

## Board of Supervisors

### MINUTES

January 27, 2009

Jim Brownlow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Supervisors Present:** Karen Bedics, Jim Brownlow, Barbara Lindtner and Rob Zisko. **Absent:** Volker Oakey  
**Also present:** Sandy Everitt, Secretary/Treasurer; Bob Wynn, Township Engineer; Scott MacNair, Township Solicitor, and Rich Schilling, Township Manager.

### Approval of Minutes

After requesting a change in the GIS discussion in the November 11, 2008, minutes, Barbara Lindtner **moved** to accept the minutes of November 11, 2008, as amended. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Barbara Lindtner **moved** to approve the minutes of November 25, 2008, as distributed. Jim Brownlow **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Barbara Lindtner asked to reword the in the last sentence last paragraph on Page 2 in the December 9, 2008 minutes. Rob Zisko **moved** to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008, as amended. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion passed unanimously.

Rob Zisko **moved** to accept the December 30, 2008, minutes as distributed. Jim Brownlow **seconded**; the motion **carried** with Barbara Lindtner **abstaining**.

Rob Zisko **moved** to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009, Reorganization meeting as distributed. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

### Bills for Approval

Rob Zisko **moved** to approve the bills list for \$164,258.98 from December 10, 2008 to January 23, 2009 and January 24, 2009, through January 27, 2009, bills list totaling \$22,332.72. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

### Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

**Hans Reimann** inquired how the price per acre for the Rolling Hills subdivision could be justified. He was advised this was part of a negotiated settlement agreement.

### Planning Matters

**Reed (Schnell) Subdivision – Extension Request for 1 year for completion of final plan conditions** – Karen Bedics **moved** to accept an additional 1-year extension on the Reed/Schnell Subdivision. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

**Christ Subdivision – Request of developer to accept completion of improvements and commencement of 18-month maintenance period** – Rob Zisko **moved** to accept the completion of improvements and commencement of 18-month maintenance period. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

**Rolling Hills – Extension of the 30-day review requirement as stated in the Stipulation of Settlement -** Barbara Lindtner **moved** to approve a 30-day extension to submit preliminary final plans conditional upon the developer agreeing to any reasonable request for an extension that the Township Engineer has to review the preliminary final plans. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Cardboard Recycling Update** – The carrier offered to weld lids and repaint the containers for \$550. The Township would also need to purchase forks for the loader at approximately \$1000. \$2000 has been budgeted for the recycling. The logistics of economics and funding will be worked out before April 1 before moving forward.

**Open Space Partnership discussion** – There was a lengthy discussion about clarifying the role of the Open Space Committee and the role the township’s paid open space coordinator, Ted Evans. The Committee is concerned about the status of the revision of the Open Space Plan. The original date given for completion of the plan was September 2008, and Rob Zisko stated that in order to obtain available funding, timely revision of the Open Space Plan is vital. The Committee also wants Ted Evans to submit billing on a regular basis. The consensus of the Board was to request a status report on ongoing projects and expected dates for completion from Ted Evans. Ted Evans works for the Township, not the Open Space Committee. The Committee is to work through the Township Manager to communicate with Ted Evans so that the Board is informed. Karen Bedics feels Ted Evans’ bills should contain more detail about what he is doing for the invoiced amount.

### **New Business**

**Presentation on the PA Highlands** – Jennifer Heisey from the Mid-Atlantic Appalachian Mountain Club presented the board with plans for a trail project proposed to run through the Township. No specific route has been decided upon, but they are looking for the best route to get from Riegelsville to the Green Lane area. Ms. Lindtner noted that the Township is starting the process with DCNR for a Parks and Recreation Plan. The funding status will be known in November 2009.

**Possible appointment of UBREMS as Township Primary Ambulance Provider -** UBREMS inquired if the Township could request that they be designated as first responders along the Route 309 corridor including emergencies at Valley View Manor or traffic accidents occurring along the Springfield Township section of Route 309 in order to increase revenue. St. Luke’s and Coopersburg currently serve that area. It will not cost the Township any money. Karen presented a draft letter that could be used in requesting this change.

Karen Bedics **moved** to send a letter designating UBREMS as primary ambulance for Springfield Township to the County Commissioners and County Emergency Coordinator. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

**ATT Request for Supervisors input on possible cell tower placement at Springtown Fire Co.** – Christopher Schubert, attorney for ATT, asked the board to provide input regarding the proposed installation of a 180-foot cell tower at the fire company. It was the consensus of the Board that the Springtown Fire Co. location was not suitable for the cell tower. They suggested checking with the Springtown Rod and Gun Club and the Silver Creek Athletic Association, either of which the Board felt would not have the physical site constraints that are involved with the Fire Department grounds.

**Possible Addendum for Act 537 Agreement** – Barbara Lindtner **moved** to approve Addendum (Amendment) #1 to the Lombardo Associates, Inc., contract to complete the Act 537 revision at a price not to exceed \$229,323 as presented with the January 22, 2009, Township Engineer review letter. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

**Fee Schedule Update** – Barbara Lindtner **moved** to approve the revised fee schedule Resolution 2009-003. (Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

**Street Light Assessment Tax** – Bob Wynn suggested that there should be a closer review to see what parcels should be included in the Springtown street light district, and to consider what the impact would be using an equal assessment per property versus a front footage.

Rob Zisko **moved** to approve Resolution 2009-004 increasing the street light tax to cover increased electric charges for the lights from PPL and to have the Township Engineer put in writing his recommendation on how to proceed in reviewing Springtown street light taxes. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously. Based upon the 2009 street light costs for each Street Light District, the annual assessments shall be as follows:

<b>DISTRICT</b>		<b>ASSESSMENT</b>
District 1	Springtown	\$ 0.42/Foot
District 2	Trolley Bridge Circle	\$98.11/Parcel
District 3	Rowland Lane	\$72.73/Parcel
District 4	Sonny Lane	\$34.09/Parcel
District 5	Spring Hill (Woodbyne)	\$18.71/Parcel

**Appointment of SAIC as Township Hydrologist Consultant** – Karen Bedics **moved** to appoint SAIC as the Township’s Geologic Review Consultant for 2009 at the rates outlined in their January 13, 2009, proposal letter. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

**Public Comments - None**

**Supervisors Comments**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Open Space issues. Because of the concerns of the Open Space Committee and their request to have roles clarified, Jim Brownlow suggested that a copy of these minutes be forwarded to the Committee when approved. Karen expressed concern about paying large amounts to developers for properties instead of using Open Space funds to preserve property of small landowners. Jim Brownlow pointed out that in both cases, open space was being preserved.

Rob Zisko **moved** to drop the townships appeal of the Palumbo’s Zoning Hearing Board decision. The motion **died** for lack of a second.

After discussion, Barbara Lindtner **moved** to change the Board meetings to the second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of each month until July. Barbara has college classes on Tuesday nights and she would miss both monthly Board meetings through June without this change. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Barbara Lindtner would like to work on a project list for supervisors for 2009. Jim requested that each supervisor provide him with a list of projects they would like Board to work on in 2009, and he will combine them into a master list for discussion at a future meeting.

**Adjournment**

At 10:30 p.m., Jim Brownlow **moved** to adjourn the meeting and to hold an executive session. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Everitt  
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: February 10, 2009  
Approved: April 8, 2009