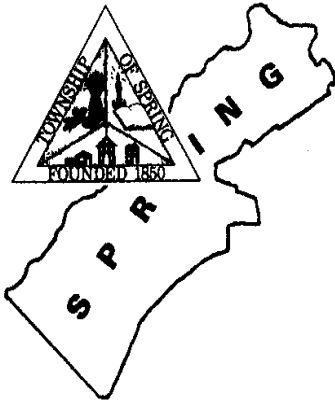


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MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 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: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, Sheryl Rowan, Greg Ganikon and Derrick Hix of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR: No comments or questions were heard from the floor.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, approving the Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$214,350.70
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$1,136.96
Refuse Tax Fund - \$28,003.74
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$25,362.52
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$35,664.28
Traffic Impact Fund - \$5,983.50
Fire Protection Fund - \$22,360.64
Capital Fund Account - \$263,891.06

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

One Meridian Boulevard, Phase II – Tentative Plan Hearing Date: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, setting the date and time for the One Meridian Boulevard, Phase II – Tentative Plan Hearing for Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

0.8 MGD WWTP Upgrade, Contract A – Payment Request #6: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, approving Payment Request #6, for LB Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$86,640.00, as part of Contract A/General Mechanical for the 0.8 MGD WWTP Upgrade project. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Sewer Line Repair Authorization – Specifications and Bidding: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing Gannett Fleming to prepare, and advertise specifications, receive bids, review bids and recommend award of bids for repair of a portion of sanitary sewer trunk-line located in the Spring Towne Center Shopping area. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The slip lining procedure will be used to repair the sewer line (approximately \$25,000.00) rather than replacing the pipe (approximately \$100,000.00).

Section 308 Response Letter: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing the appropriate Township official to sign the Section 308 response letter and forward the letter to the Environmental Protection Agency. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Included in the response letter are the results of West Lawn area smoke testing. Mr. Collins commented on the amount of work required to inspect the 770 connections to the Joint Municipal Authority of Wyomissing Valley, and it was good news that only 13 defects were found.

Price Adjustment of Bituminous Material – Resolution #2009-14: As recommended by PennDOT and the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, adopting Resolution #2009-14, allowing for an escalator clause for bituminous material on all quantities of asphalt cement. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Chapel Hill Road Update: The Roadmaster has authorized Great Valley Consultants to stake out Township right-of-way along Chapel Hill Road in the vicinity of 420 Chapel Hill Road. Subsequently, the Public Works Department will clear brush from the right-of-way and grade the shoulders to further improve drainage and sight distance.

2009 Roadwork – Award of Contracts: Following review by Great Valley Consultants and the Township Solicitor, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, awarding Contract #1 to Schlouch, Inc., in the amount of \$504,522.75, and Contract #2 to Windsor Service, in the amount of \$349,840.25. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Mr. Vaughan noted that the contracts came in less than the engineer's estimate.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Offers of Employment: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, to extend offers of employment for two (2) entry level police officers – Nathan Getz, of Robeson, Pennsylvania, and Corey Hunsinger, of Shillington, Pennsylvania, pending completion of administrative matters. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Public Gathering Permits: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving public gathering permit requests from Konopelski Katering for upcoming events at Willow Glen Park as follows:

Apple Dumpling Festival (June 15-20, 2009); Shocktoberfest (September 18 through November 1, 2009); and Jingle Bell Fest (November 25, 2009 through January 1, 2010). Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

COPS Grant: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the appropriate public official to execute the COPS Grant application, due date April 14, 2009 - total award \$813,603.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

SOLICITOR:

Codification of Ordinances Adoption – Ordinance #370: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving the Codification of Ordinances by adopting Ordinance #370. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Mr. Collins commended the Solicitor’s office for their work and added that the Codification of Ordinances will make it easier for citizens and businesses to research the Ordinances of the Township.

Dissolution of S.W. Berks County Water Authority – Resolution #2009-15: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving Resolution #2009-15, thereby dissolving the S.W. Berks County Water Authority, which was created years ago, by Ordinance, as a joint authority between the Township and West Lawn. Since the Township and West Lawn have merged, the provisions of said Ordinance appear to have no purpose at this time. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Special Counsel – Reading Hospital and Medical Center Conditional Use Proceedings: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, to retain the services of Attorney Keith Mooney, and the firm of Barley Snyder LLC, at the hourly rate of \$210.00, for purpose of serving as counsel for the Township, at large, during the Reading Hospital and Medical Center Conditional Use proceedings. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Records Retention Resolution #2009-16: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, approving Resolution #2009-16, which states that the Township will dispose or retain records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual, as provided by the State of Pennsylvania. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Act 537 Grant Announcement: Chairman Kreider announced Pennsylvania Representative Cox notified the Township that it will be the recipient of an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Planning Grant, in the amount of \$162,628.72. This grant is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and is in partial reimbursement for the Township’s recently completed Act 537 Plan. The Chairman recognized a job well done by staff and consultants. Mr. Vaughan, also, complimented Mr. Bitz and Gannett Fleming on their fine work.

Chief of Police – Salary Increase: The Supervisors acknowledged a job well done by Chief Ross, who has been employed by the Township for more than one year. A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, adjusting the salary for Chief Ross to \$85,000.00, retroactive to January 1, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

2008 Fire Department Activities Report: Supervisor Collins commented on the impressive number of hours of service and volunteer participants from the Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department in 2008. He pointed out that 625 hours of service and 9,400 fire fighters indicated an extraordinary amount of community support and speaks well for the activities within the TSVFD.

There being no further business, Chairman Kreider adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary