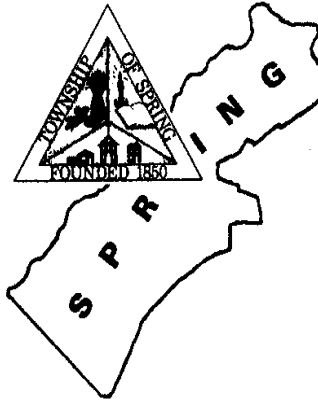


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MEETING MINUTES

MAY 23, 2011

OPENING OF MEETING: The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chairman Hummel, at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, May 23, 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 Hummel, Smith, Ulrich and Vaughan were present. Mr. Collins did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Charlie Schmehl, John Dallas, Tom and Jeanette Campbell, Greg and Linda Ganikon, Donald Aiman, Tommy Derr, Steve Larkin, Channel 69 News (Pam Cunningham) and Steve DeLucas, of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Greg Ganikon, 100 S. Dwight Street: The Supervisors were informed by Mr. Ganikon that weeds growing on the Hofmann property are waist high. Mr. Mazurie will advise the Codes Department.

Donald Aiman, 3013 Regency Drive: Mr. Aiman and his neighbor reported a large sinkhole developing in the center of the intersection of Daniel and Regency Drive. Vehicles are now tilting when traveling the roadway. Mr. Vaughan will investigate.

PENN AVENUE CORRIDOR PRESENTATION: On behalf of the Penn Avenue Corridor Study Committee, Mr. Mazurie read a statement presenting the conceptual plan to the Board of Supervisors for their acceptance. If accepted, he suggested that the Board direct the Committee to draft a recommendation as to how and to

what extent a committee or committees should proceed with the recommendations of the study. If any resident is interested in serving on a committee, please contact Mr. Moll or Mr. Mazurie.

Mr. Schmehl, from Urban Research and Development, highlighted short term and long term actions proposed in the study. The original goals of the project were to promote economic activity, promote additional tax revenue for the Township, make the corridor more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, deal with parking issues and generally make the corridor more attractive to bring in business activity and make the residential uses more valuable. No condemnations are proposed. The Township is not in a position to fund these projects at this time. However, if any of the proposals are carried out in the future, the work would be done slowly, if at all. Mr. Hummel suggested volunteers could donate their time and supplies, and there are some grants available.

Mr. Derr and Mrs. Ganikon spoke out against the plan. Mr. Vaughan explained that there are benefits to "looking outside the box". Mr. Mazurie agreed that some of the minor improvements included in the study could enhance the quality of life in Spring Township.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Ulrich, accepting the Penn Avenue Revitalization Plan with the understanding that there would be no implementation of the plan, or any parts of the plan, until further motion of the Board of Supervisors. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

MINUTES: Approval of the May 9, 2011 Minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

BUSINESS OFFICE:

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

General Fund - \$172,100.52
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$25,834.53
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$7,700.65
Refuse Tax Fund - \$98,735.63
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$520.15
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$560,765.07
Fire Protection Fund - \$19,161.81
Capital Fund Account - \$70,044.50

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Supervisor Vaughan noted the large sewer payment to the City of Reading, in the amount of \$515,000.00. The bill for the second quarter will be higher.

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

CVS – Release of Financial Security: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Vaughan, approving the recommended release of financial security for CVS Pharmacy, in the amount of \$735,045.80, with the condition that the applicant first post \$2,125.95 as maintenance security for a period of 18 months. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

Milling Machine Rental: As recommended by the Roadmaster/Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute a rental agreement with Stephenson Equipment, Inc., for a milling machine, at a cost of \$21,500.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. This equipment will be utilized to rehabilitate roads in the southern area of the Township. (160 hours of operation by the Township and 8 hours of operator training – budgeted item)

2011 Road Work: The Township received PennDOT approval for 2011 Road Work and has advertised for bids.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Handicapped Parking Space – 2429 Cleveland Avenue: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving the requested handicapped parking space for 2429 Cleveland Avenue. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Public Gathering Permit – Apple Dumpling Festival: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving the public gathering permit, requested by Konopelski Catering, for the Apple Dumpling Festival at Willow Glen Park, June 20, 2011 to June 25, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

SOLICITOR:

Merger of Libraries – Resolution #2011-13: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, adopting Resolution #2011-13 designating and appointing the Spring Township Library Association as the Township’s agent to provide local library services to the residents of the Township of Spring, as a result of the recent merger of the West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library and the Spring Township Library. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Mr. Dallas invited the Supervisors to the Pig Roast fund raiser on May 28, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Development Block Grant: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Ulrich, to remain in the Community Development Block Grant program, beginning with federal fiscal year 2012 through 2014. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Parks and Recreation Department – Spring’s Savory Sampler: Supervisor Ulrich attended Spring’s Savory Sampler on May 20, 2011 and complimented the Director on a very nice and successful event. Approximately 154 residents attended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary