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Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2021

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ehrlich at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members were present: Chairperson Sarah Ehrlich, Bob Myer, Leroy Schannauer and Paul Darrah. Mike Kocher attended via teleconference. Also, in attendance were Aaron Wozniak, Dan Becker-Esquire, Judy Houck, Jen Bensinger and Mary Burkholder. Chris Hannum of Entech Engineering attended via teleconference.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Kocher to approve the minutes of the June 15th, 2021 meeting. Upon roll call all committee members present voted affirmatively with Mr. Schannauer abstaining. MOTION CARRIED

Open to the Floor – None

Entech Engineering Report –

Payment Applications- Spring Ridge Pump Station Project Payment #1 and Payment #2
Mr. Hannum reported all requirements have been satisfied and payment values appear reasonable. Entech Engineering recommends approval of payment application #1 in the amount of \$59,805.00 and Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$185,770.00.

Motion made by Mr. Darrah, seconded by Mr. Myer to recommend approval of Payment Application #1 for the Spring Ridge Pump Station Project in the amount of \$59,805.00 and Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$185,770.00. Upon roll call vote all committee members voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED.

Sewers –

- a. 2146 Old Lancaster Pike–Mr. Wozniak reported the Township received an application for a sewer lateral connection at 2146 Old Lancaster Pike on a vacant lot. The lot is located between Old Lancaster Pike and Furlow Road. Furlow Road is located in the Township of Spring and Brecknock Township. The applicant is proposing to build a single-family dwelling on the larger portion of the lot that is in Brecknock Township. The applicant is seeking approval from the Township for a driveway and a sewer lateral. The Township left a stub on the property assuming this lot would connect to our system when it was developed. Mr. Wozniak reported tapping fees should apply in this case as the applicant will be a resident of Brecknock Township. The current sewer agreement we have with Brecknock Township will need to be revised as this lot is not included in the agreement.

Sewers – (Continued)

a. 2146 Old Lancaster Pike

Ms. Erlich questioned if there are other properties in the Township that staff are aware of that are not in the sewer agreements with Brecknock Township or Adamstown Borough.

Ms. Bensinger reported it has been discovered there are properties in Brecknock Township that we are currently paying non-connect fees for and have not passed on the fee to our residents. Ms. Bensinger discovered that 99 Furlow Road is listed at the County Assessment Office as 311 Main Street Adamstown. It is believed that the Township is currently paying Adamstown Borough non-connection fees for 99 Furlow Road and a fee based on a meter reading for 311 Main Street, therefore we believe we are being double billed for one lot.

Ms. Ehrlich questioned when the agreements were signed with Brecknock Township and Adamstown Borough. Ms. Bensinger reported the Adamstown Borough agreement was effective on March 7, 2006 and the Brecknock Township agreement was signed on January 28, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Schannauer, seconded by Mr. Myer to recommend assessing appropriate tapping fees for 2146 Old Lancaster Pike. Upon roll call all members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Ehrlich formally directed township staff to look into the issues with the sewer agreements with Brecknock Township and Adamstown Borough and report back to the Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2021. The Infrastructure Committee will review the updates and final recommendations to present to the Board of Supervisors.

b. Wyomissing Interceptor Project-

Mr. Hannum presented recommendations for the Interceptor project as well as a revised cost opinion recommended by Entech and a second cost opinion for additional services to be considered by the Board of Supervisors. It has been determined that some areas need to have the existing pipes replaced with a thirty-inch (30") line. Mr. Hannum reported an existing easement which will be used to dig up pipes, old manholes and replace the entire line. One area is located at the corner of the soccer/hockey field behind Wyomissing High School where a manhole is located. Mr. Hannum stated there is also a steep embankment located in that area. Entech is recommending rerouting the flow which will require obtaining permission from the Wyomissing School District.

Mr. Myer said the information presented seems to be different than the information shown to the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting.

Mr. Becker reported the information shown will not be adding to the proposed project totaling \$6,300,000.00 previously shown to the Board of Supervisors. Some of the changes proposed may lower costs. Mr. Darrah reported he is very satisfied with the changes presented.

Sewers – (Continued)

b. Wyomissing Interceptor Project- (Continued)

Mr. Myer reported that we may utilize some of the COVID money to cover a portion of the project. Sewer Interceptor is something that is covered under the American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Hannum stated he is recommending Entech put together a written document demonstrating options for the project and have a presentation at the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting on September 7, 2021.

Public Works Director/WWTP Superintendent –

- a. The final clarifier #3 project is near completion. The Contractor is getting ready to pour cement on the bottom of it before they bring sidewalls in. Possibly going to pour this week but Mr. Darrah reported that the weather forecast may delay the project.
- b. Spring Ridge Pump Station is going along well. Should be complete by end of September.
- c. Inspection by DEP-Mr. Darrah reported the Township Waste Water Treatment Plant was inspected by the DEP. He is waiting on the technical paperwork to show the Township is in good standing. The inspector was very pleased with the plant's numbers and the operations at the plant.

Streets and Stormwater –

Mr. Darrah reported on the 2021 paving projects. Paving was supposed to start today but the weather forecast might delay work this week. Old Fritztown Road is completely finished. Other roads are waiting for slurry seal which is due to be done next week. Scheduled completion is delayed due to the bad weather we had the month of July as well as contractor having difficulty finding and keeping staff.

Old Business –

a. 2900 Merritt Parkway

Mr. Kocher questioned if follow-up is taking place with the resident in the 2900 Merritt Parkway since Jim Moll has been out. Mr. Darrah reported the Township has been following up for the last three-four years. Steve Hoffman is currently reviewing the issue to see if the Township would like to replace the pipe or if we want to act at all as it is going to create a problem downstream

New Business -

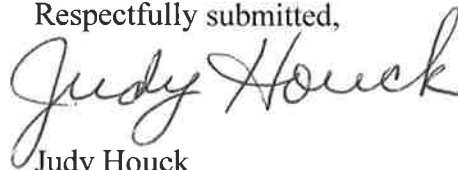
a. Sunshine Law-Update-Effective 08-29-21

Mr. Becker reported on the new update to the Sunshine Law. The update states we cannot act on items unless the items are specifically on the agenda. Mr. Becker suggested items be carried on the agenda if action is required at a later date.

Announcements – Mr. Becker reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Moll who sends his regards and hopes to be back at work very soon. The next meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.*

Adjournment – *There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Myer. Ms. Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Houck".

Judy Houck

Director of Parks and Recreation/
Township Secretary