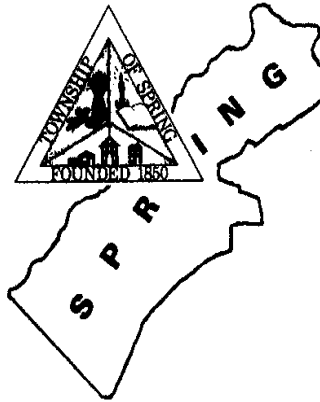


# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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### MEETING MINUTES

**February 25, 2010**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, originally scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2010, was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Supervisors Vaughan and Collins were present for the February 22, 2010 meeting. Supervisors Smith, Bosold and Hummel did not attend. The meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, February 25, 2010, and duly advertised.

#### **OPENING OF MEETING:**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 4:30 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Upon roll call, Supervisors Bosold, Collins, Smith and Vaughan were present. Mr. Hummel arrived at 4:40 p.m. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, Sheryl Rowan, Greg Ganikon, Steve Larkin, and Chris Reber of the Reading Eagle.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:** There were no comments or questions from the floor.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving (1) the meeting Minutes of February 8, 2010, and (2) CVS Pharmacy Conditional Use Hearing Minutes of February 16, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

#### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

##### **Business Office:**

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

**General Fund - \$228,158.59**

**Refuse Tax Fund - \$109,396.55**

**Sewer District #2 Fund - \$448.00**

**Sewer District #3 Fund - \$72,116.94**

**Fire Protection Fund - \$19,356.00**

**Capital Fund Account - \$133,642.11**

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.

**Declaration of Disaster Emergency Reaffirmation:** During the last snow event, the Township declared a disaster emergency, through the County, which allowed the Township to take emergency measures without regard to timing and formalities. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, to reaffirm the Disaster Emergency, as declared by the Township, dated February 10, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**Facilities/Public Property:**

**Police Station Renovation – Bid Awards:** As recommended by the Township Manager (memo, dated February 22, 2010, attached hereto), the following actions were taken with regard to awarding contracts for Police Station renovations:

**General Contractor** – A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, awarding the contract for General Contractor to Uhrig Construction, Inc., Reading, PA, in the amount of \$244,500.00 (base bid), and accepting Alternate No. 4 to install a sump pump, in the amount of \$7,000.00, for a total bid of \$251,500.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**HVAC Contract:** A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, awarding the HVAC contract to Ames Construction, Inc., Ephrata, PA, in the amount of \$349,627.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Electrical Contract:** A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, awarding the electrical contract to H.G. Frazer Company, Sinking Spring, PA, in the amount of \$227,743.00 (base bid), and accepting Alternate No. 4, to install a sump pump, in the amount of \$366.00, for a total bid of \$228,109.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Engineering and Planning Department:**

**Extensions of Time:**

**CVS Pharmacy – Intersection of Rt. 724 and Iroquois Avenue:** As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, granting an extension of time for the CVS Pharmacy land development plan through June 1, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Hofmann Tract Offices:** As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, granting an extension of time for the Hofmann Tract Offices land development plan through June 3, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:**

**Arrowhead Trail – Bid Award:** As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Bosold, to award the bid for the Arrowhead Trail Sewer Extension Project to B&R Construction Services, Harrisburg, PA, in the amount of \$100,677.75. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

For the record, M&A Excavating, LLC, Oley, PA, submitted a bid in the amount of \$97,837.50, but did not sign or date the bid. Therefore, their bid did not constitute a proper bid.

**Reading Sewer Agreement:** The City of Reading is in the process of renewing sewer agreements with all contributing municipalities. According to Supervisor Vaughan, the City has re-written the agreement with the Township, and expects the Township (and other municipalities) to contribute to their debt service. Twenty percent (20%) will be added to the payments and deposited in the City's General Fund. A meeting will be planned with contributing municipalities and, eventually, the City of Reading.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Police Department:**

**Annual Report – 2009:** Chief Ross announced that the 2009 Annual Report has been completed. Copies are available for public review in the lobby of the Police Station and on the Township website, along with the 2008 Annual Report.

**SOLICITOR:**

**Reading Hospital and Medical Center – Support for Federal Funding (Road Improvements):** Regarding the request from Reading Hospital asking the Township Supervisors to support their application to the federal government for funds to assist with highway improvements in the area of Broadcasting Road, the Township Traffic Engineer informed the Solicitor that he does not have any independent information, at hand, which would indicate that such improvements are any more urgent than other traffic issues throughout the Township. There is, also, no report to show that these improvements would be required without the development proposed by Reading Hospital. Mr. Vaughan added that the Township cannot be sure what the Reading Hospital is planning for the future, or where PennDOT will distribute these funds.

Subsequent to further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, to decline to send a letter supporting Reading Hospital, to Congressman Gerlach, for federal funds. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Eagle Scout Resolution #2010-11:** Eagle Scout, Vincent Yankowsky, appeared before the Board of Supervisors on February 22, 2010, accompanied by his mother, Mary Yankowsky. Although the meeting was cancelled, he was presented with a plaque in recognition of his achievement. A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, adopting Resolution #2010-11, recognizing and commending Mr. Yankowsky for completion of his Eagle Scout project at Drexelwood Park. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Earth Hour Proclamation:** The Earth Hour Proclamation calls upon the Township, and its residents, to make a positive impact in the fight against climate change by turning off lights between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Mr. Mazurie pointed out that staff would have to be brought in to turn off the lights in the Administration Building. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary