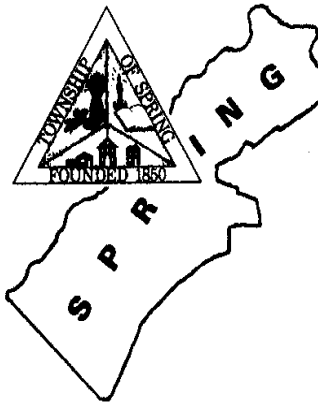


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MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2011

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, November 14, 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, Ulrich and Vaughan were present. Ms. Smith did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, Jim Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, John Groller, Greg and Linda Ganikon, John Dallas, Tom and Jeanette Campbell, Scott Miller, Barbara Hendricks, Libby Moose and David Kostival, of the Reading Eagle.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Chairman Collins commended the Public Works Department and emergency services for a fine job during the recent weather emergency.

The monthly report for the fire service indicates it was a record breaking month with 175 calls received. A total of 1,114 calls were recorded to date in 2011 compared to 837 in 2010. Letters of appreciation to the department were noted as well as the addition of 3 new volunteers.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Greg Ganikon, 100 S. Dwight Street: Having voiced his opinion during the budget workshop, Mr. Ganikon again suggested relocating both libraries to the Penn Avenue building in order to avoid excessive rent. Chairman Collins thought a committee would be established to consider options once the lease expires at the

Village Shopping Center location. Mr. Dallas added that the libraries will be looking at a long range plan in 2012.

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA: Budget Recommendations for 2012 will be added to the agenda under New Business.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Hummel, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving the budget workshop Minutes of October 24, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The regular meeting Minutes, of October 24, 2011, were also approved by all Supervisors present, subject to correction of the date on the draft copy.

BUSINESS OFFICE:

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

General Fund - \$187,086.83
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$1,217.92
Refuse Tax Fund - \$52,243.26
Escrow Account - \$5,950.00
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$16,812.83
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$638,648.54
Fire Protection Fund - \$42,372.64
Capital Fund Account - \$423,762.00
Sinking Fund - \$1,041,692.51

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The Chairman brought attention to the City of Reading sewer bill in the amount of \$590,881.67. Mr. Vaughan stated it was less than the previous bill, despite 16 inches of additional rain. The work being performed on the systems seems to be working.

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

Parks and Recreation Department:

Brochures Printing Proposal Contract Award: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, accepting the proposal for printing the Parks and Recreation Departments program brochure, in 2012, to Boyertown Publishing Company, Boyertown, Pennsylvania, the overall low bidder. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Patient First Land Development Plans – Waivers and Final Plan Approval: The Patient First project is a proposed medical clinic located at the intersection of Broadcasting and Paper Mill Roads in the Broadcasting Ridge Development. As recommended by the Planning Commission, the Supervisors approved the following waiver requests:

- 1) **Section 502** – Waiver of the Preliminary Plan requirements so that the plans

would be considered a **one-stage Final Plan submittal**. Motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Hummel, who voted no.

- 2) **Sections 503(C)(B)(2) and 603(B)(2)** – Waiver of the required **plan scale** of 1”=50’ to permit a scale of 1”=30’. Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Mr. Vaughan. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Hummel, who voted no.
- 3) **Section 1013(A)** – **Waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the project site** along the adjoining streets and access drives. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Hummel, who voted no.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving the Patient First final land development plans, with the following conditions:

- 1) **The Infrastructure Committee has recommended plan approval be conditioned upon the creation of a 20-foot easement along an existing sanitary sewer line located on nearby lot 89 of the overall Broadcasting Ridge subdivision, which is also owned by Tulpehocken, Ltd., the record owner of the Patient First lot.**
- 2) **Execution of an acceptable Subdivision Improvements Agreement with financial security covering the required improvements.**
- 3) **Execution of an acceptable Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the appropriate contribution to the Stormwater BMP Maintenance fund.**
- 4) **Recording of the PCSM Plan.**
- 5) **Payment of any outstanding Township invoices.**

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Hummel, who voted no.

One Meridian (Kohl’s) – Waiver of Storm Sewer Pipe Requirements: As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, granting the requested waiver for the use of a 42” HDPE pipe. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. PennDOT now approves up to 60” pipe.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

WWTP Expansion – Payment Request: As reviewed by Systems Design Engineering, Inc. and recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Mr. Hummel, approving Payment Application #1 for Contract A – General Mechanical, payable to Pact Two, LLC, in the amount of \$423,240.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Purchase Order #360 – Mr. Rehab: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Hummel, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving Purchase Order #360, to Mr. Rehab, Inc., Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$17,886.42, for work to be performed on the Sycamore Hills Pump Station wet well and outfall manhole, Penn State Pump Station outfall manhole and Body Zone outfall manhole. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. (COSTARS Contract)

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Patrolman Thompson Retirement: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, accepting the retirement request from Patrolman Thompson. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Handicapped Parking Permit – 2433 Cleveland Avenue: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, approving the permit for a handicapped parking space at 2433 Cleveland Avenue. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Donation of Abandoned Bicycles: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, permitting the donation of abandoned bicycles to Wood to Wonderful, a non-profit organization. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

SOLICITOR:

Dog Barking Ordinance: Subsequent to negative discussion regarding enforcement and staff time expended, action on this proposed Ordinance was tabled indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Understanding for 2011 Audit: Tabled to last meeting in November, pending a report from the Township Manager on what comparable municipalities are paying for audits. Reinsel Kuntz Leshar has requested \$25,000.00 for the 2011 Township audit, an increase of \$600.00 from last year.

Contribution Request from District Attorney: Supervisors directed the Township Manager to advise District Attorney Adams that the Township makes an annual contribution to Crime Alert Berks County through National Night Out. This year the contribution was \$800.00.

2012 Preliminary Budget Recommendation: In accordance with discussion during a budget workshop held prior to this meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, to increase the real estate tax .35 mills, reduce the fire hydrant tax to .06 mill and street light tax to 60 cents for improved lots and 30 cents for unimproved lots. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. The Supervisors intend to lay the 2012 Preliminary Budget on the table during the November 28, 2011 meeting for public review and possible approval during the meeting of December 28, 2011.

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary