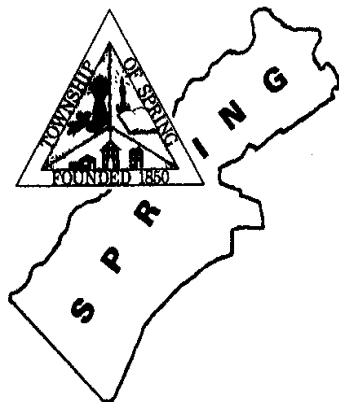


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MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 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, Jim Moll, Sheryl Rowan, approximately 21 residents (as listed on the attached attendance sheet), Greg Ganikon, Anna Maria Laudermilch, and Erin Negley of the Reading Eagle.

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER CO. - NOTICE: Residents have received correspondence from PAWC regarding a water line and sewer line protection program. Chairman Kreider read a statement from the Board of Supervisors that the Township of Spring is not associated or affiliated with a program being offered by PAWC, known as a service line total protection program. Any questions regarding this program, contact Pennsylvania American Water Company directly.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

2124 Highland Street – Use of Property:

Heather Burns, 113 Telford Avenue: Mrs. Burns inquired as to the status of a rumored halfway house at 2124 Highland Street. Solicitor Lillis advised her that at this point the Supervisors had just learned of this situation, that apparently there is construction activity at 2124 Highland Street, and that a contractor informed a neighbor that the house was intended to be used as a counseling or halfway house facility.

Greg Cosgrove, 2123 Highland Street: Mr. Cosgrove added that a neighbor first discovered an ad in the newspaper showing a photograph of the house and a web address for an adolescent counseling program. He was very concerned about the safety of the children and property value depreciation. The Township will discuss this matter further with the Zoning Officer and contact Mr. Cosgrove.

Frank Nutt, 2131 Fairview Street: Mr. Nutt questioned how an advertisement for employment at the subject property could have bypassed the Board. The Solicitor responded that the Township does not clear newspaper ads, and that the Township will investigate this matter further. No applications for any permits, variances or special exceptions have been received by the Township. The Codes Department sent a letter and the response letter, received February 23, 2009, confirmed that a halfway house is not planned at this time.

Ashley Scull, 2125 Highland Street: According to Ms. Scull, she was in the house, it had been cleared out, and three (3) dumpsters were used. However, since the letter was sent by the Township, construction has ceased.

Cathy Kulp, 2122 Highland Street: A petition has been signed by over 100 residents.

Robert Lawrence, 2129 Highland Street: In addition to the above, motorists driving through the neighborhood do not stop at stop signs. Chief Ross will investigate and call Mr. Lawrence.

Anna Maria Laudermilch, 527 Albert Drive: Ms. Laudermilch explained the reasons why she has not yet totally cleared out a pile of wood and branches on her property, which is in violation of the Township codes, and is currently in the hands of the District Justice. She was advised to call the Township Secretary subsequent to her hearing.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving the Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving the Reading Hospital Conditional Use Hearing Minutes of January 22, 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, from the following Township accounts, as presented by the Township Treasurer:

General Fund - \$178,914.88
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$28,029.99
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$6,676.57
Refuse Tax Fund - \$104,692.10
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$427.18
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$42,237.38
Fire Protection Fund – \$23,285.26
Capital Fund Account - \$67,721.83

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Financial Reports: The Supervisors received copies of the current financial report for review. Mr. Mazurie will check the Street Lighting Fund, at the request of Mr. Vaughan.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Shiloh Hills Park Pavilion – P.O. #01742: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving Purchase Order #01742, to General Recreation, Inc., in the amount of \$83,947.00, for the purchase of a pavilion for Shiloh Hills Park. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. (State Contract)

Ball Field Groomer – P.O. #03800: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving Purchase Order #03800, to Turf Equipment and Supply Company, in the amount of \$16,183.00, for the purchase of a ball field groomer. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. (State Contract)

Vegetation Management Program – Authorization to Advertise and Open Bids: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to advertise and open bids for the Vegetation Management Program. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Lilyfield – Escrow Release: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving a release of improvements security for the Lilyfield development, in the amount of

\$281,773.94. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The remaining balance is \$43,809.33.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

NPDES Permit Renewal Application: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute the NPDES permit for submittal to DEP by March 1, 2009, together with a check in the amount of \$500.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

2009 Road Improvement Project – Authorization to Prepare Specs & Advertise: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing the preparation of specifications and advertisement of the same for the 2009 Road Improvement Project. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

2009 Seasonal Requirements – Authorization to Prepare Specs & Advertise: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing the preparation of specifications and advertisement of the same for Seasonal Requirements, including fuel, aggregate and bituminous material, and utility restoration. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Open Bids and Award - Sale of Surplus Police Vehicles: Chief Ross opened three (3) sealed bids, received by the Township, and reported that Denton Feick, of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, was the high bidder for both vehicles. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, awarding the purchase of a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria (\$511.00) and a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, (\$611.00) to Denton Feick. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Offer of Employment for Police Officer: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing an offer of employment to Joshua Knoblauch, as a full-time police officer, effective March 2, 2009, at a salary of \$54,026.00, per contract. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

MPO Education and Training – Resolution #2009-13: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, adopting Resolution #2009-13, thereby authorizing application for funding for Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training for Joshua Knoblauch at the Police Academy. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Conditional Offer of Employment for 2 Police Officers: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing Chief Ross to extend conditional offers of employment to two (2) additional police officers. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively (Budgeted item)

SOLICITOR:

Taxpayers Bill of Rights – Ordinance #369: Having been duly advertised, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, adopting Ordinance #369 which places into effect statutory language, previously on record, relating to a local Taxpayers Bill of Rights. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Reading Hospital Conditional Use Hearing – Continued: Solicitor Lillis announced that the Reading Hospital has requested a continuance of the Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for February 24, 2009. The Township and parties involved are in the process of choosing a date for the continued hearing. All parties will be notified.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration Building Renovations – Authorization to Prepare Specs & Advertise: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing preparation of specifications and advertisement of renovations for the Administration Building, including general contractor, HVAC contractor and mechanical. Upon roll call, all Supervisors

present voted affirmatively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Kreider announced that a brief Executive Session was held, prior to the meeting, to discuss matters of personnel.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary