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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES August 10, 2020

OPENING OF MEETING: A regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Stuck at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, August 10th, 2020 in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call, Supervisors Stuck, Smith, Ulrich, Myer and Kocher were present. Also present were Daniel Becker, Esquire, Township Manager John Groller, Chief Ross, Chief Hackman, Paul Darrah, Judy Houck, Jen Bensinger, Scott Anderson (Great Valley Consultants) and Dave Miller (Entech Engineering). Also, in attendance was Al Kreider. Jim Moll, Larry Schneck and WFMZ joined the meeting via teleconference.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Mr. Larry Schneck - 2826 Hillvale Avenue -via teleconference – Mr. Schneck has had a stormwater problem since his neighbor installed a pole barn 5 years ago. Mr. Schneck gets stormwater in his basement from the driveway that was installed for the barn. He has also experienced a sinkhole on his property due to the water run-off.

Mr. Wozniak reported that the pole barn had been permitted but the driveway had not been approved. The Township has recently received the application for the driveway and is currently reviewing it. The Board asked for the stormwater review to be expatiated.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: All items requiring action by the Board were listed so that one motion could be made to approve or disapprove them. Township Manager, John Groller, reviewed each item. Comments and discussion points are listed under the corresponding item.

1. Meeting Minutes for Approval– July 27th, 2020
2. List of Bills for Approval
 - 1) General Fund - \$125,110.53
 - 2) Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$-0-
 - 3) Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$5.42
 - 4) Refuse Tax Fund - \$161,070.24
 - 5) Sewer District #3 Fund - \$860,058.81
 - 6) Fire Protection Fund - \$14,128.12
 - 7) Capital Fund - \$10,595.99
3. Resolution 2020-21 – Extending the Disaster Emergency until September 14th, 2020
4. Bid Award – Garage Generator Installation -contract award to H.B. Frazer in the amount of \$74,600.00
5. Extension of Time – Hoffman Tract – 90-day extension until November 9th, 2020
6. Extension of Time – Miller Road Annexation – 60-day extension until October 9th, 2020

Motion to approve Action Items #1 through #6 was made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Ulrich. Upon roll call, all Supervisors who were present voted affirmatively with Ms. Smith abstaining from approval of Item # 1- Meeting Minutes of July 27th, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

- A. Zoning/Building Codes Department – Mr. Wozniak reported that during July 2020 - 138 permits were issued and 44 pre-settlement inspections were conducted. The Zoning Hearing Board supported the cease and desist order for a violation of keeping of too many dogs at 2401 Noble Street. Mr. Kreider will be taking over the concrete sidewalk and curb review and inspection program.
- B. Parks and Recreation Department – Ms. Houck – No Report
- C. Engineering/Planning Department – Mr. Moll – No Report
- D. Finance Department - Mr. Groller – No Report
- E. Public Works Department – Mr. Groller reported on the flooding from last week. A lot of repairs need to be made. Mr. Darrah requested that the Board approve the smoke testing and in-home inspections of sewer lines in certain areas in the Township. This work will be done with Entech Engineering. Mr. Kocher questioned how residents would be notified. Letters will be sent to residents in affected areas and the Code Red program will be implemented. *Motion made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Myer to approve the smoke testing and in-home inspections when needed of Township sewer lines within certain areas of the Township for the purpose of determining if there are illegal connections into the sanitary sewer system. Upon roll call, all Supervisors who were present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. Police Department – Chief Ross - No Report
- B. Township of Spring Fire Rescue Services – Chief Hackman reviewed his report – 234 responses for the month of July, 157 of those were fire related calls, the Department provided aid 46 times, received aid 52 times, 69 overlapping calls.
- C. West Side Regional EMA – Mr. Bausher – No Report

SOLICITOR – Mr. Becker received a call that the Kohl's/Aldi's project is on hold until further notice, potentially not until after the pandemic is over.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cable Franchise Renewal – Hearing Date – The Board scheduled the hearing for September 14th, 2020 during the regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. Geographic Name Proposal Recommendations – Request to name an un-named stream that is a contributory stream to the Cacoosing Creek. *Motion made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Myer to approve the request to name this tributary “Minsi Run”. Upon roll call, all Supervisors who were present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Township Manager participated in the PSATS program regarding bees, chickens and composting in residential areas.
2. An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of personnel and potential litigation.
3. COVID-19 Health and Safety Plans from various athletic organizations that will be using Township facilities were distributed to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Various financial reports from the auditors are available for the Board of Supervisors. The auditors will attend the September 14th, 2020 meeting and provide a brief presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Stuck adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation/Township Secretary