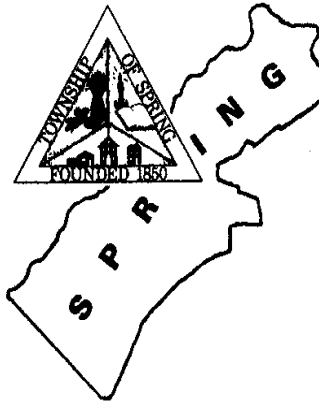


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MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 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, August 22, 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, Smith, Ulrich and Vaughan were present. Mr. Hummel did not attend. Also present were: James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, Chief Ross, James Moll, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Jill Nagy, Esquire, Michael Hartman, Greg Ganikon, Kim Berry, Nick Price, a reporter from the Reading Eagle and residents of the Villages of Spring Ridge, as indicated on the attached attendance sheets. Note: Additional residents attended but did not sign the attendance sheet. Approximately 100 residents were present.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Greg Ganikon, 100 S. Dwight Street: A neighbor on Hiester Boulevard reported a pot hole forming approximately 150 feet before the bend turns into Dwight Street.

Nick Price, 1510 Dogwood Drive: In an effort to avoid civil action, Mr. Price appeared before the Board to ask for assistance in resolving a problem with water draining from a neighbor's pool into his yard. Allegedly, the neighbor's children lean against the sides causing the water in the blow-up pool to flow into his yard creating a muddy pit. Repeated attempts to remedy this situation have failed. Mr. Price asked if the permit issued for the pool could possibly be rescinded. The Township Codes Department is aware of the problem, and Chairman Collins offered to take another look into the matter.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving Minutes dated August 8, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

BUSINESS OFFICE:

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

General Fund - \$311,943.47
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$27,747.86
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$7,700.65
Refuse Tax Fund - \$19,761.61
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$27,719.66
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$664,429.73
Fire Protection Fund - \$27,243.08
Capital Fund Account - \$35,923.51

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Chairman Collins commented that the Township recently received the quarterly sewer bill from the City of Reading for over \$600,000.00. The increased rates are unquestionably straining the Township budget.

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

Facilities/Public Property:

Police Station Roof Repairs and Gutter Replacement Contract Award: As recommended by the Director, a motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith, awarding the contract for Police Station Roof Repairs and Gutter Replacement to Slate Roof Repair Specialists, LLC, in the amount of \$23,397.33. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. All bids had previously been rejected and the project readvertised. The aforementioned low bid is approximately \$2,000.00 less than the original low bid.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

400 Block of Apache Drive – Road Closure: A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving the road closure for a block party on the 400 block of Apache Drive, on August 27, 2011. All fees and signatures have been provided. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Handicapped Parking Space – 2232 Garfield Avenue: A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith approving a handicapped parking space at 2232 Garfield Avenue. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS:

Generation of Electric Contract: The current contract for generated electric expires December 31, 2011. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the Township Manager to engage the Pennsylvania League of Cities

and Municipalities for the purpose of securing the best pricing for the purchase of generated electric. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. There are no fees for this service.

Workshops/Training Requests:

PA Greenways & Trails Summit Request: A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, second by Ms. Smith, granting permission for the Director of Parks and Recreation and Public Facilities to attend the PA Greenways & Trails Summit in York, Pennsylvania, September 11, 2011 through September 13, 2011, at a cost of \$320.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

There being no further business, Chairman Collins called for a recess at 7:45 p.m.

**ORDINANCE TO VACATE A
PORTION OF OLD LANCASTER PIKE**

**PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 22, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

Solicitor Lillis commenced the public hearing regarding vacating, as a public road, a certain portion of Old Lancaster Pike along properties owned by Matthew T. Rockwell, Ronald B. Good, Lori J. Weeks and William E. Weeks. Jill Nagy, Esquire, entered her appearance for the Petitioner, Ronald B. Good. There were no other parties to the proceedings.

Mr. Lillis continued with reading certain exhibits into the record. Attorney Nagy presented evidence and statements in support of her petition. She confirmed for the record that PennDOT did consent to deed the property owned by them to the property owners. 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.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, adopting Ordinance No. 380 vacating a certain portion of Old Lancaster Pike as described in said Ordinance. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

By motion of Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, the hearing was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**APPLICATION OF WILL-O-HILL APARTMENTS
TO CHANGE ZONING ORDINANCE/MAP**

**PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 22, 2011
8:15 P.M.**

Attending: James Dimmerling, Robert Stackhouse, Jay Barnett, Jerome Skrincosky, Steven Buck, Esquire, James Lillis, Esquire, Leon Mazurie, William Collins, Jay Vaughan, Barry Ulrich, Patti Smith, Sheryl Rowan and residents of the Villages of Spring Ridge.

Solicitor Lillis commenced the public hearing on the application of Will-O-Hill Apartments for a zoning amendment to allow for a change of zoning to parcels on the west side of Van Reed Road from Rural Suburban to Urban and also revise the definition of family to allow for four (4) unrelated residents of a dwelling unit or household to be considered a family under certain conditions in zones that allow for multi-family housing (Urban, Suburban Semi-Urban, Planned Business Residential). Attorney Buck entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant, Will-O-Hill Apartments. Mr. Lillis proceeded with reciting exhibits into the record.

Attorney Buck introduced the following witnesses: Jay Barnett (Will-O-Hill Apartments), Jim Dimmerling (Traffic Impact Study – Dimmerling Consulting, Inc.) and Jerome Skrincosky (Community Impact Assessment Report – Hawk Valley Associates). A lengthy public comment period followed.

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.

The hearing was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. There being no further business, the public meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary