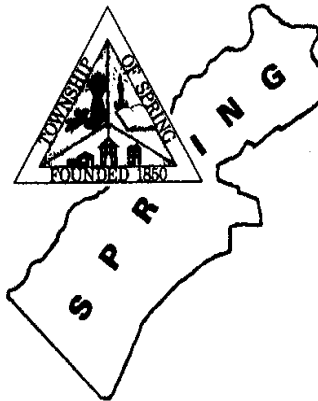


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MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 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, May 9, 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, Ulrich and Vaughan were present. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hummel did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Greg Ganikon, Tom Campbell, George Mack, Diane Young and Valdis Lasis, of the Reading Eagle.

TRIBUTE TO NORMAN E. DETTRA, JR., ESQUIRE: Mr. Vaughan paid tribute to Mr. Dettra, who was the Spring Township Solicitor for 42 years prior to retirement, and a fellow Supervisor. Mr. Dettra passed away on April 27, 2011. A moment of silence was observed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Collins announced that an Executive Session was held before the meeting on matters of personnel.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving the Minutes of April 25, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

BUSINESS OFFICE:

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

General Fund - \$132,590.08
Refuse Tax Fund - \$121,003.84
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$24,710.21
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$120,092.27
Fire Protection Fund - \$12,811.50
Capital Fund Account - \$14,764.75

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Mr. Ulrich abstained on Check No. 076481.

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

Parks and Recreation Department:

Judy Houck – Recognized by Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Society: Mrs. Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation & Public Facilities for the Township, recently received a Presidential Citation in recognition of her work as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Society.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering/Planning Department:

Sugar Hill – Sewer & Right-of-Way Dedications: Pursuant to discussion among the Supervisors during the last meeting, the applicant decided to remove both the sewer lateral and easement, serving Lot 1, from the dedication documents. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, accepting dedication of the gravity sewers constructed along Grings Hill Road and Miller Road and additional road right-of-way along both roads. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Stormwater Agreements:

2310 Reading Boulevard (Applicant – Jacob Hayward)

215 Chapel Hill Road (Applicant – Scott Holland): Under the current Storm Water Management Ordinance, the Township requires installation of storm water controls on individual lots not located within a development that was approved with overall storm water controls. The Ordinance further specifies that the applicant enter into an agreement with the Township, which governs the installation, inspection and maintenance of those facilities. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, authorizing the execution of storm water agreements for 2310 Reading Boulevard and 215 Chapel Hill Road. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Variance Request – 379 Martin’s Road: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, supporting the Planning Commission recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board that they deny the applicant’s request for a variance from the requirements of **Section 324 (C) (1)(f)(2)**, and thereby not allow construction of a 576 square foot garage on property at 379 Martins Road. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Mr. Moll explained that the cumulative floor area of accessory buildings on the property exceeds 50% of the floor area of the principal building.

One Meridian Boulevard – Hearing Date: A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Mr. Vaughan, setting June 13, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on an amendment to the approved Spring Ridge Tentative Plan which, if approved, would allow a retail store on the One Meridian Boulevard property. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Sunoco Montello Terminal – Extension of Time: As recommended by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving an extension of time for the Sunoco Montello Terminal Land Development Plans through August 16, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Road Services Department/WWTP/Infrastructure Committee:

Vinemont Community-Based Drip Irrigation Project: As recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Collins, second by Mr. Ulrich, authorizing Gannett Fleming to prepare specifications, advertise and review bids for the Vinemont Community-Based Drip Irrigation Project. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Most of the land used for this project is located on the former Vinemont Fire Company site. The Township eventually intends to sell any land not used for this project at auction or sealed bid sale.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Radnor Relay: The 200 mile Radnor Relay, which benefits the homeless, will be passing through Spring Township, October 7 and October 8, 2011. No road closures will be necessary.

Video System Purchase Order: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, to execute a purchase order for 14 in-car video camera systems, at a total cost of \$84,756.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Last year a \$90,000.00 grant was received for this project, and \$5,000.00 was spent on a server. (COSTARS)

OLD BUSINESS:

Pennsylvania American Water Company Agreement: As recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Mr. Vaughan, authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute an agreement between the Township and Pennsylvania American Water Company for the sale of fire hydrants. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present vote affirmatively. Said agreement effectively relieves the Township of all maintenance and liability issues associated with the fire hydrants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Penn Avenue Revitalization Plan – Presentation Date: The Penn Avenue Revitalization Plan will be presented to the Board during their next meeting on May 23, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned this portion of the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

PROPOSALS TO MODIFY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRING
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 9, 2011
8:00 P.M.

Attending the hearing were Supervisors Collins, Vaughan and Ulrich, Leon Mazurie, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, James Lillis, Esquire, George Mack, Diane Young and the stenographer. Property owners did not attend.

Chairman Collins convened the public hearing to consider inclusion of the Gerber property, 420 Chapel Hill Road, and portions of the Brown property, 395 Reedy Road, into the Township of Spring Agricultural Security Area.

Mr. Ulrich summarized the meeting of the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee, held on April 20, 2011. At that time committee members voted to recommend that the aforementioned properties be included in the Agricultural Security Area.

Subsequently, Solicitor Lillis recited a list of significant notices and exhibits together with the proposed resolution, which were admitted into the record.

The Solicitor asked if there were any public comments, and Mr. Mack pointed out that the Brown property is not currently zoned for agriculture under the Township ordinance. Solicitor Lillis stated the property is legally operating and existing as a farm which is, essentially, a non-conforming use. Interpretation should be deferred to the Board of Supervisors.

Further Testimony and evidence were entered into the stenographic records. A copy of the transcript will be incorporated, by reference, into these Minutes when completed, and available for inspection in the office of the Township Secretary at the Township of Spring Administration Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, to adjourn the public hearing at 8:16 p.m. Hearing was adjourned.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, CONTINUED:

The public meeting of the Board of Supervisors re-convened at 8:18 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, accepting the Gerber property (excluding the .054 acre parcel and the .213 acre right-of-way acquired by the Township of Spring by eminent domain) and Brown property (including the parcels located in the Borough of Sinking Spring) into the Township Agricultural Security Area. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. (**Resolution #2011-12**)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary