

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**October 24, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Jim Brownlow. Members present were Vice Chairman Chuck Halderman, Rob Zisko and Karen Bedics. Professional staff present in attendance: Solicitor Clemons, Township Engineer Wynn, Township Manager Richard Schilling, Township Treasurer Sandy Everitt and Assistant Secretary Linda Bartholomew.

Brownlow stated there the board held an Executive Session before the regular meeting to discuss personnel matters and litigation that will be addressed later under Old Business.

**Bills for Approval:**

Brownlow motions to approve bills list for October 11, 2006 through October 20, 2006. Halderman seconds the motion. Bedics reports that the donation of \$20,000 is included in the bill list. Halderman notes that the police car radios are now done being paid. Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Bedics outlines corrections: Page 2. Palumbo stormwater waiver: Neil White invited Scott Douglas, not Bedics to the site on Sunday. Bedics states she did visit the site, but no one was there. All pronouns should be changed from “she” to “he.” She did suggest going with natural infiltration. Halderman motions to accept the minutes for the September 26, 2006 meeting as corrected. Zisko seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously to approve the motion.

**Minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Bedics corrects police department report, page 1, should state “approximately” 30 minutes later. Bedics motions to approve the minutes for the October 10, 2006 meeting as corrected. Halderman seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously to approve the motion.

**Public Comment:**

Dennis Steskal notes that the next supervisor meeting should be November 14<sup>th</sup> not October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Matters:**

**Haney Subdivision**

Wynn gives explanation on the extension request for 2 years to complete infiltration. Clemons states there is insufficient escrow on this account after deducting bills that have been paid. He has been in touch with owners. Everitt said Haney came in and paid the bill. Wynn recommends approval of two-year extension subject of payment. Zisko motions to approve extension in accordance with Wynn’s engineer letter dated October 12, 2006. Halderman seconds the motion. Bedics asks Wynn when they propose to start

construction next year. Wynn replies he is not sure when, but they will finish in 2008. Board votes unanimously to approve the motion.

#### Rossetti Subdivision

Wynn states that the applicant has requested an extension to complete improvements until April 1, 2007. Wynn recommends extension is granted until May 1, 2007. Improvements are financially guaranteed by First Savings Bank of Perkasio Letter of Credit. Zisko motions to request extension until May 2007 and in accordance with Wynn's engineer letter dated October 13, 2006. Brownlow seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Old Business:**

##### Britt Forestry Request

Wynn speaks to his correspondence dated October 17, 2006, which references the proposed site visit with EAC. Wynn attempted to set up meeting. He called Britt, who refused to meet and he said he does not want to do any more logging. He said he just wants to stop. Wynn encouraged him to put this in writing. Schilling said nothing has been received. Wynn let Scott Douglas know there is no meeting scheduled. Clemons states he violated the easement without getting a permit and writing from board of supervisors. He recommends a letter from board acknowledging logging ceased. In terms of environmental damage, nothing needs repair. The areas cut are tops of trees to the ground. Bedics asks how many trees were cut. Wynn states approximately a couple dozen. Halderman states he should replant the road. Schilling states Wynn and EAC were directed to go out. Wynn suggesting he could photo document the site. Bedics motions for Wynn to photo document the incident with EAC members to evaluate the site. Zisko suggests he will go out with one EAC member. Halderman seconds the motion. Brownlow asks if Wynn will bill the township. Schilling says he will bill the escrow that has been established. This was previously directed by the board. Board votes unanimously to approve the motion.

##### Heckenswiler Litigation

Brownlow states that the township needs to take action on current litigation and motions to authorize the solicitor to monitor Heckenswiler lawsuit on behalf of the board. Halderman seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Correspondence**

Brownlow notes that miscellaneous correspondence from the township solicitor and engineer is on file at municipal building.

#### **Public Comment:**

Dennis Steskal thanks the board for protecting the adjoining residents from well contamination by Springtown Knolls. In addition he received calls from neighbors that stormwater management design has a couple of easements where it looks like stormwater runs on to existing properties. That might affect the wells or the banks that connects to the properties. He wonders if we have reviewed the last stormwater management design from the developers to make sure the other property owners are not affected. Wynn said

the after development condition decreases the rate of runoff instead of increasing it. He does not know the location of the wells. They are factors that could affect water quality. Halderman asks why do they have a lined basin and now they are having infiltration. Has Littlefield been out to look at the site? Wynn states he does not know. Geologist's reports should be reviewed by Littlefield. Halderman's concerns are sinkholes and contamination of water. Bedics asks if Jeff should be sent a memo regarding the lots needing geologist's evaluation before Mease issues building permits. Wynn suggests every plot man should come to his office because they should not modify the grading of the lots where the placement would affect stormwater runoff. Schilling asks Wynn to contact Mease to coordinate this.

**Supervisors Comments:**

Halderman brings up Open Space Referendum letter. Schilling states a small change has made to letter clarifying that the referendum would not increase taxes. Halderman questions the easement wording and types of property like natural or agricultural. Clemons states the ordinance was already worded, and it was approved by the board and subsequently is on the ballot with specific language which is reflected in the flyer.

Bedics asks about voting machine demonstration. Schilling replies that Tina Schaffer will present this at the next breakfast at Springtown Fire Company on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Zisko mentioned the bridge repair, but it is not on the work session. Halderman says the board needs to move on getting that fixed because it's very unsafe.

Halderman motions to adjourn the regular meeting. Bedics seconds the motion. Brownlow states there is a work session on the budget and noise ordinance following the regular meeting. Board votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Schilling  
Township Manager/Secretary