

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

February 23, 2010

(Meeting held at Springtown Community Volunteer Fire Company, 3010 Route 212, Springtown, PA)

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Volker Oakey and Rob Zisko. **Absent:** Jim Brownlow and Barbara Lindtner
Also present: Sandy Everitt, Secretary/Treasurer; Scott MacNair, Co-Solicitor; and Rich Schilling, Township Manager. Present representing Lombardo Associates, Inc.: Pio Lombardo, P.I.; Gary Rubenstein, Project Engineer; and Jerid Grandinetti

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, Karen Bedics **moved** to nominate Rob Zisko as temporary chairman for this meeting. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Rob Zisko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Bedics **moved** to adopt as presented the minutes of the January 26, 2010, Board meeting. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Rob Zisko could not attend the Board meeting on February 9, 2010; therefore, consideration of those minutes was tabled until the February 23, 2010, meeting.

Bills for Approval

Volker Oakey **moved** to approve the following bills paid from February 9, 2010, through February 23, 2010:

1. General Fund	\$29,143.09	3. Subdivision & Escrow	\$ 4,574.25
2. Liquid Fuels	\$13,862.98		

Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Public Hearing for Draft Act 537 Plan

Scott MacNair presented procedural background on development of the revised Act 537 Plan. The proposed plan has been reviewed by the Planning Commissions of Springfield Township and Bucks County as well as by the Bucks County Department of Health. Public notice of the hearing was advertised in The Morning Call on December 4, 2009, to obtain public comment for a 30-day period; no written comments were received. The Township received proof of publication. The draft plan has been available since December 4 at the Springfield Township Municipal Building. The public hearing was again advertised in The Morning Call on February 9, 2009, and the Township received proof of publication. Mr. MacNair introduced Pio Lombardo of Lombardo Associates, Inc., the professional consultant firm contracted to assist the township with development of the revised plan. Mr. Lombardo gave a Power Point presentation summarizing the plan (copy available for review at the Township) and provided a one-page handout for residents and supervisors. Maps and plan materials were available for public review.

The hearing was opened for questions. The following residents asked questions and/or commented:

1. **Willard Weierbach** had questions regarding the required pumping of tanks and how much water one person uses per day (50-60 gallons).
2. **Hans Reimann** had questions about whether the plan included updated stream mapping (it does not) and various other components of the proposed plan.
3. **James Blakely** suggested that system inspections should be in a multiple of 3-years so that when the homeowner opened their tank for the required 3-year pumping, the inspection could occur at the same time.

There being no other questions or comments, the public comment period was closed at 8:30 p.m. Following adoption, the draft will be sent to DEP for their review. The Board did not have any additional questions or comments. Volker Oakey **moved** to adopt Resolution 2010-004 authorizing adoption of the the proposed revision of the Act 537 Plan. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Planning Matters

1. Walking Purchase Farms (a.k.a. Baker Tract Subdivision) TMP #s 42-12-48 & 42-12-48-3 - Sewage Facilities Planning Module Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development. Bob Wynn presented this Planning Module that was reviewed by the Springfield Township and Bucks County Planning Commissions and the Bucks County Health Department. The plan identifies two suitable test sites on each of the building lots. A resolution is required before it is submitted. Because she did not have an opportunity to review the module prior to the meeting and because she had some questions, Karen Bedics **moved** to table action until the February 23, 2010, meeting. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

2. Release of Escrow Funds for Lot 3 of the Rufe/Mease Subdivision – Scott Mease, current owner of this subdivision, requested the return to him of \$6,015.76 escrowed for completion of improvements on Lot 3. Mr. Mease will install the street trees (a subdivision requirement), but he sold Lot 3 to an adjacent property owner who has no plans to develop the property. Should future site development occur, the new owner would need to establish an escrow account to guarantee completion of the stormwater and driveway improvements. Volker Oakey **moved** to authorize release of \$6,015.76 to Scott Mease for Lot 3 of the Rufe Subdivision. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

New Business

1. Request from James Blakely to Connect his Property to the Milford/Trumbauersville Public Sewer System – Following conversations with Milford Township and the Milford/Trumbauersville Sewer Authority, Scott MacNair listed several things that need to be determined.

- Whether the Township's current Act 537 Plan (and the proposed revision of this plan adopted tonight) identifies Mr. Blakely's lot as being eligible for public sewer. If they do not, Mr. Blakely will need to apply for an Exception to the Township's Act 537 Plan.
- The Milford/Trumbauersville Sewer Authority will not approve the hook-up unless Milford Township permits them to do so. Mr. Blakely needs to contact Milford Township and request to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting to request the township to give their approval to the Sewer Authority to connect his property onto the public sewer system.

Bob Wynn told Mr. Blakely that there would be fees due to both Springfield Township and the Milford/Trumbauersville Sewer Authority should an EDU be available for him to hook-up to the system.

Karen Bedics **moved** that the Township write a letter to Milford Township indicating that the Board of Springfield Township discussed this issue and they are hopeful that the Board of Milford Township will permit Mr. Blakely's property to be added to the Milford/Trumbauersville Sewer System. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

2. Police Contract – The current police contract expired on January 2, 2010. The police have agreed to a one-year contract with no increase in 2010, but Rich Schilling asked the Board to review the financial condition of the Township at the end of 2010 for possible bonuses should funds be available. The police also agreed to a reduced level of benefits (primarily higher deductibles). Finally, the benefit currently in the agreement to cover the cost of health, dental and vision insurances for 5 years for the spouse of an officer killed in the line of duty was changed to state that this coverage would cease if the spouse remarries.

Volker Oakey **moved** to accept the one-year Police Contract for the period of January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

3. Stone Bid Authorization – Rob Zisko **moved** to authorize the advertisement for stone bids. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

4. Farm Market Manager Position – Laura Gardiner, Chairperson of the Farm Market Advisory Board, presented a request from the Advisory Board to permit them to hire a Manager and Market Development Associate to run the Farm Market this year. The prior chairperson volunteered 20- to 25-hours a week to provide administrative support to the Farm Market. The new Advisory Board is unable to continue that level of volunteer support. They have two uniquely qualified candidates who could provide the combined skills to make this pivotal year for the market successful. Ms. Gardiner indicated that the current projected Farm Market budget is \$14,600. The projected expenses are \$9,800

(which includes the salaries of both the Manager and the Development Associate). The Farm Market would like to change the market night from Wednesday to Thursday, which is currently being discussed with the Springtown Fire Department. Rich Schilling spoke with Jim Brownlow and Barbara Lindtner prior to this meeting about the dual manager proposal. Both were agreeable to the dual manager position, conditional upon the Market receiving the anticipated donation. Karen Bedics **moved** to appoint Joan Pavlica as Manager of the Springtown Farmers Market at a salary of \$3,000 and Megan Melick as Farm Market Development Associate at a salary of \$2,500, and to permit them to keep 20% of any sponsor donations they personally obtain. The appointments are contingent upon receiving the donation anticipated for the Farm Market. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Supervisors Comments

Karen Bedics thanked Pio Lombardo and his associates for coming from Massachusetts to present the new Act 537 Plan for the residents, despite the snowy weather

Karen provided statistical donor information to the Board from UBREMS. She is preparing a packet of additional information. She also noted UBREMS plans to purchase a new ambulance, utilizing a FEMA grant and a small loan.

Volker Oakey contacted Liberty Electric Company (new electrical provider for the Municipal offices) and they would be open to having a group of residents buy electricity as a “block.” He and Rich Schilling will discuss this further and present additional information at a later date.

Rob Zisko brought a request from the Open Space Committee for approval to get second appraisals for two properties they are currently reviewing. Rob Zisko **moved** to authorize the Open Space Committee to obtain second appraisals on two properties. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Adjournment

At 905 p.m., Rob Zisko **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Everitt
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: March 9, 2010
Approved: March 9, 2010 (as corrected)