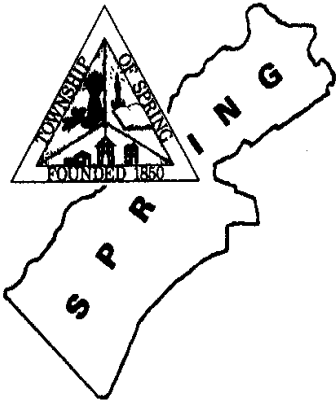


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MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 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, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan and Chris Reber of the Reading Eagle.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving the Minutes of August 10, 2009. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Ms. Smith and Mr. Collins, who abstained.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$209,451.81
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$28,029.99
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$7,669.16
Refuse Tax Fund - \$107,294.27
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$438.34
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$461,686.19
Fire Protection Fund - \$13,441.56
Capital Fund Account - \$14,928.00

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Financial Reports: The Supervisors received copies of the current financial report for review. There were no questions.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Royal Oaks – Escrow Release #7: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving Escrow Release #7 for the Royal Oaks Subdivision, in the amount of \$22,898.12, for roadway paving. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The remaining balance is \$167,643.36.

Broadcasting Ridge (Commercial) - Escrow Release #5: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, approving Escrow Release #5, for Broadcasting Ridge (commercial), in the amount of \$113,608.15. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The remaining balance is \$41,076.85, and is sufficient to cover the remaining work to be completed as well as the maintenance security required for improvements to be dedicated to the Township.

2275-2285 Reading Avenue – Kopcik – Special Exception Application: The applicant has requested the Zoning Hearing Board to grant special exception approval for the operation of an automobile service station in an existing building, which appears to have multiple uses. A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, that the Board of Supervisors supports the Planning Commission recommendation that the Zoning Hearing Board pay particular attention to issues regarding:

- (1) Distinction between an automobile service station and an automobile repair station,
- (2) Provisions governing a multiple use building,
- (3) Compatibility of the proposed use with other uses in the same building, and
- (4) Parking requirements for the entire building.

Ms. Smith commented that she was concerned about ventilation and carbon monoxide problems due to multiple uses within the building, and upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively on the motion.

Fiber Optic Cable Bid Opening – Authorization: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the Director of the Engineering and Planning Department to open bids for Fiber Optic Cable Installation on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., during the Infrastructure Committee meeting. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

2009 Roadwork – Payment Request #1 - (Contract #1): As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, approving Payment Request #1 (Contract #1), from Schlouch, Inc., in the amount of \$30,066.39, for installation of ADA ramps (7/1/09-7/31/09). Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Arrowhead Trail Sewer Extension: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing Gannett Fleming to prepare all documents necessary to bid the Arrowhead Trail sewer extension, and authorizing the Solicitor to prepare all necessary agreements with the adjacent property owners for installation of the sewer extension. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The Director of Public Works anticipates a winter bid and installation in early spring, 2010.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Road Closure Request – 2500 Block of Goddard Avenue: Chief Ross received a request from residents to close the 2500 block of Goddard Avenue for a block party on August 29, 2009, between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Collins, approving the requested road closure. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Handicapped Parking Requests:

2002 Cleveland Avenue - A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Collins, approving the handicapped parking space for 2002 Cleveland Avenue. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. In response to a question from Mr. Dallas, Chief Ross explained that a handicapped parking permit is issued for two (2) years, and residents are notified of the renewal process.

Advent Lutheran Church (16 Telford Avenue) – A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, approving an additional handicapped parking space for Advent Lutheran Church along Noble Street, on Sundays only. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Conditional Offer of Employment: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing Chief Ross to extend a conditional offer of employment for an entry level patrol position. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. This is a budgeted position.

Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department:

Display IAFF Certificate of Affiliation: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Dallas, to table action on the request of Fire Fighter Gary Riegel (President of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4755) to display the union Certificate of Affiliation in the Communications Room of the Central Fire Station, pending additional feedback on this matter. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

SOLICITOR:

Ordinance #373 – Authorizing Financing: A motion was made by Mr. Dallas, second by Mr. Vaughan, adopting Ordinance #373, authorizing the incurrence of debt by entering into an agreement with PNC Bank for an eight (8) year credit facility/note, at the rate of 3.66 %, in the principal amount of \$2.6 million, for projects ongoing in the Township, including renovations to both the current and new administration buildings. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Schedule Executive Session: As requested by the Solicitor, an Executive Session was scheduled for September 10, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., to discuss matters of real estate, and litigation, and for purposes of deliberations pursuant to a certain conditional use application.

OLD BUSINESS:

National Night Out: Supervisor Collins commended Chief Ross, Sgt. Marchut, and all involved, on an outstanding job organizing National Night Out 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revenue Sharing Resolution #2009-26: PSATS has recommended that Townships contact their congressman in support of House Bill 3007, which provides \$30 billion a year to local governments for public safety, transportation, health, recreation, libraries, social services and environmental protection programs through 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, adopting Resolution #2009-26 showing support for House Bill 3007, and urging our congressman to, also, support said bill. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

WORKSHOPS/TRAINING REQUESTS:

J. Houck – National Recreation and Park Association’s Revenue Management School: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving the request of J. Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation & Public Facilities, to attend the NRPA Revenue Management School (West Virginia), 3/14/09 through 3/19/09, at a cost of \$1,311.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Dallas, who voted no. (Budgeted item.)

Officers McCreary & Fronina – Level 1 Inspector Training: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Ms. Smith, approving Level 1 Inspector Training for Officers McCreary and Fronina, in Harrisburg, 9/23-10/9 and

10/19 through 10/23, 2009, at a total cost of \$1,080.00 for lodging. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. (Budgeted item.)

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 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary