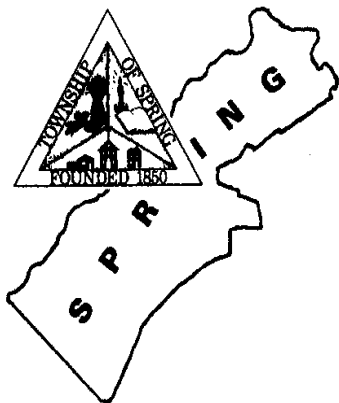


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MEETING MINUTES

July 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 and Vaughan were present. Ms. Smith did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Darren Gunzelmann, Janet Ebling, Harold Ebling, Greg Ganikon and Carole Duran of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Darren Gunzelmann, 303 Telford Avenue: Mr. Gunzelmann expressed his concern that there was a potential for traffic accidents at the intersection of Perkasio Avenue and Fairview Street, and suggested that a stop sign was needed to prevent accidents. He, also, disagreed with the Township swimming pool set backs of 15 feet from all property lines. According to Mr. Gunzelmann, other municipalities require 10 foot set backs from the side property lines. Chairman Kreider offered to look into the requirements of neighboring municipalities.

Janet and Harold Ebling, 2307 Laurel Road: Mrs. Ebling is angered by four or five trucks continuously parked outside her picture window, specifically at 2401 Laurel Road in Whitfield. Allegedly, there is an office and warehouse on the property. These trucks are not only an eyesore, but they impede the work of the street sweeper and snow plow on her street. Township staff will investigate this matter further.

Greg Ganikon, 100 S. Dwight Street: Mr. Ganikon informed Chief Ross that the truck traffic on Dwight Street is increasing once again.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, accepting the Meeting Minutes, dated June 22, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Collins, who abstained. Furthermore, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving the Reading Hospital Conditional Use Hearing Minutes, dated June 23, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Collins, who abstained.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$136,250.36
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$5,768.34
Refuse Tax Fund - \$27,932.91
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$67,772.00
Fire Protection Fund – \$8,311.14
Capital Fund Account - \$169,334.14

Mr. Vaughan asked that the Board consider holding Check #070930, in the amount of \$23,088.10, payable to L. B. Industries, until the next meeting. 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:

Extended Playground Registration Update: As reported by the Township Manager, action taken by the Board of Supervisors to extend playground registration at the last meeting, allowed 38 additional children to register for the playground program.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Sinking Spring Permit Fees Waiver: An official request has been received from the Borough of Sinking Spring to waive the building permit fees for the proposed improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Kreider, granting the waiver of the building permit fees, with the exception of any third party inspection costs incurred by the Township and administrative fees. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Dallas, who voted no.

Administrative Assistant – Permanent Status: Having successfully completing the 180 day probationary period, effective July 5, 2009, and as recommended by the Director of Engineering and Planning, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving the permanent employment status of Tasha Amato, and a \$1,000.00 increase in her annual salary. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

21 Montello Road – Variance: The applicant has requested that the Zoning Hearing Board grant a variance to the minimum lot width requirement permitting the creation of four (4) lots for two-family semidetached dwellings. As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, recommending that the variance be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

776 Fritztown Road – Variances: The applicant has requested two (2) variances: (1) a reduction in the number of parking spaces from 121 parking spaces to 87 parking spaces, for a sit-down and take-out pizza shop, **Section 701(A)(1)**, and (2) that a proposed dumpster be situated 120 feet from the existing dwelling, on the adjoining property, rather than the required minimum 150 feet from the boundary of any residential lot, **Section 321(B)(75)(e)**. The Planning Commission recommended that the Zoning Hearing Board adhere to the strict requirements in the Zoning Ordinance regarding parking and made no recommendation regarding the dumpster variance request. No recommendations were made by the Supervisors.

One Meridian Boulevard – Phase II – Final PRD Plans – Extension of Time: As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, granting an extension of time for the One Meridian Boulevard – Phase II – final PRD plans to January 12, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Reading Hospital & Medical Center - Tulpehocken Ltd. Tract – Preliminary Plans: As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, granting an extension of time for the Reading Hospital & Medical Center – Tulpehocken Ltd. Tract, preliminary plans, to January 29, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

City of Reading Request for Televising: The City of Reading has requested that Township personnel perform minor storm sewer televising work at the Fritz’s Island Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, authorizing the Director of Public Works to have Township personnel perform said televising work for the City of Reading. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The fee for the TV truck and operator is \$130.00 per hour, and the work is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

2009 Roadwork Update: The Roadmaster reported that the leveling course and one (1) lane of Woodside Avenue, from Grandview Boulevard to Noble Street, were completed today. The other half of Woodside Avenue will be finished tomorrow (7/14/09), and they will move down to the 2000 block of Garfield Avenue. Extensive manhole work will be necessary as there are ten (10) manholes in one block.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Road Closure Permit – Apache Drive: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, approving the Road Closure Permit for a block party on Apache Drive, August 8, 2009, (rain date August 9, 2009) at 4:00 p.m. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

National Night Out for 2009: National Night Out this year is August 4, 2009 at Lincoln Park Pool, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Most departments of the Township will be represented. Congressman Gerlach may attend. Proceeds benefit Crime Alert, Berks County, Wilson Community that Cares and the Scott Wertz Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Administration Building: Contracts were awarded at the last meeting. However, the Board did not take action on two (2) alternates relating to a snow melt system (General Contract - \$46,400.00, HVAC - \$19,000.00). A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, to reject the alternates as listed. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

WORKSHOPS/TRAINING REQUESTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving the request of J. Houck to attend the PA Greenways and Trails Summit, September 27th to September 29th, 2009, at a total cost of \$339.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Kreider adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary