



# TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

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## **Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2024**

Chairperson Sarah Ehrlich called the regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following committee members were present: Sarah Ehrlich, Leroy Schannauer, Paul Darrah, and Alan Kreider. Mike Kocher attended via teleconference. Also in attendance were Dean Murray, Jim Moll, Jason Reichert, Mary L Rossi, Jeremy Baez-Reyes, Dan Becker, Esquire, Matt Boggs of Entech Engineering, Aaron Klinger, and Mark Klinger.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA** – None

### **MINUTES:**

*The motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024, was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kreider. After roll call, All Committee Members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

### **OPEN TO THE FLOOR:** No public comment.

### **Beacon Avenue- Klinger Low-Pressure System**

Aaron Klinger introduced himself and his brother, Mark Klinger, who are interested in developing lots they own on Beacon Avenue. Mr. Boggs has been reviewing the Sewer Plans they submitted, and they are here to see what the next step is to start construction.

Mr. Boggs stated that the Klingers have been very accommodating as they have been working through low-pressure details and specifications. He said details are revised, and the Klingers have incorporated the revisions into their plans. He provided a review letter stating that the technical comments have been addressed, noting that an agreement will need to be prepared with the assistance of Mr. Becker's office, listing escrow requirements, that the line will remain private, and that the Township reserves the right to inspect the line.

Mr. Boggs confirmed that 2 EDUs are required for the project, that construction of any additional homes will need additional EDUs, and that the applicant would need to go through the review process, illustrate on the plan how they will connect to the line, and to include the Township as a party to the agreement between the Klingers and the homeowners.

Mr. Moll stated that Great Valley Consultants had reviewed the project's Stormwater Plans and noted that the Klingers would need to enter into a Stormwater Agreement with the Township. Mr. Reichert stated that the data has been provided and needs to be reviewed by Mr. Becker's office.

### **Beacon Avenue- Klinger Low-Pressure System (Confirmed)**

Mr. Wozniak stated that he and his Department have received a hundred calls about vacant lots on Beacon Avenue, with the issue being that they need sewer. Mr. Wozniak asked about extending the sewer to these vacant lots. Mr. Boggs confirmed that they anticipated this would be a request and explained where possible extensions would be located.

Mr. Becker said that the Klingers are authorized to go into the roadway at Beacon Ave and questioned if they have the necessary easements. One of the things that should be in the Engineering Review letter is to ensure they have all permissions and easements for construction on Beacon Avenue. The Committee had a lengthy discussion about the right of way and easement agreements, noting that the Township should be a party to the agreement so the Township may be allowed to go in to do inspections.

Mr. Boggs said he would revise his review letter to state that the Developer shall complete all administrative requirements before the sanitary sewer force main is constructed, add acquisitions of easements or access to Beacon Ave, and make the Township a party to all agreements.

Mr. Wozniak said that Mr. Heimbach has his own low-pressure lateral down the street and asked if it is included in the plan design so that people will know where the line is in the future. Mr. Klinger stated that it is shown on the new plan, mentioning that Mr. Heimbach ties into a manhole different from the Klinger's. The next step is for Township staff to review the documents.

### **ENTECH ENGINEERING REPORT:**

#### 1) Low Pressure Specs

Mr. Boggs said the pump specs are prepared, and he has forwarded them to Andy Stump for review to ensure his product meets the specs.

#### 2) Wyomissing Interceptor Project

Mr. Boggs stated that construction on the Wyomissing Interceptor Project has started. Mr. Boggs said during a review of the construction plans with Wyomissing Borough staff (currently working on the West Lawn Interceptor Project), it was discovered that a small Township stub that will be incorporated into their project was the incorrect size, showing 12" instead of 15". Wexcon, Inc. will submit a change order to correct the information on the plan because they have already submitted the cost for the work. Mr. Boggs presented the Change Order#1 for the Wyomissing Interceptor, with documentation from Wyomissing that they approve paying for the change order at an additional cost of \$5303.80.

*Motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Wyomissing Interceptor Project, to be paid by Wyomissing Borough was made by Mr. Kreider and seconded by Mr. Schannauer. After roll call, All Committee Members present voted affirmatively, with Mr. Kocher abstaining, noting that he could not hear all of the conversation on ZOOM on this particular topic.*

*MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1*

#### 3) Payment Application—Wexcon, Inc.'s Payment Application #2 for the Wyomissing Interceptor Project - The payment application is for work completed on the project as of May 31, 2024, in the amount of \$392,569.070. Accordingly, Entech recommends approval of the payment.

**ENTECH ENGINEERING REPORT** (Continued)

3) Payment Application—Wexcon, Inc.'s Payment Application #2 for the Wyomissing Interceptor Project (Continued)

*Motion to recommend approval of Payment Application #2 to Wexcon, Inc. was made by Mr. Schannauer and seconded by Mr. Kreider. Upon roll call, All Committee Members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

4) Sludge Press Project

Mr. Boggs stated that the project plans have been submitted and would like to get the project out to bid as soon as possible. The scope of work was discussed, and Mr. Boggs confirmed for Ms. Ehrlich that he would distribute updated costs for the project.

*The motion to recommend approval to authorize Entech Engineering, Inc. to bid out the Sludge Press Project was made by Mr. Kreider and seconded by Mr. Schannauer. Upon roll call, All Committee Members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED*

**Public Works Director/WWTP Superintendent**

Mr. Darrah stated that Schlouch, Inc. completed the work with the wall at the swale at the WWTP.

**Streets & Stormwater**

Mr. Darrah reported that the 2024 Pre-Construction Road Work Meeting is this week. The maintenance portion of the project is scheduled to begin the third week of July, and he noted that numerous ADA ramps need to be redone.

**Active Developments**

Mr. Moll said that because of the work on the Wyomissing Interceptor, the Township entered into agreements with various developments regarding how and when they could connect their sewer, with one of those developments being the Hofmann tract. The Hofmann Tract is ready to build its last two (2) buildings. Now that the Township has data on the apartments that have been constructed and mostly occupied (6 total), staff can determine actual flows. Mr. Moll said that the flows are less than what was anticipated. Staff looked into this, and Mr. Boggs will review and confirm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Ms. Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L Rossi  
Township Secretary