

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

October 14, 2008

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Jim Brownlow, Barbara Lindtner, Volker Oakey and Rob Zisko.

Also present: Sandy Everitt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Laudenslager, Chief of Police; Susan Piette, Solicitor; and Rich Schilling, Township Manager.

Jim Brownlow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board held an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Approval of Minutes

Karen Bedics **moved** to accept the September 23, 2008, minutes as presented. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Bills for Approval

Barbara Lindtner noted that the Lombardo Associates bill (\$38,797.43) listed on the October 10 – 14, 2008, bills listing is for the consultant assisting the township to revise the Act 537 plan. When this revision is complete, PA state grant funds will reimburse the township for 50% of the total expenses. Rob Zisko noted that on the September 24 – October 9, 2008, bills listing there are two large payments related to the PPL litigation--an \$18,000 bill to Lanzalotta & Associates and a \$2,530.05 payment to Scott Rubin, bringing the total PPL litigation expenses to date to \$111,585.67. Rob Zisko **moved** to approve the bills for \$52,862.44 from September 24 – October 9, 2009, and the bills for \$48,257.33 from October 10 – 14, 2008. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Sandy Everitt, Treasurer, requested permission to pay an additional charge of \$1,650.76 related to paving the center of the Allison Road cul-de-sac of the Penn Meadows Subdivision from the Highway Capital Improvement Fund. The Board previously approved payment of expenditures up to \$2,500. The total cost for this project was \$4,150.76. Rich Schilling advised the additional cost was due to the increased asphalt cost. Rob Zisko **moved** to authorize an additional payment of \$1,650.76 from the Highway Capital Improvement Fund to pay Asphalt Maintenance Solutions bill. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Reports

Road Report – Posted - Karen Bedics asked if vandalized signs (spray painted, etc.) could be cleaned and reused and was told by Rich Schilling that they could be cleaned and refaced at a cost of about \$15. Karen suggested that the work done on Funks Mill Road following a heavy rain validated the erosion concerns expressed by resident Lana Horne at a prior meeting. Rich Schilling felt her concerns were more about expansion of the road surface than erosion. Rich. Karen asked Rich to provide information to the supervisors about what work the road crew did.

Code Enforcement – Posted – Rob Zisko requested details on the Walker Fuel Zoning Hearing Board application. Rich Schilling gave an application to the Board to review. Rob also requested information about the problem with a deck the Gappa family wanted to enlarge. Rich explained that Dave Taylor stopped at a home where a deck was being built because he did not have a permit on file for the work. The homeowner did not realize a permit was required to replace a deck. Dave explained because it was also being enlarged, a permit was required. The homeowner applied for a permit the following day. Upon review, Dave realized that with the expansion, the deck was encroaching into flood plain. For this reason, engineering plans would be required and a variance sought from the Zoning Hearing Board before work on the deck could proceed. Dave explained to Mr. Grappa that FEMA makes floodplain designations, not the township, and that the homeowner would need to contact FEMA to try to have the floodplain designation removed for their property. The homeowner is very frustrated by the situation. Rich Schilling suggested the homeowner write a letter and appear before the Board to let them know how this provision of the Ordinance is affecting him, but the township has not received a letter. Rob Zisko feels that this situation highlights that the township's Zoning Ordinance is overly restrictive. He does not feel that the homeowner should have to pay

\$800 to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for permission to extend an existing deck 5'. Rich explained that although FEMA designates floodplains, the township's ordinance requires a homeowner to obtain a variance before any structure can encroach into a floodplain. From his experience, if municipalities do not follow FEMA guidelines, they can lose their FEMA standing, which could result in no FEMA funding should a disaster occur within the township. Jim Brownlow asked if the deck extension would be permitted if it were cantilevered (no extension to the ground). Rich referred that question to Dave Taylor. Jim asked if there was some way the fee schedule could be adjusted for a resident who lives on a property. Rich Schilling said the Ordinance setting fees would need to be revised at the Reorganization Meeting.

Karen asked for an update about previously discussed improvements for the former gas station in Pleasant Valley. Unofficially, Rich heard that the owner was not pursuing the land development plans and may be closing down, possibly because of some DEP issues.

Police Report – posted on the website – The police investigated 66 incidents, of which 11 were criminal offenses. There was \$7,446 of stolen property with no property recovered. Springfield police handled an accident on Slifer Valley Road involving one vehicle with no injuries. Barbara Lindtner asked about two robberies that occurred within the township last week. Chief Laudenslager stated one occurred on Tumblebrook Road while a resident was at home and was not a forcible entry. He underscored the importance of residents keeping their doors locked at all times. The other involved forcible entry to a home on Gallows Hill Road where guns were stolen. That home had a functioning alarm system that was not in use at the time of the burglary. Residents with home alarm systems should use them.

Township Manager's Report – On September 18, Rich met with the Pension Committee and Investment Consultants. The Committee will be investigating what action can be taken to better our pension exposure in light of the current economic situation. On September 22, Rich met with Ms. Hill, representing the Upper Bucks SPCA. They are looking at several potential properties for a new SPCA location, one within Springfield Township. Rich will review the zoning for the property and get back to Ms. Hill. On September 27, Rich attended the EAC's first tire recycling day, which was a productive event with excellent results. On October 2, Rich met with Barb Lindtner and residents interested in serving on a Recreation Committee. This group will meet again in January 2009. On October 8, he met with Barbara Lindtner and Paul Gordon, Bucks County planner, on Recreation and Trails. Bucks County is doing a countywide plan and requested input about what Springfield Township is planning. Rich has been working with department heads to finalize the 2009 draft budget. He will present a preliminary draft budget for the October 28 Board meeting and hopes to present the final draft budget at the November 11 Board meeting. Rich asked that Supervisors submit projects they would like to see implemented in 2009 so they can be integrated into the budget for discussion.

Fire Police Oath Ceremony

Jim Brownlow administered the Fire Police Oath to **Gary Bishop**. Rob Zisko moved to appoint Gary as a Springtown Fire police officer. Barbara Lindtner seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Jim Brownlow congratulated Gary and the audience gave an ovation for him.

Report on the 2007 Financial Statement of Springfield Township

Cheri Freeh, CPA; Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, P.C.; reviewed the 2007 financial audit (first CPA audit for the township) they performed for Springfield Township. Each supervisor received a bound report prior to the meeting. She noted that the income for 2007 was higher (\$9,231) than forecasted in the budget and the expenses were less than what were budgeted (\$33,392), increasing the fund balance at year-end to \$42,000. She highlighted the Management Report (pages 1 – 3). The township records are in very good shape with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. They made the following management recommendations:

1. **Investments** – This recommendation, pertaining to pension plan investments, is that some bonds are in funds with CAAA1 to BAA1 ratings (\$130,086), while the Township's investment policy only permits investments in fixed income securities with an A rating or better. This recommendation was shared with Smith Barney, the township's pension investment company. Smith Barney responded that this could be an "average" rating of A or higher. Cheri said the Township is obligated to follow the Pennsylvania Fiduciary Investment Act, which offers two options: follow a specific list of types of investments permitted or use a prudent person guideline.

2. **Compliance with Bonding Requirements** – One of the main reasons for switching to a CPA audit was to permit a higher bond for the treasurer. Information from the DCED indicates treasurers should be bonded for funds they have at their disposal at any one time. In further research, Cheri pulled out the actual law (§65502, §65701 and §65702 – Second Class Township Code) provides that the amount of the bond is to be established by the Board of Supervisors in an amount they feel is adequate to cover funds handled on a regular basis by the treasurer.
3. **Bidding Process Documentation** – They made several administrative suggestions to improve the documentation of the bidding process, including proper advertising with a record the advertising took place in the bid packet as well as documentation of the bids received and the award made on a control sheet.
4. **Escrow Fund Disbursements** – They recommend that an additional person approve escrow payments as well as each invoice being stamped paid. She suggested giving a list of bills to be paid to Rich Schilling or some other individual for review. Barbara Lindtner suggested a master sign-off sheet be placed with checks that supervisors sign and they can sign off as having reviewed the checks they signed.
5. **Act 537 Escrow Fund Depositories** – Cheri noted that several accounts were opened which did not appear to have Board approval and all new bank accounts should have Board approval. She suggested that at the annual Reorganization Meeting when the bank depository is approved, the Board could do a blanket approval stating that the treasurer has the ability to open an escrow account at an approved depository.
6. **Zion Hill Sewer Project Fund** – There appear to be inconsistencies as to whether interest (and what rate of interest) is being charged on funds owed to the Township by residents for their MTSWA sewer hook ups. The Board should set a policy determining whether interest is to be charged and if so, in what amount.
7. **Pension Plan Account Statements** – Although the initial recommendation was that the uniform and non-uniform pension plans be separated, it is understood from Smith Barney that this could be expensive for the plans because of the size of our plans. Smith Barney is reviewing whether the reports for each plan can be separated, as they must be reported separately in audit statements. Rich Schilling stated that the Township directed that these reports be separated in the future.

Cheri encouraged the Board to call them if they had any questions during the year. She indicated that the Township records are in very good shape.

Karen Bedics asked for an update about what payment efforts are being made to repay the loans related to the Zion Hill Sewer hook ups. Sandy Everitt, Treasurer, stated there are only three unpaid accounts remaining. She located written documentation where the Board changed the interest rate from 5% to 3.5%. However, since monthly billing has not taken place for some time, the interest has been added at the time of final payoff of loans in the past. All debt holders are elderly people whose properties have liens upon them. The total unpaid debt is \$20,720 (without interest added). Sandy will check whether the agreements signed by these property owners advised them interest would be charged on unpaid balances.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Debbie Yerger asked if either 4-way stop signs or a traffic light could be placed at the dangerous intersection at State Road and Richlandtown Pike. Rich Schilling prepared a draft letter for Board authorization to submit to PennDOT requesting at minimum, 4-way stop signs and blinking lights at that intersection. It includes statistics compiled by Chief Laudenslager about accidents that have occurred from 1997 – 2008. From 1997 – October 2008 Springfield Township Police handled 19 crashes, involving 39 vehicles, 11 injuries with no fatalities. 14 of the 19 crashes involving injuries or vehicle towing. PA State Police have handled 12 crashes, involving 3 injuries and 1 fatality (2007 – 2008). Rich indicated that because both these roads are state roads, PennDOT is responsible to take appropriate safety measures.

Jim Brownlow moved formal discussion of Item 3, New Business, to this part of the meeting.

Rich Pursell, Road Master, advised that PennDOT engineers have looked at the site already and have some plans for safety measures. The purpose of the Township's letter to PennDOT will be to encourage speedy implementation of those measures, as the Township's letter will also go to legislators.

Cindy McCurdy does not think a 4-way stop sign will solve the problem. She referred to the recently installed 3-way stop sign on California & Pumping Station Road, which she said people go through without fully stopping.

Chief Laudenslager feels it is important to press PennDOT to take prompt action, because there is often a significant time lag between the time they become aware of a safety issue and corrective action actually takes place. For example, a safety audit of another dangerous township intersection (Routes 212/412) was performed over a year ago with recommendations made to PennDOT and no corrective action has yet taken place.

After a lengthy discussion, Barbara Lindtner **moved** to authorize Rich Schilling to write two separate letters to PennDOT expressing the township's concern about the State Road/Richlandtown Pike intersection and the Route 212/412 intersection west of Springtown, with copies of both letters going to township legislators. The letters should request that corrective action be taken in a timely fashion. Jim Brownlow **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Karen Bedics also thinks that a *Deer Crossing* sign is needed on Richlandtown Pike between the Passer Community Center and Keystone Road. She suggested placement near the Cook's Creek Bridge before Keller's open fields or past the sharp turn at Skriletz's going north. The former motion was **amended** (by Barbara Lindtner) and **seconded** (by Jim Brownlow) to include 3 letters with the third request being for installation of a *Deer Crossing* sign in one of the suggested locations. The amended motion **passed** unanimously.

Old Business

1. Update on Tire Recycling – Jim Brownlow commended Cindy McCurdy, the EAC and all volunteers involved for their work on this project. Cindy McCurdy thanked the EAC and citizen volunteers who assisted in this very "dirty" project as well as township residents for their support. Although the trailer capacity was for 800 tires, by careful stacking, 930 tires were placed in the trailer. \$2,010 was collected, and after expenses of \$713, the event earned a profit of \$1,200 for the township. The EAC will request that \$1,200 be available in the 2009 budget for EAC projects. They would like to conduct another tire-recycling event in 2009. Cindy will provide a memo outlining projects the EAC plans to use the \$1,200 for in 2009.

2. Community Day Wrap Up – Rose Strong thanked the 5-member committee, the township staff, Karen Bedics, along with a number of community volunteers for their help and support. The 2008 Community Day was a very successful event, despite a change in location and date, which caused a decline in attendance. Although the Springtown Rod and Gun Club was a dream to work with as they hosted this year's event. However, Springtown Fire Department called upon fire police from 4 other departments because of the one-lane entrance and other safety factors associated with the site. Mr. Miller, Gun Club president, was most accommodating to all the committee's needs and requests. Rose shared a number of accomplishments achieved at this year's event:

- \$216 raised from the Dunk Tank to purchase market gift certificates for the Lions Club to give to needy families in the community over the holiday season;
- 107 pounds of non-perishable food collected for the Quakertown Food Pantry from attendees;
- Adoption of a rescued dog introduced to a family on Community Day by the Center for Animal Health & Welfare;
- Responses received from people who received information from Bucks County Department of Health's Well Women Program on mammograms, WIC Program and child immunizations.
- Much-needed funds raised by the Springtown Fire Department from the sale of refreshments.

The Committee raised \$2,795 in donations and they were allotted \$4,000 in the budget, which they exceeded by \$907.71. The Committee plans to move back to Silver Creek Athletic Association for the 2009 event. Rose obtained a contract from Silver Creek giving the Committee all that they requested in return for a \$300 donation. The last weekend of September is the desired "fixed" date for what the Committee hopes will be an annual event. Mike Gawronski of the Springtown Fire Department volunteered to work with the committee to obtain business donations for the 2009 event. Next year's event date is September 26, 2009. It was the consensus of the Board that the committee should proceed with plans for the 2009 event as related. Jim Brownlow thanked Rose and the committee for their dedicated work on this event.

3. Peppermint Land Lease Agreement – Rob Zisko questioned whether a provision of the original Kurtesan sale agreement might preclude horses using the walking trail. Rich Schilling will check that original agreement. Number 3 of the lease agreement will be changed by putting a period after "walking trail" in the last sentence (eliminating people or horses). Karen Bedics **moved** to authorize Rich to forward the township Ground Lease Agreement as amended for July 8, 2008 through December 31, 2011, to Paul

Longacre for execution, after which the Board will accept and execute the Agreement. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

4. Nuisance Ordinance – Susan Piette, Clemons, Richter, Walsh & Reiss, said that this ordinance would replace Ordinance 48, which speaks to nuisances within the township. The basic change in the draft ordinance is that it qualifies that “nuisances” must also pose a risk of danger.

Rob Zisko asked for clarification of a legal term *assumpsit* used in Section 05. Ms. Piette stated that it means to put a cloud on the title of a property so that the township could reclaim any funds to which they were entitled that the owner had not paid. Discussion clarified that a “dangerous structure” would be a building, garage, shed, etc. (a building with walls). Rob questioned the level of penalties. Susan explained it was to give the ordinance power. Jim Brownlow feels that Section 2.D. is vague. He asked who would interpret what is “unreasonable” or “unwarrantable” use of public or private property. Rich Schilling said the Zoning Officer would have to make that determination until the situation went to a court level where a judge would make the final decision. Jim asked if this ordinance addresses uncut weeds/lawns. Rich Schilling said a property maintenance code would address this issue, not a nuisance ordinance. Rob Zisko requested removal of the 10% penalty from Sections 5.A & B.

Barbara Lindtner **moved** to authorize advertising of the draft nuisance ordinance with the change to Section 5, A & B., eliminating “together with a penalty of ten percent (10%).” Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

New Business

1. Resignation of Judy Franlin, Auditor – Jim Brownlow noted that Judy Franlin, recently elected and only remaining auditor, submitted a letter of resignation. No applications came in when earlier advertising took place for replacements for Frank Nekoranik and Dick Weigner. If the township advertises again and receives no applications, it will have to follow the Second Class Township Code, which states that a court will have to fill the vacancies. Karen Bedics **moved** to accept the resignation of Judy Franlin as auditor and authorize advertising for a replacement to complete Judy’s 6-year term. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

2. Authorization for Fuel Bid Advertising – Barbara Lindtner **moved** to authorize advertising of the fuel bids. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

3. Traffic Safety at Richlandtown Pike and State Road Intersection (covered under Public Comment)

4. Compilation of Easement & Deed Restriction Data – The township has not tracked conservation easements or deed restrictions placed upon Springfield Township properties, although a significant number of both have occurred. Barbara Lindtner suggested that the Parks & Recreation Committee could take compilation of prior easements and restrictions on as a work project. They would use Bob Wynn’s master list of all township subdivisions as a resource. She suggested beginning from 1995 when easements and restrictions became a common occurrence as part of subdivisions. When the data is available, it could be interfaced with the Act 537 mapping, coloring the easement areas on properties. Rich Schilling feels that he and the Zoning Officer should begin this procedure. Terry Clemons had some suggestions as to how this could be accomplished cost effectively in a timely manner. Jim Brownlow feels the concept is great and this needs to be available, but this is only part of a great deal of other information that the township will need to gather. A good amount of information will be available on the maps currently in process as part of the Act 537 revision. Jim feels the township should investigate what data should be gathered about each tax map parcel and if there is a database available that will permit input of this information and future management. Then, whenever a property comes in for review by the township (building permit, lot-line adjustment, zoning variance, etc.), a complete history on that property would be available. Rich Schilling attended a workshop last year on such a database. Dave Taylor and Rich Schilling will be talking to Lombardo Associates shortly about what parcel information will be available as part of the Act 537 revision. Susan Piette stated that Clemons, Richter, Walsh & Reiss records conservation easements and deed restrictions on documents they prepare. Barbara is concerned about the subdivisions prior to when Clemons, Richter, Walsh and Reiss was the township solicitor.

It was the consensus of the Board that Rich Schilling research this and come back to the Board with a recommendation about how to proceed. Rob Zisko offered to assist identifying properties with deed restrictions or easements.

5. **Police Officer Hiring** – Chief Laudenslager presented two officers for Board approval to hire:
- Ronald Jacoby – currently a full-time police officer in Lower Saucon Township Police Department, living in the Hellertown area. Ron’s starting salary will be \$57,448.
 - Jules Sepulveda – currently a full-time police officer in North Wales Borough Police Department, living in the Quakertown area. Jule’s starting salary will be \$46,000.

Jim Brownlow added that the hiring process included a review board that interviewed six applicants. Both finalist applicants have undergone numerous tests, including background investigations, physical fitness, psychological testing, polygraph, etc. Following these tests, the Board interviewed both officers in executive session. The officers would also receive benefits contained within the police contract and would be subject to a one-year probation period.

Jim Brownlow **moved** that the township hire Ronald Jacoby and Jules Sepulveda as full-time police officers with a start date of November 3, 2008, at the salaries and with the stipulations noted above. Rob Zisko **seconded**.

Chief Laudenslager indicated that Officer Jacoby would be answering calls by December 1 and Officer Sepulveda on or about December 15. Rob Zisko noted that seven years ago we had a police department with five officers. With the addition of these officers, it is again up to four officers. He feels it is very important to improve the staffing level.

Jim Brownlow called for the question. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Correspondence

The township shared correspondence received today from Cynthia Lofton on Allison Road with the Board and with Terry Clemons. Rich forwarded a copy to Terry Clemons for review. Some time ago, several residents from Allison Road came before the Board about removal of the cul-de-sac center and they asserted that Ms. Lofton removed trees along the sidewalks, which should not have been removed. Springfield Township Police investigated, and advised Ms. Lofton what she needed to do. She responded in writing to the Board outlining her case, stating Barbara Smith, former township manager, gave her permission to remove the dead trees. She expressed an interest in appearing before the Board at the next meeting if they need more information. Susan Piette asked if the police spoke with Barbara Smith regarding this situation. Chief Laudenslager said Officer McDonald spoke to Barbara Smith who stated she “would never give that kind of authorization, since the trees could be replaced subject to the financial security agreement.” The police also interviewed the landscaper who removed the trees. He said he “would never chop down a viable tree.” Scott MacNair does not believe the District Attorney’s office would prosecute this case. Bob Wynn estimated a \$300 per tree cost estimate for replacement of 26 trees. Rich thinks this cost can be lowered. He feels there are too many trees remaining along Allison Road, and he could suggest that Ms. Lofton’s landscaper move every other live tree and replace the trees she is required to replace. It was the consensus of the Board that the Township Manager be authorized to work with Cynthia Lofton to come to a suitable resolution.

Sandy Everitt, Treasurer, referring to the PA Department of Transportation letter received about the 2009 Liquid Fuels allotment, stated that the allocation for 2009 is \$7,700 less than was received in 2008. However, that projection did not include the new roads added to the Township’s Liquid Fuels listing during 2008. She will advise the Board of additional funding for the added roads when the township receives that notification. For the residents, Rich Schilling noted that the current projection for 2009 Liquid Fuels income is \$192,695.30, but with the addition of the roads submitted this year, he expects to make up the \$7,700 shortfall.

Public Comments

Rose Strong asked if the two new police officers have something in their contract requiring them to volunteer for the Dunk Tank. Chief Laudenslager will discuss this “opportunity” with them! (Chief Laudenslager has already volunteered to serve in the Dunk Tank again in 2009’s event – he was the star “dunkee,” per Rose Strong!)

Supervisors Comments

Karen Bedics requested the Board to appoint her as the Board liaison to UBREMS, since Mr. Wieder has been unable to attend their meetings. Rob Zisko **moved** to appoint Karen Bedics to represent Springfield Township at the UBREMS meetings. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**. Voting **Yes**: Jim Brownlow, Barbara Lindtner, Volker Oakey, Rob Zisko. **Abstaining**: Karen Bedics. Karen also commented on the following:

- UBREMS will be holding a Halloween "Safe Stop" Open House on October 31 at Springfield Station 141 and Station 142 on Route 611 in Revere.
- Debbie Godshall prepared a list containing VOAD volunteers contact information. Rich Schilling and Karen will be meeting on October 16 with Will Helm and Mike Guarino to go over the Township Emergency Preparedness Plan currently in place.
- Bucks County is offering free flu shots. Information is available on the township's website or at the township building. Bucks County is offering this free service not only to help county residents but also to help the county determine how quickly and easily they can vaccinate large numbers of people should a pandemic occur.

Karen suggested that the township hold the November 25 meeting in Zion Hill. The Board concurred, and Rich will advertise this change in location. She would also like the new police officers to attend a future meeting to meet the public. Rich will plan this for the first Board meeting after the officers have their full uniforms.

She asked how the Board feels about posting *No Hunting* signs on the township property on Peppermint Road. She feels with the deer population in the township coupled with the walking trail on the township property, this poses a risk to those who utilize the trail. Rich Schilling stated that he is also concerned about the liability of hunters shooting near the municipal lot where there are gas tanks. Susan Piette feels it is prudent for the township to post *No Hunting* signs on township property.

Karen Bedics **moved** to have *No Hunting* signs posted on township-owned property. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Rob Zisko said that the Ag Security Committee needed to meet to review some applications recently received. The Committee will forward these applications to the Board and to the Planning Commission to review. Rob offered to attend the November Planning Commission meeting in case there are any questions on the property applications.

