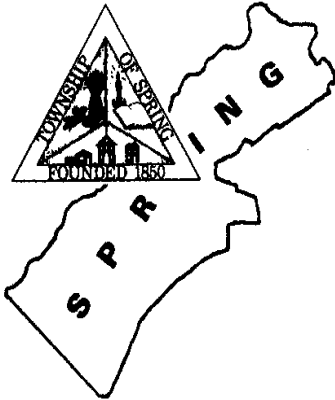


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MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 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, Smith and Vaughan were present. Also present were: Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, Jim Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Greg Ganikon, Pat Boylan and Derrick Hix, of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Pat Boylan, 128 Primrose Lane: As a resident of Stone Hill Farms, Mr. Boylan informed the Supervisors of a trash problem allegedly caused by college students living in the vicinity of his home. He reported the situation to the Codes Department and Police Department, was not satisfied with their response, and requested further action. Chief Ross informed him that he had picked up trash in the area around 4:00 p.m. this afternoon and instructed Mr. Boylan to report future trash issues directly to him.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving the Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2009 and the Reading Hospital Conditional Use Hearing Minutes of February 24, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$207,858.43

Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$150.00

Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$150.00

Refuse Tax Fund - \$17,077.79

Sewer District #3 Fund - \$56,800.58
Fire Protection Fund – \$15,701.90
Capital Fund Account - \$244,847.72

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

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

Purchasing Policy Adoption: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, adopting the Purchasing Policy, as developed by the Director of Financial Services. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Mr. Dallas publicly commended the directors and all staff involved for an excellent policy and set of procedures.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Vegetation Management Program – Bid Opening Authorization: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation and Public Facilities to open bids for the Vegetation Management Program on March 13, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Beverly Professional Building – Escrow Release #1: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Collins, approving Escrow Release #1, for the Beverly Professional Building, in the amount of \$104,737.70. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The remaining balance is \$7,757.12.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

0.8 Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project – Change Order & Payment Request – General Mechanical: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, approving Change Order #1, Contract A, General Mechanical, from LB Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$3,055.00 (increase to existing contract). Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, approving Payment Request #5, Contract A, General Mechanical, to LB Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$139,792.50 for work performed from January 24, 2009 through February 23, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

0.8 Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project – Change Order & Payment Request – Electrical: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving Change Order #1, Contact B, Electrical, from AN Lynch Company, Inc., in the amount of \$12,877.69 (increase to existing contract). Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Dallas, approving Payment Request #5, Contract B, Electrical, to AN Lynch Company, in the amount of \$74,082.05, for work performed from January 24, 2009 through February 27, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Vac Truck – Purchase Order #03801: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Collins, approving Purchase Order #03801, from GapVax, in the amount of \$316,520.00, to purchase a Vac Truck for use by the Public Works Department. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Dallas, who voted no. The new Vac Truck will have the ability to perform hydro excavation, when needed. The current Vac Truck will be sold. (Budgeted Item – COSTARS

Contract)

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

M.D. Terminals (3) – Purchase Order #01804: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, approving Purchase Order #01804, to CDW-G, for three (3) mobile data computer terminals, at a total cost of \$12,623.82. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. (Budgeted Item - COSTARS Contract)

SOLICITOR:

Volunteer Firefighters Association: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing Solicitor Lillis to meet with Attorney Muir to determine the feasibility of forming a Volunteer Firefighters Association, its missions, responsibilities, and organization, and report back to the Supervisors on the same. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration Building Renovations – Contracts for Construction Administration: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, to retain the services of Forino Company, LP, for the purpose of performing a portion of the construction administration, at an hourly rate of \$55.00, not to exceed 15 hours/week; and in addition, retain the services of architect, George Donovan, to perform other aspects of construction administration, which cannot be performed by Forino Company, LP, at an hourly rate of \$180.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Chapel Hill Road – Road Closure: As requested by the Roadmaster/Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing closure of Chapel Hill Road, between Chapel Hill Road and Grizzly Road and Mohns Hill Road for a demolition project at 420 Chapel Hill Road, over the next several days. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

2124 Highland Street: Supervisor Collins requested that Chairman Kreider read the following letter into the Minutes, which was addressed to the Zoning Officer and received February 25, 2009:

Dear Mr. Wozniak:

We are writing again to respond to the Spring Township community concerns regarding the future use of the property located at 2124 Highland Street in West Lawn. In response to your February 13th inquiry, we indicated on February 19 that there is no intention on our part to open a group home at the above-referenced address. The current correspondence has been written to reinforce our previous statement and to further indicate that at no time in the future will we, the property owners, attempt to file for a special exception from the zoning board to enable the property to be used as either a group home, a halfway house or a foster home. I hope that the present letter will be sufficient to assure the concerned citizens of the neighborhood that at no time will this property be used for any form of housing other than for private familial housing. I thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, Susan E. Kraus and Robert W. Gill

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Kreider announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss matter of personnel.

There being no further business, Chairman Kreider adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary