

TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

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MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2020

OPENING OF MEETING: The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Ulrich, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2020, 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, Myer and Kocher were present. Chairman Stuck and Vice-Chairperson Smith did not attend. Also present were: Daniel Becker, Esq., John Groller, Paul Darrah, Jim Moll, Judy Houck, Aaron Wozniak, Bryan Ross, Colin Hackman, Sheryl Rowan, Al Kreider, Kim Berry, Neil and Karen Wells, Gregg Bogia, Scott Anderson, Anthony Tucci, Anne Hertzog, Joshua Stohovich and Dave Kostival, of the Reading Eagle.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Anthony Tucci, Western Berks Ambulance Association: Mr. Tucci reported 306 total incidents in January, 2020. The opioid crisis continues. He summarized House Bill No. 1862 that protects consumers from receiving surprise balance bills for health care services. If passed, many EMS services will be forced out of business. They are asking municipalities to contact representatives and senators to include an amendment to the bill exempting EMS services. Mr. Tucci will provide suggestions for the contents of the letter and where to send it.

Gregg Bogia – Hofmann Tract: Mr. Bogia is ready to begin the process of revising the traffic signal permit plan for Rt. 724 and Iroquois Avenue with PennDOT, and brought the necessary forms for signature. Truck turning issues, timing changes and moving the stop bar on Rt. 724, were discussed. Safety for pedestrians crossing at the light at Iroquois Avenue and Rt. 724 is a priority for Mr. Myer. Mr. Anderson will address this concern with PennDot. The Supervisors requested safety plans from Mr. Bogia in two weeks to include in the application. A field meeting will be planned. Later in the meeting, Chief Hackman agreed to provide a large truck for traffic study purposes.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Kocher, approving the meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Business Office:

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

General Fund - \$63,626.88
Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$25,429.95
Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$1,611.06
Refuse Tax Fund - \$47,100.24
Sewer District #3 Fund - \$144,695.52
Fire Protection Fund - \$16,230.28
Capital Fund - \$337.15
Developer Escrow - \$12,250.00

Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. Mr. Kocher abstained on Check No. 66716.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Lobby Coordinator/Revised Administrative Assistant Job Descriptions: Action tabled to next meeting.

ZONING/BUILDING CODES DEPARTMENT:

2725 Meridian Boulevard – Permit Fee Refund: A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Kocher, approving the refund of a permit fee for McDonalds, in Broadcasting Square Shopping Center, in the amount of \$3,405.50. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. An addition to McDonalds was cancelled after submitting the permit application and fee.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

ADA Paths – Purchase Order: A motion was made by Mr. Kocher, second by Mr. Myer, approving Purchase Order #PR-2020-034 to Great Valley Consultants for preparation of plans for ADA paths at Red Caboose and Shiloh Hills Parks, in the amount of \$54,500.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC WORKS/WWTP DEPARTMENT:

Payment Application – Fine Screen: A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Kocher, approving Payment Application from Hirneisen Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$27,225.00. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

Purchase Order – Wheel Loader: A motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Kocher, approving a Purchase Order to Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc. in the amount of \$152,850.00, for a Deere 544L Wheel Loader. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

ENGINEERING/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Wheatfield Run – Release of Security: As recommended by Great Valley Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. Myer, second by Mr. Kocher, amending Escrow Release #19, for Wheatfield Run, in the amount of \$30,848.73, leaving a remaining balance of \$19,151.27. Upon roll call, all Supervisors present voted affirmatively.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

East/West Court Boulevard – Public Meeting: Chief Ross reminded the Board of a special public meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the proposed traffic changes for East and West Court Boulevard. This meeting has been legally advertised as a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Transportation Advisory Committee, and will be held in the Public Meeting Room. Residents of East and West Court Boulevard have received notice of the meeting.

National Night Out 2020: The Township received notification that Lincoln Park Pool will not be hosting National Night Out this year. Chief Ross asked for suggestions for alternative locations, such as Cacoosing Meadows Park. National Night Out will be held on August 4, 2020.

Monthly Report: During the month of January, 2020, Chief Ross reported 55 offenses, 79 traffic offenses, 79 accidents, 24 arrests, and 722 service calls.

SOLICITOR:

Western Berks Ambulance Association Contract: Solicitor Becker reviewed changes: (1) Contract changes from a one year contract to a 5 year contract, through 2024; (2) Analysis based on census, now 11,264. Changes will be made for action at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anne Hertzog – Earth Day Clean-Up: Since there are no Township employees available to organize this event, Supervisor Kocher offered to contact the environmental club at Wilson High School. In addition, Mrs. Hertzog pointed out the "no littering" signs seemed to have disappeared in the Township. Chief Ross will check on availability of signs. She mentioned that trash trucks are not covered and trash blows out of the trucks.

Stagecoach Mile Marker: No update on moving the marker. The Historical Society will be contacted before making a decision. Supervisor Ulrich was interested in whether the marker would be inside or outside if moved to the Adamstown Library property.

M. Kocher – Update: As a new Supervisor, Mr. Kocher thanked P. Darrah, J. Houck, Chief Ross and others for their assistance. He has been working on the draft of the Technology Committee ordinance as well as supporting the West Lawn/W. Wyomissing Library by contacting the Public Library Board and Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Blue ribbons to honor police officers are available in many locations in the area.
2. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting on matters of personnel.

There being no further business, Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (P. Smith arrived.)

Respectfully submitted,



Sheryl Rowan, Township Secretary