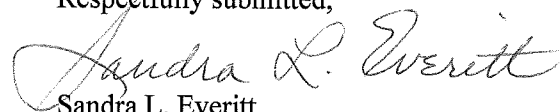
Charlie Diehl had a fire at his commercial garage and one section burned down. Rob questioned why Mr. Diehl had to pay a permit fee to rebuild the garage. Rich Schilling suggested that Mr. Diehl's insurance should cover the cost for the required permit. Jim asked Rob whether Charlie Diehl asked to have this fee waived. Rob said Mr. Diehl contacted him and was concerned that he would have to pay this fee to replace a burned down building. Charlie served on the Board of Supervisors for at least 12 years and he actually helped to build the Township Building. Rob feels the cost being imposed upon Mr. Diehl to rebuild his building is exorbitant—engineers to design the building to make it handicap accessible, permit fees, etc. Rich Schilling noted that the township does not control most of these requirements. The state controls them under UCC regulations. Susan Piette suggested it was not a good precedent to give fee "breaks" because someone is a "nice guy." It will set a precedent that will be difficult to defend when the next person asks for this same break.

Jim Brownlow is not comfortable giving "breaks" because someone is a nice person. If Mr. Diehl presents a hardship (no insurance coverage, etc.) situation, he would be comfortable considering his request on that basis. Rob Zisko asked why the township waived the fee when the Keller's barn burned. Jim said the Kellers came in and asked the supervisors to waive the fee. Jim would like additional information about the circumstances before he makes a decision on this.

Adjournment

At 10:25 p.m. p.m., Volker Oakey **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Jim Brownlow **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra L. Everitt
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: October 28, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

Approved: November 25, 2008 (as amended)

10/10/08

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BILLS LIST SUMMARY & TOTAL
September 24 through October 9, 2008

	<u>Sep 24 - Oct 9, 08</u>
Atlas of PA, Inc.	321.38
B. R. Scholl Sales & Service, Inc.	42.80
BARBARA LINDTNER	551.33
Clemens Uniform Rental	18.95
Clemons Richter Walsh & Reiss	5,153.40
COOPERSBURG MATERIALS	571.46
Delaware & Lehigh Natl. Heritage Corridor	62.00
DELTA DENTAL OF PENNA	642.66
Discreet Investigations	823.00
Donald W. Morrison, Ph.D.	450.00
E. M. KUTZ, INC.	265.79
Eagles Peak Spring Water	36.50
Emerald Garden	60.00
EVCO WEB DESIGN	142.49
FARM & HOME OIL COMPANY	1,080.71
Gerald L. Kramer, Inc.	702.85
GTS-Welco	58.85
Hanson Aggregates Inc	687.88
Home Depot Credit Services	63.92
Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, P.C.	1,000.00
International Code Council, Inc.	100.00
International Salt Company	9,320.61
Kiesel's Computer Services, LLC	148.75
L. Kenneth Hinkle & Son, LLC	50.00
Lanzalotta & Associates LLC	18,000.00
MRM WC Pooled Trust	7,773.00
NAPA of Ottsville	129.64
PENNY POWER	363.40
PSAB	95.00
Ricoh Americas Corp. (Police Copier)	89.00
Ricoh Americas Corporation (Police)	4.89
Sandra L. Everitt	349.81
Scott J. Rubin, Esq.	2,530.05
System Environmental Corporation	713.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	51.95
UPPER BUCKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	225.00
VILLAGE CENTER AUTOMOTIVE	100.19
WEHRUNG'S FAMILY HOME CENTER	82.18
TOTAL	<u>52,862.44</u>

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BILLS LIST SUMMARY & TOTAL
October 10 - 14, 2008

	<u>Oct 10 - 14, 08</u>
AT&T Louisville	385.92
Atlas of PA, Inc.	78.00
CCP INDUSTRIES	106.37
Guidemark, Inc.	650.00
HealthAssurance PA, Inc	6,488.09
John C Cory Jr and Jane Lippincott	9.49
Lombardo Associates, Inc.	38,797.43
MARK S. LAUDENSLAGER	10.24
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	258.66
Richard H. Schilling	468.69
Ricoh Americas Corporation	294.78
Ricoh Americas Corporation (Copies)	509.67
Sprint	49.99
Steven Riskin	150.00
TOTAL	<u><u>48,257.33</u></u>