



# TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2021

**OPENING OF MEETING:** A regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Stuck at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Myer and Ulrich were present. Supervisors Kocher and Smith attended via teleconference. Also present were: John Groller, Judy Houck, Mary Burkholder, Aaron Wozniak, Paul Darrah, Deputy Chief Powell, Dan Becker -Esquire, Mitchell Darcourt, and Chris Hannum of Entech Engineering. The following individuals attended the meeting via teleconference: Chief Colin Hackman, Greg at WFMZ, Michael Wertz, Steven Boell, Frank Janicek, Mike Wertz, Fred Ebert and an individual calling from 610-999-9983 attended via teleconference on Zoom.

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

1. Meeting Minutes – Regular Business Meeting – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021
2. List of Bills for Approval –
  1. **General Fund - \$187,361.16**
  2. **Street Lighting Tax Fund - \$0**
  3. **Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$0**
  4. **Refuse Tax Fund - \$92,993.73**
  5. **Escrow Fund - \$0**
  6. **Sewer District #3 Fund - \$133,928.94**
  7. **Fire Protection Fund - \$6,102.56**
  8. **Capital Fund - \$2,389.25**
3. Weis Markets-Sign Variance Request

Mr. Wozniak reported Weis Markets located in the Broadcasting Square Shopping Center on 2759 Papermill Road in Wyomissing submitted a variance request. The application is to seek relief from Section 603 (D) (2) of the Zoning Ordinance which limits the aggregate area of wall and freestanding signs on a commercial use property to 160 square feet. The store currently has three (3) signs wall mounted on the front of the store. The application seeks to add a rectangular sign advertising “Weis 2 Go” and a directional arrow pointing to the curb at the front of the store. The proposed “Weis 2 Go” sign is 80 square feet and the arrow is 11.5 square feet.

### ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)

#### 3. Weis Markets-Sign Variance Request (Continued)

The applicant appears to propose a directional arrow to instruct cars to park in the access drive and fire lane in the front of the store for curbside pickup. Parking in the fire lane is prohibited. The Planning Commission met and recommends the variance be granted for the "Weis To Go" sign; relief be denied for the yellow arrow sign which directs patrons to park in the fire lane; patrons be prevented from parking in the fire lane and designated parking spaces be identified as "Weis 2 Go" pick up locations.

*Motion made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Kocher, to recommend to the Zoning Hearing Board that relief be granted for the variance request with the following conditions: relief only be granted for the "Weis-To-Go" sign, relief be denied for the yellow arrow sign directing patrons to park in the fire lane, patrons be prevented from parking in the fire lane and that designated parking spaces be identified as "Weis-To-Go" pick up locations. Upon roll call all Supervisors present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

#### 4. PEMA Grant Purchase

Chief Hackman requested approval for Purchase Order FR-2021-0049 to purchase four (4) complete sets of replacement Structural Turnout Gear. The Purchase Order amount is \$14,591.36 and is through Costars Contract 012-153. The Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner Grant Program will fund \$12,000.00 with the remaining \$2,591.36 being funded by the Fire Rescue budget.

#### 5. Handicapped Parking Spaces

Deputy Chief Powell requested approval for two (2) handicapped parking spaces, one located in the 2600 block of Girard Avenue and the other in the 2500 block of Cleveland Avenue. All fees have been paid and Sergeant McCreary inspected the requests and recommends approval.

#### 6. Wyomissing Interceptor Upgrade Project

Chris Hannum of Entech Engineering reported the first deadline to provide preliminary engineering design and a preliminary cost opinion for the proposed Wyomissing Interceptor Project as August 22<sup>th</sup>. Further analysis will be performed on the identified 10,000-linear feet sewer during preliminary design. Mr. Hannum provided maps to the Board to review the area for the proposed project which indicated the interceptor be replaced and an additional sewer spur section which has been determined to be hydrologically overloaded. The preliminary costs opinions provided are: 1) A thirty-inch (30") interceptor complete from the Hoffman Tract down to the connection at the City of Reading and an additional spur at an estimated cost of \$6,300,000.00. 2.) A twenty-four-inch (24") interceptor was presented which came to an estimated cost of \$5,600,000.00.

#### Motion #1- Wyomissing Interceptor Upgrade Project

*Motion made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Ms. Smith, to move forward with the Wyomissing Interceptor Project, to instruct Mr. Groller to put together financing options for the project and to instruct Entech to work with Mr. Darrah and Mr. Moll on determining the length of the project. Upon roll call all Supervisors voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

**ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)**

6. Wyomissing Interceptor Upgrade Project (Continued)

Motion #2- Wyomissing Interceptor Upgrade Project

*Motion made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Myer, to proceed with submission of DEP planning module documents necessary for the review of the Hoffman Tract and Alcon Property. Upon roll call all Supervisors voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

*Motion was made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, to approve action items 1,2, 4 and 5. Mr. Myer voted no to approve the payments to Great Valley Consultants for the following: 2021 Streets-\$12,877.55, Harvard Blvd- \$6552.26 and 2022 Streets-\$1899.67. MOTION CARRIED.*

**TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS**

A. Zoning/Building Codes Department –

Mr. Wozniak reported that during the month of July 122 permits were issued, 45 permits for pre-settlement inspections were completed and 2 enforcement notices were sent out. 24 complaints were received in July, currently there are 53 active complaint cases. The Zoning Hearing Board rendered three (3) decisions in July and heard two (2) cases.

B. Parks and Recreation Department –

1. Ms. Houck reported the Township received an unsolicited donation of hand sanitizer and no-touch thermometers from the Western Berks Ambulance Association.
2. Ms. Houck reported that Lisa Delozier, the Townships Environmental Program Coordinator is receiving the Berks County Conservation District Environmental Educator of the Year Award.

C. Engineering/Planning Department-No Report

D. Human Resources –No Report

E. Public Works – Mr. Darrah reported the results of his investigation regarding the flooding of Bainbridge Circle. Debris has been removed from the storm water system and Mr. Darrah is considering several options for addressing this issue.

Road Work Update-

Mr. Myer requested an update on the 2021 road work and is concerned about the amount of loose stones on various streets in the area of Martin's Road. Mr. Darrah states that those streets should be finished by the end of the month. He also reported that the work on Fritztown Road is complete, Augusta Drive is scheduled for completion August 10<sup>th</sup> and the curbing and base repair on Linda Lane is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Work on Jefferson Avenue will begin when these previously mentioned streets are complete. Mr. Darrah reported that the Township staff will be working on Miller Road, Gelsinger Road and part of Iroquois Avenue. One lane of Mohns Hill Road has been swept and the other lane will be completed in a few weeks.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- A. Police Department-No Report
- B. Township of Spring Fire Rescue Service-Monthly report was submitted by Chief Hackman. Chief Hackman reported during the month of July there were 231 responses, consisting of 93 medical/or vehicle accidents and 138 fire related calls. The Fire Department provided aide 55 times and received aide 43 times.

**SOLICITOR –**

Mr. Becker reported he received a call from Service Electric Cable’s attorney asking the Township to consider granting Service Electric a cable franchise for certain areas of the Township. Mr. Becker will provide more information on this matter as it becomes available.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ulrich reported residents in the Township have received letters from Eagle Disposal informing their customers to put their recycling with their trash. The letter states Eagle Disposal is discontinuing their recycling program due to the labor shortage. Mr. Groller stated the letter from Eagle Disposal does not apply to Spring Township residents as we utilize Waste Management for recycling.

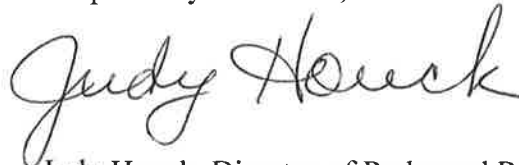
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. An Executive Session was held prior this meeting to discuss matters of personnel, real estate, and potential litigation.
- 2. Next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chairperson Stuck adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation  
/Township Secretary