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Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2021

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ehrlich at 8:38 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 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 Ehrlich, Myer and Schannauer. Mike Kocher attended via teleconference. Also, in attendance were Dan Becker-Esquire, Jim Moll, Mary Burkholder and Chris Hannum of Entech Engineering. Andrew Bertolazzi & Chip Focht-Engineers of Alcon and Steve Hoffman of Great Valley Consultants attended via zoom.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Schannauer to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2021 meeting. Upon roll call all committee members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

Open to the Floor – None

Entech Engineering Report –

a. Payment Application #1-Spring Ridge Pump Station Project

Mr. Hannum of Entech Engineering presented recommendation for Payment Application #1 for work performed by PSI Solutions at the Spring Ridge Pump Station Project in the amount of \$53,428.17.

*Motion made by Mr. Schannauer, seconded by Mr. Myer to recommend approval of Payment Application #1 to PSI Solutions in the amount of \$53,428.17.
Upon roll call all committee members voted affirmatively.*

Sewers –

a. Amendment to South Heidelberg Agreement

Mr. Moll explained the Township currently has an agreement with South Heidelberg to treat a portion of South Heidelberg's sewage. South Heidelberg is currently working on a proposal for the Township to agree to permit South Heidelberg to send flows from a proposed warehouse to the Sinking Spring Sewage Treatment Plant, rather than to Spring Township.

Mr. Myer questioned why South Heidelberg will be requesting to send additional sewage flows to Sinking Spring instead of the Township. Mr. Moll explained the Township will receive more information when South Heidelberg's proposal is submitted.

Sewers –(Continued)

b. **Alcon Parking Expansion-Land Development/Sewage Planning**

Mr. Bertolazzi reported at this time Alcon is waiting for Entech to complete review portion 3J that best describes the present and future capacity flow to the Township. Mr. Bertolazzi reported Portion 4A of the project will be reviewed at the October 7th, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting.

Mr. Moll reported the Planning Commission will be reviewing Land Development Plans for the expansion of the facility. This expansion will increase sewage flow to the Wyomissing Interceptor at a rate of approximately 10,380 gallons a day, or 5 gallons a minute. This portion is part of the Township's proposed upgrade due to current issues being addressed with the interceptor upgrade. Mr. Hannum reported Entech anticipates completing Form J of the proposed Alcon Expansion Project by the end of this week or early next week.

c. **Wyomissing Interceptor Project**

Mr. Moll reported the Board of Supervisors approved the Infrastructure Committee's recommendation to authorize Entech to proceed with the design for the blue and pink sections shown on Table 1 & 2 of the Wyomissing Interceptor Project and the small section of the Interceptor located at Lincoln Park and Harvard Boulevard.

Public Works Director/WWTP Superintendent – No Report

Streets and Storm Water

a. **Harvard Boulevard**

Mr. Hoffman of Great Valley Consultants submitted a Feasibility Study for the Harvard Boulevard Reconstruction Project which formalizes the recommendation and the possibility for any utility improvements that would be required in conjunction with the project. Mr. Hoffman reported it was his understanding after speaking with Mr. Darrah that the televising of the sanitary sewers was completed and only minor issues were found requiring small repairs. Results of the televising of the storm sewers were received last week. Nothing was concerning in the report except for a short section of the storm sewer that appears to need cleaning out. All findings do not require to be added to the contract for the reconstruction project.

Mr. Myer questioned if the study results would be the same if the roads were narrowed as it may require moving the stormwater.

Mr. Hoffman stated he will be recommending against narrowing the roads. If narrowing of the roads are included as an option, Mr. Hoffman stated the pipes would not necessarily need to be moved. A few pipes may need to be adjusted at the inlets, it would not be substantial work or costs added to the project.

Mr. Hoffman discussed the two (2) options in the Feasibility Study.

Streets and Storm Water (Continued)

a. **Harvard Boulevard (Continued)**

Option one:

Option 1 consists of reconstructing the street as the roads are now at the current width, replacing the curb along both sides of the street along with driveway ramps. With option 1, the Township could assess residents for the costs of the curbing and driveway ramps. The cost of the curbs and ADA ramps will cost approximately \$500,000.00.

Option 2:

Option 2 is essentially the same construction as Option 1, except the roads will be narrowed by 6 ft, 3 ft on both sides.

Mr. Hoffman reported that an additional 3rd option which would include small rain gardens between the curb and sidewalk does not appear to be a feasible option to the Township and is not recommended due to maintenance and higher costs. Mr. Hoffman stated that Option 1 is the recommended option for the Township for the Harvard Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Kocher asked if tree removal was included in the project. Mr. Hoffman reported tree removal is included in the project and is not assessed to the residents.

Mr. Myer stated he would like more time spent on costs for phasing the project and looking into ways of lowering the costs to residents for curb replacement and driveway replacement before making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

b. **Hofmann Track Use Agreement**

Mr. Becker updated the Committee, reporting that the Road Agreement has been signed and checks have been issued. The Public Works Department is scheduled to work on the road stabilization today so heavy trucks can bring in the fill so the road can be fully reconstructed.

Old Business-No Report

New Business -No Report

Announcements. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment – *There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L Burkholder
Township Secretary