MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

OPENING OF MEETING: The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ulrich, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 2019, in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Upon roll call, Supervisors Ulrich, Stuck, Smith, Oswald and Myer were present. Also present were: Daniel Becker, Esq., Jay Vaughan, Jim Moll, Bryan Ross, John Groller, Aaron Wozniak, Judy Houck, Colin Hackman, Michael Wertz, Sheryl Rowan, Gia Raffaelli, Esq., Scott Anderson and Geneva Aulenbach, of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:
Gia Raffaelli, Esq. – Reserve at Grings’s Mill: Attorney Raffaelli informed the Board she believes she will be in a position to present all documents for signature by the next meeting. Solicitor Becker reviewed the list of agreements and easements required and suggested they meet with Mr. Moll to sort out what remains to be done. Chairman Ulrich commented he would prefer finalizing the documents prior to issuing a building permit.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Stuck, approving both the special meeting Minutes, dated January 23, 2019, and regular meeting Minutes, dated January 28, 2019. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

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

- General Fund - $126,645.13
- Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - $6,498.97
- Refuse Tax Fund - $61,606.42
- Sewer District #3 Fund – $672,909.83
- Fire Protection Fund - $11,398.18
- Capital Fund - $709,471.30

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

ZONING/BUILDING CODES DEPARTMENT:
Monthly Report: Mr. Wozniak reported there were 39 building permits issued and 34 pre-settlement
inspections performed during the month of January, 2019. Value of construction added to the Township was $5,463,159.00. In 2018, there were 984 building permits issued and 473 pre-settlement inspections performed. Eleven new homes were constructed last year.

**Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment:** Regarding the proposed amendments to the Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance, a motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing Mr. Wozniak to work with the Solicitor to amend the Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance as well as advertise enactment of the amended Ordinance. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. Language pertaining to planting trees should include approval by the Board of Supervisors or designated official.

**Standard Specifications Amendments:** A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Ms. Smith, authorizing the amendment of the Township of Spring Construction Manual Standard Specifications, as recommended by the Township Engineer and Township Infrastructure Committee. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

**ADA Paths in Cornwall Terrace and Midvale Manor Parks – Purchase Order #PR-2019-030:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuck, second by Mr. Oswald, approving Purchase Order #PR-2019-030, to Great Valley Consultants, in the amount of $31,350.00, for the survey, design, bid preparation and construction phase of this project. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. (Budgeted Item)

**Backhoe – Purchase Order #PR-2019-29:** The purchase of a replacement backhoe, at a cost of $80,925.00, and the cost for repairs of the current 1998 backhoe were discussed. Repair estimates were requested. A motion was made by Mr. Stuck, second by Mr. Oswald, to table action on the purchase of a new backhoe until additional information is obtained. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. (Supervisor Smith left the meeting prior to the vote on the backhoe.)

**ENGINEERING/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

**Wheatfield Run – Escrow Release #19:** As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Stuck, approving Escrow Release #19, in the amount of $10,653.20. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Oswald, who abstained. Remaining balance is $19,151.27.

**Yocum Institute for Arts Education – 3000 Penn Avenue – Escrow Release:** As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Stuck, approving release of the entire escrow for the Yocum Institute in the amount of $58,716.13. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

**Hofmann Tract:** Mr. Moll was asked to discuss recommendations from the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on January 22, 2019. Exhibits regarding the proposed intersection of Iroquois Avenue and Dwight Street were presented to the Committee by the applicant. Subsequent to discussion, the TAC endorsed one concept plan over the others, with the following stipulations: (1) Curb line would cause buses and emergency vehicles to swing into the opposing travel lanes on Dwight Street to make the turn onto Iroquois Avenue. Stipulation – applicant would have to soften the curb radius. (2) Stipulation - sidewalk must be accommodated through the turn to the sidewalk along Dwight Street. (3) Stipulation - Applicant will approach owner of CJ Tire to close the driveway, which is in close proximity to the intersection. Chief Hackman added emergency fire vehicles would do whatever is necessary to access an emergency situation. A four-way stop is planned for the intersection, which prompted additional concerns and further discussion on the flow of traffic. No action was taken.
PUBLIC SAFETY:
Township of Spring Fire Rescue Service:
Monthly Report: Chief Hackman reported 230 responses during the month of January, 2019, including 92 medical calls and 138 fire related incidents. There were 73 overlapping calls for the month. A letter of thanks was received from Senator Schwank commending the efforts of the Township emergency responders during the recent multi-car accident on Route 222 during a snow squall.

SOLICITOR:
Trash Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance #439: A motion was made by Mr. Stuck, second by Mr. Oswald to enact Ordinance #439 amending the Trash Ordinance for the purpose of making the Ordinance consistent with the recycling provisions and helpful for acquiring a grant. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Sunoco - Mariner 2 Pipeline: Sunoco has requested a one-year extension on the temporary construction easement area adjoining the pipeline easement in Shiloh Hills. They have offered $5,000.00 for a one-year extension. A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Oswald, authorizing the Solicitor to request $10,000.00 for the extension, but no less than $5,000.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS:
Van Reed Road – Crosswalk Petition: A signed petition was received by the Township and Wilson School District, from residents in the area of Wilson High School, requesting installation of a handicapped ramp at a mid-block school crossing. Mr. Vaughan attended a meeting with Representative Cox and representatives of Wilson School District and PennDOT. It was determined that the crosswalk at that location is not permitted and should be eliminated immediately for liability reasons. The Supervisors agreed it is not a safe place for a crosswalk and authorized Mr. Vaughan to proceed with eradicating the crosswalk.

There being no further business, Chairman Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary