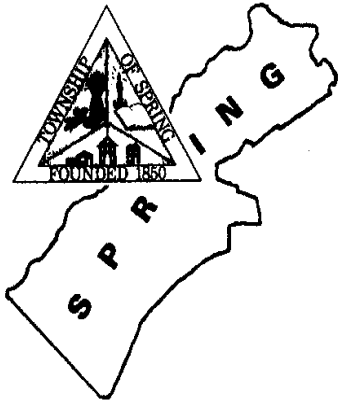


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MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 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 Dallas, Kreider, Smith and Vaughan were present. Mr. Collins did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Greg Ganikon, Lon Seitz, David Gill, Robert Jackson, Fred Reigle, Esquire, Bridget Reed, Chris Kline, Sue Kappensten and Chris Reber, of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Robert Jackson, 416 Chapel Hill Road (Porch Permit): As suggested by the Solicitor, Mr. Jackson agreed to reapply for the permit in question. Mr. Wozniak and Solicitor Lillis will work out the details.

Weis Markets Update: Attorney Reigle informed the Supervisors that he and Solicitor Lillis have been finalizing the conditions associated with approval of the final plan for Weis Market. The Improvements Agreement, executed by the applicant, was submitted for review by the Solicitor, together with the original Letter of Credit. Outstanding issues include the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement and the issuance of an \$8,800.00 check. The final plan has recently been reaffirmed.

Summer Playground Registration Deadline:

Bridget Reed, 903 Ivy Lane: After many years of enrolling her children in the Township summer playground program, Mrs. Reed, inadvertently, missed the new deadline set for playground registration. The Parks & Recreation Board voted 3-2 not to allow registration to continue past the deadline, and Mrs. Reed did not understand why the deadline could not be extended for this year.

Chris Kline, 2113 Burkey Drive: Mr. Kline understood the practicality of a deadline for playground registration. However, he felt that it was harsh not to have a grace period following the deadline and, in his opinion, the decision was not made in the best interest of the residents.

Sue Kappensten, 3105 Daniel Drive: This being the last year of playground eligibility for Mrs. Kappensten's son, he will not have the chance to register by the deadline next year. She believed that the reasons given for not allowing an extension of the registration deadline were inadequate, and pointed out that children moving into the Township should be permitted to attend playground in order to acclimate themselves to their neighborhoods. Perhaps a late fee could be charged.

Judy Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation & Public Facilities: Mrs. Houck explained that staff recommendations from the previous year were taken into consideration with regard to the registration deadline. Children registering throughout the summer created administrative difficulties and liability problems for the Township. The Parks and Recreation Board and Board of Supervisors previously approved the deadline.

Mr. Dallas voiced his concern about children moving into the Township and being unable to register for playground. Mr. Vaughan stated he was very disappointed in the Parks and Recreation Board and the manner in which they responded to the residents. He felt a compromise could be reached without setting a precedent.

A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, to open playground registration for two (2) weeks, to July 3, 2009, for current residents. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. In addition, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, permitting new residents, who come to the Township with the appropriate documentation, to register their children for playground throughout the playground season. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Vaughan, accepting the Reading Hospital Conditional Use Minutes of June 3, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Thereafter, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Dallas, accepting the Meeting Minutes, dated June 8, 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 Ms. Smith, approving payment of bills, as presented by the Township Treasurer, from the following accounts:

General Fund - \$218,503.37
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$28,029.99
Refuse Tax Fund - \$123,021.04
Escrow Account - \$9,350.00
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$38,699.00
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$50,404.06
Fire Protection Fund - \$31,348.76
Capital Fund Account - \$38,547.12

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:

Kerry Irwin Playground Consultant Recommendation: As recommended by the Director of Parks and Recreation & Public Facilities, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, to retain the services of McCarthy Engineering for final design, preparation of bid specifications and construction documents for the Kerry Irwin Park Redevelopment Project, at a cost of \$9,500.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Proposals were received from YSM (\$19,110.00) and SSM (\$22,500.00).

Shiloh Hills Park, Phase I – Water Line Extension: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the Township Manager to execute the Water Facilities Line Extension Agreement with Pennsylvania American Water for the Shiloh Hills Park, Phase I project, pending approval by the Solicitor. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. This agreement is required for construction of the water connection.

Facilities/Public Property:

Administration Building – Contract Awards: The Township Manager concurs with the recommendations of the architect to award the following contracts for renovations to 2850 Windmill Road (all documents have been reviewed):

- (1) General Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, awarding the general contract to **Uhrig Construction, Inc.**, of Reading, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$239,680.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.
- (2) HVAC Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, awarding the HVAC contract to **Dual Temp Co., Inc.**, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$139,000.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.
- (3) Electrical Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, awarding the electrical contract to **H.B. Frazier Company**, of Reading, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$227,743.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.
- (4) Plumbing Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, awarding the plumbing contract to **TMI Commercial**, of Honey Brook, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$7,690.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

BOSS 2020: As the Borough of Sinking Spring has invited the Township to participate in their Route 422 Corridor revitalization study, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing Mr. Moll to attend and participate in the Borough’s study, on behalf of the Township. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

FEMA Community Rating System: Several residents have requested that the Township enroll in the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System. A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing Mr. Moll to investigate this program and report his findings to the Board of Supervisors. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Request for Fire Police (Wyomissing Borough): A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving a request from Wyomissing Borough for five (5) Fire Police to assist with their July 4th parade. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department:

Bid Opening Authorization: A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing Fire Commissioner Schach to represent the Board in publicly opening bids for the sale of fire apparatus on July 10, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., for recommendation to the Board at their July 13, 2009 meeting. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Fire Department Study: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Ms. Smith, to (a) retain the services of Dr. William Jenaway, of Emergency Services Education & Consulting Group, for the purpose of performing a study on the Fire Department with the understanding that an evaluation of the command structure will be included, (b) authorize the appropriate officer to execute said proposal, and (c) direct the Township Manager to review the proposal with Supervisor Collins prior to forwarding the executed proposal to Dr. Jenaway. The cost of the study will be \$14,500.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

SOLICITOR:

BPG (One Meridian Boulevard) Decision – Resolution #2009-23: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, granting the request of BPG (One Meridian Boulevard) to amend the decision of August 23, 2007 allowing for modification of parking requirements, as demonstrated during the public hearing on this matter. Conditions include all conditions set forth in the August 23, 2007 decision and that there be a continuous pedestrian connection from the existing parking facilities, serving the large office building, to the proposed facility serving the restaurant area. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Rental Housing Registration Ordinance – Ordinance #371: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving Ordinance #371, which amends and restates the Rental Housing Registration section of the Township Housing Code, specifically authorizing and designating the Codes Officer and Assistant Codes Officers, or others as designated by the Board from time to time, to enforce the terms of the Rental Housing Registration Ordinance, and will, also, require identification of a local contact for any landlords who reside more than fifty (50) miles away from their property. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Joint Release of Funds Authorization – 420 Chapel Hill Road: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing Solicitor Lillis to execute a Joint Stipulation for Release of Funds, as requested by the attorney for Mr. Gerber. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

West Lawn Area Curb Replacement Project: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, directing the Solicitor to draft an Ordinance providing for an installment repayment plan for those residents who do not have the financial means to reimburse the Township for the cost of curb repairs in a lump sum manner, with the term of payments of 24 months and term rate of 6 % plus lien costs. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

There being no further business, Chairman Kreider adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary