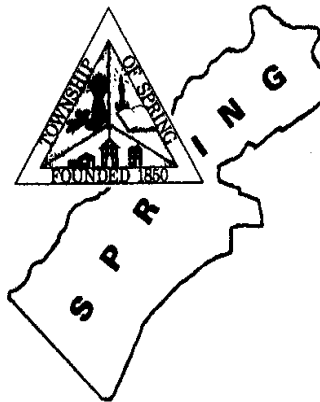


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MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2010

OPENING OF MEETING: The regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Smith, at 7:30 p.m., in the 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, Hummel, Smith and Vaughan were present. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Al Kreider, Mark Koch, Esquire, John Roland, Esquire, Gregg Bogia, Richard Mable, Greg Ganikon, Vicki Hummel, Alex Hummel, Elizabeth Grieff, and Valdis Lacia of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Elizabeth Grieff, 2606 Andrew Drive: Mrs. Grieff submitted a bill to the Township, in the amount of \$134.00, for replacement of her mailbox, which she alleges was damaged by a snow plow. Mr. Vaughan explained the new Township Mailbox Resolution. However, since she had apparently been advised to submit the bill prior to adoption of this Resolution, the Supervisors agreed to approve payment of the bill for a new mailbox at the February 22, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, approving the Minutes of January 25, 2010. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Chairman Smith, who abstained.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$110,614.44

Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$7,827.71

Refuse Tax Fund - \$10,273.71

Sewer District #2 Fund - \$8,375.32

Sewer District #3 Fund - \$516,191.13
Fire Protection Fund – \$34,501.85
Capital Fund Account - \$2,603.58

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Mr. Bosold abstained on Check No. 072754.

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

Fire Department Plan Presentation: Rescheduled from February 22, 2010 to April 26, 2010.

Reading Hospital and Medical Center: Prior to withdrawal of the Conditional Use Application for the Reading Hospital, Tulpehocken Tract, the hospital had made application for federal money specifically related to a highway traffic bill, currently before congress for renewal. A portion of the bill refers to current conditions in and around the site, and Mr. Mable requested a letter of support for the Reading Hospital with regard to obtaining these federal funds, which, if received, would be distributed through PennDOT. The hospital contends that it does have a basis for proceeding with said request, because a portion of the roadway development in the plan deals with current conditions. Subsequent to discussion, the Supervisors determined they needed time to discuss their request with the Township Traffic Engineer. Solicitor Lillis asked the hospital to specify the improvements that would be included.

Zoning/Building Codes Department:

Sewer Right-of-Way Relief Request: A sewer right-of-way relief request was received from Jeff Kelly, of 259 Wheatfield Road. He has proposed a split rail fence to be installed over a Township sewer right-of-way. Mr. Vaughan suggested that Mr. Kelly attend an Infrastructure Committee meeting. Thereafter, Mr. Vaughan will report back to the Supervisors with a recommendation from the Infrastructure Committee.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Colony Park Pavilion – Authorization to Advertise, Accept and Open Bids: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Collins, authorizing the Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities to advertise, accept and open bids for installation of the Colony Park Pavilion. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Facilities/Public Property:

Professional Services Agreement Authorization: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Vaughan, authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute a Professional Services Agreement, with Forino Co., LLP, for construction management relating to the Police Station renovations, at an hourly rate of \$85.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

Area B, Phase I, Drainage Project - Payment Requests (Telford Avenue): As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, and the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Bosold, approving payment of Payment Request #2, from A.H. Moyer, Inc., in the amount of \$65,944.80 (for work performed 12/27/09 through 1/26/10), and Payment Request #3, from A.H. Moyer, Inc., in the amount of \$5,025.10 (reduction of retainage). Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. (Reimbursed by CDBG)

Resolution #2010-10 – H2O Grant: As recommended by the Roadmaster/Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Bosold, second by Mr. Collins, adopting Resolution #2010-10, which will facilitate preparation of documents when making application for a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the expansion/upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Handicapped Parking Request – 2227 Cleveland Avenue: As recommended by Chief Ross, a motion was made by Mr. Bosold, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving a request for handicapped parking at 2227 Cleveland Avenue. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

2010 Vehicle Lease Program – Police Cars: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, to enter into a Lease Agreement for three (3) police cars, at a cost of \$22,614.82 annually, over a three (3) year period. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. (Budgeted Item – COSTARS)

SOLICITOR:

Authorization to Join Appeal of Reading Hospital: As recommended by the Solicitor, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, that the Township shall join with the Wilson School District in a second exemption appeal against the Reading Hospital Post Acute Care Hospital. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. The Reading Hospital PACH is looking for exemption from paying any taxes. The Township had previously joined Wilson School District in an appeal prior to construction of the building.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

WORKSHOPS/TRAINING REQUESTS:

Public Sector Labor Law & Personnel Management Training – Chief Ross: A motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Hummel, approving a request from Chief Ross to attend the Public Employees Labor Relations Advisory Service Training Conference, at Penn State University, March 17 through March 19, 2010, which includes an overnight stay of two (2) nights in State College, PA. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Smith announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m.

CVS PHARMACY CONDITONAL USE HEARING (Continued): The stenographer for the hearing had not appeared by 8:30 p.m., and Solicitor Lillis stated it was important that the conclusion of this matter be on record. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Bosold, to reconvene the Conditional Use Hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., EST, at the Township Administration Building. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary