MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 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, November 25, 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, Oswald, Smith and Myer were present. Also present were: Daniel Becker, Esq., Jay Vaughan, Jim Moll, John Groller, Judy Houck, Aaron Wozniak, Bryan Ross, Colin Hackman, Sheryl Rowan, Mike Kocher, Dave Miller, Anthony Tucci, Larry Malik, Jessica and Matt Varone, Lorie and Glenn Geist and Greg Purcell, WFMZ.COM.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Anthony Tucci – Western Berks Ambulance Association: Mr. Tucci reported of the 296 calls in October, 2019, 243 were transported. Dispatch to responding - 1 minute 11 seconds. WBAA was one of 3 organizations receiving a United Way Community Grant for $25,000.00. The grant will be used for wheelchair service.

Larry Malik, 2323 Reading Boulevard: While walking his dog on Reading Boulevard, Mr. Malik was accosted by a neighbor when he elected to safely walk on the grass rather than in the street. He was advised to contact the police and perhaps file a civil action against the neighbor. Chief Ross will have an officer investigate.

Matt and Jessica Varone, 400 Block of Harvard Boulevard: Mr. Varone requested an update on the Entech Engineering analysis relating to water and sewer issues in the Township. Mr. Miller responded that they surveyed 3 “hot” target areas, and took immediate action on some high priority repairs. However, it is an on-going program, especially in Lincoln Park. Mr. Varone mentioned stormwater run-off problems in the road in front of their house, possibly due to the lack of catch basins in the area. Mrs. Varone, also, described constant water in the basement. They were informed there are some repairs that can be done for stormwater, but groundwater is more difficult. Mr. Moll and Mr. Vaughan will check on the catch basins.

Lorie and Glenn Geist – 410 Harvard Boulevard: Mr. and Mrs. Geist have resided on the corner of Harvard and Wellington for 24 years. Currently, they are unable to park in front of their house because of standing stormwater, which creates potholes. Mr. Geist added they have had sewage in their basement twice and asked what the Township is doing about infiltration. The Township continues to work on these issues and will be smoke testing again in the area. Also, snow plows push snow to the end of their street. Since Wilson
School District has changed the bus stop to their corner, they will not be able to shovel all the snow from the corner, making bus pick up difficult.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Stuck, approving the meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Ulrich, who abstained. A motion as made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Myer, approving Vision Meeting Minutes, dated November 11, 2019. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Oswald, who abstained.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

**Business Office:**

**Bills for Approval:** A motion was made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Stuck, approving payment of bills, as listed by the Township Treasurer:

- General Fund - $243,654.11
- Street Lighting - $26,429.85
- Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - $1,534.28
- Refuse Tax Fund - $63,894.31
- Sewer District #3 Fund - $46,418.88
- Fire Protection Fund - $41,078.59
- Capital Fund - $332,733.38
- State Liquid Fuels Fund - $250,000.00

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**Omega Contract Extension:** The Omega IT contract runs through 2020. They have asked the Township to renew the contract for 5 years, which will save on overages for the Township. After discussing various options, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Myer, to approve a three year contract extension, in addition to 2020, at $250,000.00 per year for the next 4 years. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**Foreman – Job Description:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuck, second by Oswald, approving the job description for the position of foreman in the Public Works Department. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**ENGINEERING:**

**Emergency Repair Contract – Award Bid:** Deferred to the next meeting.

**SWM Grant Projects – Authorize Work:** As explained by Mr. Moll, the grants received last year, from the state, are to eliminate pollution in stormwater. The intention is to retrofit two basins in the Township to perform pollution control functions, one on Yerger Boulevard and one in the Werner Estates development. A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Stuck, authorizing Great Valley Consultants to begin the design work. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Police Department:**

**Monthly Report:** Chief Ross reported 58 total offenses during the month of October, 2019 and 43 arrests. Total number of assignments – 921.
**SOLICITOR:**

*3 Meridian Boulevard Hearing (Day Care Center):* Indefinite extension requested by the attorney.

**Authorization to Advertise Infrastructure Committee and Manager Ordinances:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuck, second by Mr. Oswald, authorizing advertisement of the Infrastructure Committee and Manager Ordinances. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Wester Berks Ambulance Association Agreement:* A motion was made by Mr. Stuck, second by Mr. Oswald, approving a 5-year agreement with WBAA, pending review by the Solicitor. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with the exception of Mr. Myer, who abstained.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting on personnel matters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Rowany, Township Secretary