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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES April 26th, 2021

OPENING OF MEETING: A regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Stuck at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, April 26th, 2021 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, Ulrich and Myer were present. Supervisors Smith and Kocher attended via teleconference. Also present were: John Groller, Judy Houck and Jen Bensinger. The following individuals attended via teleconference: Daniel Becker, Esq., Deputy Chief Powell, Aaron Wozniak, Jim Moll, Errol Lapham, Greg from WFMZ, John Piscitelli, Steve Hoffman of Great Valley Consultants, Jesse Royer, Gia Raffaelli and Michael Wertz.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR: No comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: All items requiring action by the Board are listed below. Comments and discussion points are listed under the corresponding item.

1. Meeting Minutes – Regular Business Meeting – April 12th, 2021
2. List of Bills for Approval –
 1. **General Fund - \$512,539.47**
 2. **Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$25,094.19**
 3. **Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$-0-**
 4. **Refuse Tax Fund - \$59,996.85**
 5. **Sewer District #3 Fund - \$472,252.26**
 6. **Fire Protection Fund - \$118,901.43**
 7. **Capital Fund - \$32,368.86**
3. Meadow Expansion – Shiloh Hills Park – Ms. Houck presented the Parks and Recreation Board’s recommendation to expand the originally approved meadow area at Shiloh Hills Park to the areas outlined on the map included in the packet.
4. Summer Playground Program Recommendation – Ms. Houck presented the Parks and Recreation Board’s recommendation that, in the best interest of the Township and the community’s health and welfare, the Township not host the Summer Playground Program during the summer of 2021.
5. Red Caboose Park Restrooms- – Ms. Houck presented the Parks and Recreation Board’s recommendation that the West Lawn Owls be granted access to the restrooms at Red Caboose Park and be invoiced on a monthly basis for the costs associated with their sole use of the restrooms. The estimated cost is \$1,300.00.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)

6. Purchase Order – Police Vehicles –Deputy Chief Powell is requesting permission to purchase four (4) patrol vehicles to replace one (1) 2010 vehicle and three (3) 2015 vehicles. The \$215,976.00 purchase would be made through the PA CoStars Program.
7. Resolution 2021-11 – Resolution Supporting House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419 –Mr. Groller reviewed the resolution supporting the use of radar and LIDAR by municipal police departments.

Motion to approve Action Items # 1 through 7 was made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Ulrich. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively with Mr. Ulrich abstaining from voting on Item # 1. MOTION CARRIED.

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- A. Zoning/Building Codes Department – Mr. Wozniak – No report.
- B. Parks and Recreation Department – Ms. Houck had submitted a written report.
- C. Engineering/Planning Department – Mr. Moll provided updates on the following:
 1. 2021 Street Project – The original bid price that was provided was incorrect due to the fact that the Penn Bid system calculated both of the options for Old Fritztown Road. Steve Hoffman of GVC explained the differences between the recycling and reconstruction processes proposed for Old Fritztown Road. Brief discussion was held about the cost savings the Township will realize due to this calculation error and the differences in cost and traffic disruption between recycling and reconstruction.

Motion to amend the previous motion awarding this contract to H & K Group to reflect the revised total project cost of \$871,814.05, which would continue with the option of recycling of Old Fritztown Road was made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Ulrich. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively except Ms. Smith. MOTION CARRIED 4 – 1.

Mr. Myer questioned the bid release date for the road maintenance project and the projected road work for 2022 and 2023. Mr. Hoffman will speak with his co-worker who is handling this project and report back to the Township on the status of these two projects.

2. Oxford Avenue – Mr. Moll reviewed the resident’s plans for the vacation of this alley. The resident plans to keep the area as it is, a paved area that appears to be part of the public street. The resident is also interested in putting an addition on his home. Discussion on the recent paving of this dead end, the Township’s ability to collect the cost of this paving and future maintenance of this area was held. The Board is still interested in pursuing this project.
3. Wireless Ordinance – Hearing Date – Mr. Moll requested that the proposed date for the public hearing for this ordinance be changed from May 24th, 2021 to June 14th, 2021. The Board agrees with the date change.

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4. Resolution 2021-12 – Sewage Facility Planning Module for the Hofmann Tract – Mr. Moll is seeking the Board’s approval to complete the Township’s portion of the planning module. By completing this module, the Township is certifying that it has the capacity to handle the sewage from this project. At the last meeting, the Board approved the preliminary design work for the necessary improvements to the Wyomissing Interceptor but did not actually approve the project itself. After speaking with Entech, it was determined that the modules could be submitted without our certification that there was sufficient capacity. This resolution would permit the submission of this planning module. Discussion was held about the developer paying their share of the improvements. During the meeting, Mr. Becker verbally confirmed with Ms. Raffaelli that her client, Metropolitan Development, agrees with paying their share of the improvements.

Motion to authorize the submission of the Sewage Facility Planning Module for the Hofmann Tract contingent upon receiving Entech’s recommendation that the capacity component of the planning modules may be completed and the agreement by Metropolitan Development to pay for their proportionate share of the sanitary sewer improvements cost was made by Mr. Kocher, seconded by Ms. Smith. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED.

- D. Finance Department – Mr. Groller – No Report
- E. Human Resources – Ms. Reardon – No Report.
- F. Public Works – Mr. Darrah – No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. Police Department – Deputy Chief Powell
 1. Monthly Report – The monthly report was submitted.
 2. Investigation Update – Deputy Chief Powell gave a brief update on the shooting incident on April 12th, 2021. The Board congratulated the Department on their handling of the project. Deputy Chief Powell expressed his thanks for the support they received from other agencies during this event.
- B. Township of Spring Fire Rescue Services – Chief Hackman – No Report.
- C. West Side Regional EMA – Mr. Bausher – No Report.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Becker – At Mr. Moll’s request Mr. Becker provided a brief review of the following projects: Gray Ghost Lane Fire Hydrant project, the Glenridge Subdivision and the Reedy Road Pump Station projects.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. An Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss matters of personnel and real estate.
2. Next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10th, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Stuck adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation/
Township Secretary