

TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

Board of Supervisors



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MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2015

OPENING OF MEETING: The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kreider, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2015, 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 Kreider, Hummel, Oswald, Smith and Ulrich were present. Also present were: Daniel Becker, Esquire, Jay Vaughan, Chief Ross, James Moll, John Groller, Fire Commissioner Brandenburg, Aaron Wozniak, Sheryl Rowan, George Stuck, Jeff Schlack, Michael Gring, David Miller, Bonnie Page, Jonathan Kurland, Andy Ostrowski, Kenneth High and Karyn Feick of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Jonathan Kurland, Judicial Candidate: Mr. Kurland is currently the Chief Deputy District Attorney under Berks County District Attorney, John Adams. He is running for Judge of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas. A successful prosecutor with a commitment to public service, he asked for votes in order to continue his public service to the people of Berks County. The primary is May 19, 2015.

Andy Ostrowski – Hidden Valley Condominiums: The Solicitor informed Mr. Ostrowski that he would not be permitted to speak during the Open to the Floor portion of the agenda, since he is not a resident of Spring Township.

Kenneth High, 1334 D, W. Wyomissing Boulevard: Introduced by Mr. Ostrowski as a resident of the Township, Mr. High is worried about alleged contamination at the Hidden Valley Condominiums. Solicitor Becker assured him that DEP has determined there is no contamination at this site. He was directed to discuss his concerns with DEP.

Jeff Schlack, 603 W. Wyomissing Boulevard: Mr. Schlack questioned (1) why the Township road crew does not plow from curb to curb, (2) when will pot holes at the end of Lincoln Avenue be repaired and (3) what do utility companies use to temporarily restore cuts in the road? Apparently, the stone they use does not pack well.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Ms. Smith, approving meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2015. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Hummel, who abstained.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$198,366.87
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$28,071.91
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$34.94
Refuse Tax Fund - \$91,110.48
Sewer District #2 Fund - \$492.82
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$53,017.83
Fire Protection Fund - \$42,283.88
Capital Fund Account - \$10,833.50

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

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

ZONING/BUILDING CODES DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report: Mr. Wozniak submitted a monthly report for February, 2015. Twenty-seven building permits were issued, and 34 property transfer inspections were performed. The Zoning Hearing Board decision on the Belmont Avenue group home has been referred to the Solicitor's office. The Code Department attended the Penn State Berks Student Housing Coalition meeting to discuss off-campus student housing issues. There are no student housing concerns at this time. A Certificate of Occupancy was issued to the Veterans Affairs clinic on Century Boulevard.

PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS:

Parks & Recreation:

Monthly Report: Ms. Houck submitted a monthly report for March, 2015.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Monthly Report: Chief Ross reviewed the monthly report and summaries for February, 2015. There were 6 assaults, 7 forgeries, 1 weapons charge and 9 vandalisms reported. Traffic related citations totaled 155 and 62 accidents were investigated.

Purchase Order – Bullet Proof Vests: A motion was made by Mr. Hummel, second by Ms. Smith, approving Purchase Order #15-0007, to US Armor, for replacement of 13 officer's ballistic vests, at a cost of \$11,635.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Chief Ross has received a grant to fund 50 percent (50%) of the replacement cost. The remaining 50 percent (50%) is included in the 2015 budget.

Workshops/Training: A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Hummel, approving the following workshop/training requests:

Internal Affairs Training Certification – Lt. Troutman, Lt. Shivers
Arson Investigation – Criminal Investigator Huntsinger
ACTAR Certification Course – Sgt. Van Etten, Officer Fronina

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

Township of Spring Fire Rescue Service: It brought to the attention of the Supervisors, by Fire Commissioner Brandenburg, that firefighters are reading to children at the Spring Township Library every second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

SOLICITOR:

Parks Ordinance Amendment: A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Hummel, authorizing the Solicitor to proceed with advertising the amendment to the Parks Ordinance. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reappointment of Solicitor: A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Hummel, re-appointing Daniel Becker, Esquire, of Kozloff Stoudt, as Solicitor for the second quarter of 2015. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mosquito and West Nile Virus Monitoring: Berks County Conservation District (BCCD) will conduct mosquito surveillance and West Nile Virus monitoring in the Township approximately once per month from April 1st through October 1st, 2015. Residents are encouraged to call if dead birds are found in the Township.

There being no further business, Chairman Kreider adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary