,280.61
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$33,855.05
Refuse Tax Fund - \$105,575.92
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$14,701.52
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$79,703.20
Fire Protection Fund - \$26,158.79
Capital Fund Account - \$92,898.95

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.

Salary Recommendations for Non-Uniformed Salaried Employees: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, adopting the 2010 salary recommendations for non-uniformed salaried employees, as presented by the Township Manager. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. (List attached)

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Stor-4-You Escrow Release No. 4: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving release of the remaining escrow for Stor-4-You, in the amount of \$31,288.70. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. There are no improvements to be dedicated to the Township and, therefore, no need for maintenance security. The remaining balance is zero.

Sinking Spring Terrace – Escrow Release Request No. 1: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving Escrow Release No. 1, for Sinking Spring Terrace, in the amount of \$48,154.05. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The remaining balance is \$64,747.20.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

2009 Road Improvement Project – Final Payment – Contract #1: As recommended by the Roadmaster/Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving Payment Request #4, from Schlouch, Inc., in the amount of \$39,432.08. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. This payment concludes Contract # 1 of the 2009 Road Improvement Project.

WWTP Upgrade/Expansion – Part II Permit Application: As recommended by the Roadmaster/Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute the NPDES Part II Permit Application and the Notice of Intent documents for the WWTP expansion project, as follows:

- Berks County Conservation District - \$850.00 Review Fees
- Berks County Clean Water Fund - \$500.00 NPDES Review
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - \$500.00 DEP Filing Fee
- Delaware River Basin Commission - \$33,883.20 Review Fee

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Animal Rescue League Annual Agreement: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, to renew the annual agreement with the Animal Rescue League and make the appropriate donation for the amount donated in 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Grant Announcement: Chief Ross announced that a letter was received from Congressman Gerlach indicting that the Township is the recipient of a \$90,000.00 grant for installation of video equipment in police vehicles.

SOLICITOR:

Resolution #2009-35 – West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library: A merger of the West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library and the Spring Township Library is anticipated to take place on or about January 1, 2011. At that time, the Spring Township Library will assume the rights and obligations of the West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving Resolution #2009-35 which confirms the Township's intention to guarantee payment of the balance of a Promissory Note, to Carol I. Gardecki, dated April 24, 2002, in the original principal amount of \$85,000.00, should the Spring Township Library be unable to do so

under the terms of the said Promissory Note. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Dallas and A. Kreider – Appreciation for Service: On behalf of Kozloff Stoudt and as a resident of Spring Township, Solicitor Lillis thanked Chairman Kreider and Mr. Dallas for their cooperation and support over the years and commended them for their leadership and valuable contributions and service to the Township.

J. Dallas – Statement for the Record:

It has been my pleasure to serve this community as a Township Supervisor. Over the past seven years, I have seen so many of our employees grow in responsibilities as well as professionalism in their jobs. Their service to the residents of our community stands above most other municipalities.

We as Supervisors have achieved many accomplishments; including the merger of our fire companies; the successful merger of West Lawn into the Township; the establishment of the Township of Spring Library; the expansion of our zoning and codes department; the restructuring of the Township departments to include adding a Township Manager and Director of Finance as well as bringing in an experienced Engineer to lead our Dept. of Engineering Services – to name a few.

I commend this current and past Boards over these seven years for the professionalism in their decision making process as well as the conduct of business at their meetings. Contrary to a few other's opinions – these Boards have always been accountable to our residents and have strived to bend over backwards to meet the needs of our citizens for the good of the whole for now and planning for the future.

I look forward to continue serving the community in other capacities; however, I will always treasure my time and memories of these years as a Supervisor and am especially proud of what we have accomplished together for the betterment of the Township of Spring. Thank you.

Chairman Kreider added that it was a pleasure to work with the Township staff, who were very professional. He noted there were many accomplishments. Due to the growth of the Township, however, there is still work to be done.

Mr. Collins congratulated both Supervisors for a job exceptionally well done, for their leadership and for exhibiting the utmost professionalism in difficult situations providing powerful lessons to the community on how professionals work to make the Township a better place. He, also, acknowledged the support of their families. Mr. Vaughan concurred and commented that Mr. Kreider and Mr. Dallas worked tirelessly to reach the best solutions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Kreider announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for matters of personnel. Action was taken earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Kreider adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary