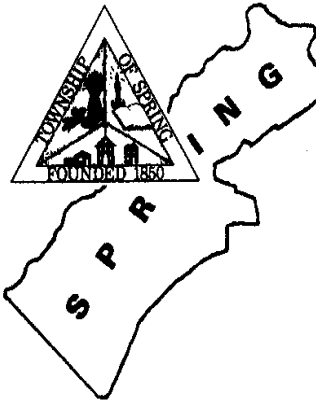


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### ***MEETING MINUTES***

***October 24, 2011***

**OPENING OF MEETING:** The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Collins, at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 24, 2011, in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring 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 Collins, Hummel, Smith, Ulrich and Vaughan were present. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Jim Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Greg Ganikon, Byron Burns, Eric Mountz, John Dallas, Tom and Jeanette Campbell and Erin Negley of the Reading Eagle.

#### **OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

**Byron (Chip) Burns, TSVFD:** Mr. Burns had correspondence from the insurance company relating to the sale of the 98 Pumper and various invoices. He was advised by the Chairman that he could turn them over to the Township Manager.

To date a new Fire Commissioner has not been appointed. Mr. Burns requested an update, and Mr. Mazurie explained that resumes are being accepted until the end of the month. However, it was not appropriate for personnel matters to be discussed during a public meeting. Mr. Collins will meet with Chief Roth.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving Minutes dated October 11, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Hummel, who abstained.

**BUSINESS OFFICE:**

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

**General Fund - \$166,549.65**  
**Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$26,105.30**  
**Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$3,265.69**  
**Refuse Tax Fund - \$90,388.86**  
**Sewer District #2 Fund - \$450.45**  
**Sewer District #3 Fund - \$48,769.17**  
**Fire Protection Fund - \$5,197.04**  
**Capital Fund Account - \$21,372.76**

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

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

**Budget Workshop Update:** Two residents attended the budget workshop meeting prior to this meeting. The next session will be held November 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

**Facilities/Public Property:**

**Mowing and Trimming Contract:** As recommended by the Director of Parks and Recreation and Public Facilities, a motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith, to award the Mowing and Trimming of Municipal Properties contract to Diebolt Landscape Company, Mohnton, PA, in the amount of \$16,610.00 for each calendar year 2012 and 2013. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Vegetation Management Bid Contract:** A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Ulrich, authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation and Public Facilities to advertise, accept and open bids for the 2012-2013 Vegetation Management Contract. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Said contract encompasses fertilization and weed control programs for athletic fields, municipal campus lawn, fire company lawn and turf areas at the wastewater treatment plant.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Engineering/Planning Department:**

**One Meridian (Kohl's) – Traffic Signal Analysis:** As recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, to defer the analysis and design of any required modifications to the traffic signals, in the vicinity of the Kohl's project, to the Highway Occupancy Permit stage. In addition, that financial security shall be posted for the analysis of all traffic signals, within the closed loop system, and for construction costs associated with any timing changes that are found to be necessary. The amount of said financial security shall be determined by the Township and Township Engineer. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Relief Association Invoice:** As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was

made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, to reimburse the Relief Association for modifications made to the recently purchased pumpers, in the amount of \$15,329.58. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Sale of 1991 Ford Tanker:** As recommended by Fire Chief Roth, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Hummel, authorizing the Township Manager to proceed with, and follow up on, the sale of the 1991 Ford Tanker (Tanker 85). Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Sale of the afore-mentioned tanker is in accordance with the apparatus reduction and replacement plan prepared by the career firefighters.

**SOLICITOR:**

**Non-Uniform Pension Plan Amendment – Ordinance #384:** As recommended by Conrad Siegel, Township Actuary, and in compliance with recent Internal Revenue Service code amendments, a motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith, amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan by adopting Ordinance #384. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Vaughan, who abstained.

**Animal Noise Ordinance:** Action on advertising this Ordinance was tabled pending review of comments submitted by the Township Codes Officer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Police Chief Contract Extension:** A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith, to extend the contract with Police Chief Ross for two (2) years. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Reminder – Budget meeting, November 14, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters.

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary