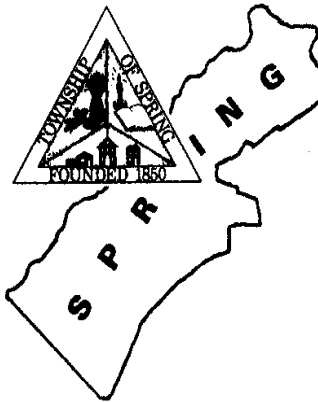


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MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

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, September 26, 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, Chief Ross, Sheryl Rowan, Judy Houck, Gordon Bartlett, Tom and Jeanette Campbell, Greg Ganikon, Steve Larkin, Kerry Hummel, Jay Barnett, Steven Buck, Esquire, Steve DeLucas of the Reading Eagle, and approximately 37 residents from the Villages of Spring Ridge, as indicated on the attached attendance sheets.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Gordon Bartlett, Halloween Parade: As requested by Mr. Bartlett, on behalf of the Halloween Parade Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Hummel, second by Ms. Smith, waiving the fees for police and fire police for the 36th annual Halloween Parade, to be held on October 19, 2011 (raindate: October 20, 2011). This motion was amended to include approval for the Spring Township Lions and Lioness Clubs, sponsors of the parade, to conduct said parade on the above date. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Kerry Hummel, 316 Spohn Road: Subsequent to the previous meeting, Chief Ross and Mr. Hummel discussed, at length, the question of whether Township police are covered for injuries, loss of time and damages to Township property when working for the Berks County District Attorney's task force. Chief Ross attempted to contact the District Attorney's office, but has not received a response to date.

Research by Chief Ross indicated that the agreements with the District Attorney's office are regulated by state law, under the Municipal Jurisdiction Act, and obligate the member municipality to pay benefits unless the employee is sent to a Commonwealth agency. The Chief intends to pursue an answer with regard to a rider on the DA's insurance policy. He noted that the District Attorney's Office, also, provides assistance to the Township. Chief Ross appreciated Mr. Hummel's concern.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Hummel, second by Mr. Ulrich, approving Minutes dated September 12, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Collins, who abstained.

BUSINESS OFFICE:

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

General Fund - \$88,362.77
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$27,747.86
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$3,531.95
Refuse Tax Fund - \$91,704.06
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$651.95
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$31,247.56
Fire Protection Fund - \$8,414.23
Capital Fund Account - \$25,539.69

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

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

Budget Meeting: The Township Manager announced that the preliminary budget will be reviewed at a public meeting on October 24, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Summer Playground/Tot Lot Recommendations: As recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board, a motion was made by Mr. Hummel, second by Mr. Ulrich, to approve the recommendations submitted by the Parks and Recreation staff for the 2012 summer playground/tot lot program. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department:

Fire Prevention Week: In observance of Fire Prevention Week, an open house has been scheduled at the Central Fire Station on October 3, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Board and public are invited to attend.

West Side EMA: Chairman Collins acknowledged the excellent job performed by West Side EMA in preparing for Hurricanes Irene and Lee.

SOLICITOR:

Will-O-Hill Apartments – Decision (1900 Van Reed Road): Solicitor Lillis reviewed the zoning change application from Will-O-Hill Apartments and stated that no decision had been rendered pursuant to the public hearing held on August 22, 2011. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Hummel, denying the zoning changes requested by Will-O-Hill Apartments. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization to Advertise Earned Income Tax Ordinance #381: A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Hummel, authorizing the advertisement of Earned Income Tax Ordinance #381. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Reading-Berks HR Management Proposal: In order to update and revise job descriptions, modify employee handbooks and conduct educational workshops on revised policies, and as recommended by the Township Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Mr. Ulrich, extending the contract with Reading-Berks HR Management for three (3) months, at the rate of \$3,250.00 per month. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Hummel, who voted no.

Workshops/Training Requests:

Chief Ross – IACP Workshop: A motion was made by Mr. Vaughan, second by Ms. Smith, approving a request from Chief Ross to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police workshop in Chicago, Illinois, from October 22nd to October 26, 2011. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary