



# TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

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## **Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2021**

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ehrlich at 8:34 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 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, Paul Darrah and Leroy Schannauer. Mike Kocher attended via teleconference. Also, in attendance were Dan Becker-Esquire, Jim Moll, Mary Burkholder, Jen Bensinger and Matt Boggs of Entech Engineering. Andrew Bertolazz-Alcon, Gia Raffaelli, Shamaruk Billah-Alcon, Steve Hoffman-Great Valley Consultants, Evelyn Tyson-Alcon, Mr. Rathfun- Metro Development Group and Chip's I-phone attended via Zoom.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Motion made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Schannauer to approve the revised minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. Upon roll call all committee members present voted affirmatively, with the exception of Mr. Darrah who abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.*  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Open to the Floor** – None

### **Entech Engineering Report** –

#### **a. Wyomissing Interceptor Project**

Entech Engineering provided a report on September 1, 2021 to the Infrastructure Committee outlining Entech's recommendations for the preliminary design for the Wyomissing Interceptor Project. Mr. Boggs sent an Engineering Work Order to Mr. Moll & Mr. Darrah late last evening that included final design, permitting and bidding assistance information. The Engineering Work Order outlines Entech's recommendation going forward and is consistent with the initial report submitted in September. The Infrastructure Committee will review copies of the Engineering Work Order and submit questions or comments to Mr. Moll. Mr. Boggs reported that the work under the Preliminary Engineering phase has been completed and removed from the Engineering Work Order. The Preliminary Engineering estimate for the Preliminary Phase was \$71,80.00 and Entech anticipates billing \$26,000.00 which is significantly under budget.

*Motion made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Darrah to forward the Entech Work Order # 4644-EWO-11155.01 to the Board of Supervisors for review to approve authorizing Entech Engineering to move forward with the Wyomissing Interceptor Project. Upon roll call all committee members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

b. Alcon Planning Modules

Mr. Boggs reported Table J is complete and has been provided to Alcon. Table J includes the conditions of the sewer collection system and conveyance system. The sewer flows confirm there is capacity in the collection system when the conveyance system is upgraded and will be incorporated into the final planning module.

Mr. Moll will bring Component 4A to the Planning Commission for review.

Ms. Tyson stated the Alcon Planning Module was submitted to the City of Reading and the Berks County Planning Commission for their review and comments on the waste treatment component in Section 3J.

c. Hofmann Tract Sanitary Sewer

Mr. Boggs reported the Township is now under the advertising and public notice period of the Hofmann Tract Planning Module. Mr. Moll reported the Township submitted a copy of the most recent land development plans to Mr. Hannum of Entech and we will need Entech's comments on the sanitary sewer for the Planning Commission review. Mr. Moll reported discussing areas of proposed sewers within the development with Ms. Raffaelli and whether or not the Township would consider taking dedication of those sewer lines. Mr. Darrah stated currently the Township does not take ownership of sewer lines in private developments and issues are handled by the Home Owner's Association (HOA). Mr. Myer asked if the only reason we have a line on Iroquois Avenue is because of the office. Mr. Rathfun of the Metro Development Group said it is a gravity issue; installation of a grinder pump would be necessary or some type of mechanism to make it feasible. Mr. Rathfun stated there will be on site maintenance at all times on the tract eliminating the need for residents to contact the Township or their HOA.

*Motion made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Kocher to recommend the Township not maintain any of the sewer lines in the Hofmann Tract. Upon roll call all committee members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

**Sewers**

Amendment to South Heidelberg Agreement-No Report

**Public Works Director/WWTP Superintendent –**

- a. Mr. Darrah reported the Final Clarifier Project is in the testing stage and should be completed by the end of this week.
- b. No change on Spring Ridge-Waiting on components to finalize the project.
- c. 2021 Streets are complete except for a few patch jobs. Still working on shoulder and grading.

**Streets and Storm Water**

Harvard Boulevard Street Work

As requested, Mr. Hoffman of Great Valley Consultants provided Appendix D-Phasing Cost Analysis for the Harvard Boulevard Street Work, which consists of four (4) phases. Mr. Hoffman stated he is recommending to the Committee that the project be done in four (4)

**Streets and Storm Water (Continued)**

**Harvard Boulevard Street Work (Continued)**

phases over a period of four (4) years. The Township currently budgets approximately \$1.2 million annually for street work, approximately one third of which is allocated for maintenance and two-thirds are allocated for rehabilitation and construction. The phasing approach will allow for other street work to be completed each year. If the work is done in phases, the work will have to be put out to bid every year. Pros and cons of phasing the project were discussed.

*Motion made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Kocher to recommend the following:*

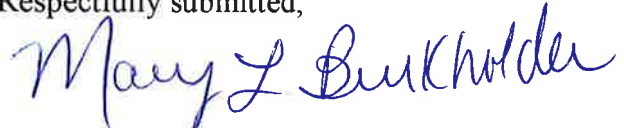
- 1. Reconstruction of Harvard Boulevard, including the curb at the current road width.*
- 2. Request, pursuant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township Code, contribution from the residents to replace the portion of the curb and driveway ramps in front of their property.*
- 3. Two(2) options for the time frame for the completion of the Harvard Boulevard Project- The Infrastructure Committee's preference is to have all the work done in Phase 1 if possible from an economic standpoint. If not feasible from an economic standpoint, the Committee recommends the project be done in phases.*

*Upon roll call all committee members voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

**Announcements.** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th 8:30 a.m.

**Adjournment** – *There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Darrah, seconded by Mr. Myer. Ms. Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L Burkholder  
Township Secretary