

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 by Chairman Jim Brownlow. Members present were Vice Chairman Chuck Halderman, Rob Zisko and Karen Bedics.

**Ordinance #133 Municipal Risk Management Insurance Workers Compensation**

Karen Bedics moved to approve Ordinance #133 which authorizes Springfield Township to participate in the Municipal Risk Management Insurance Workers Compensation Pool. Second by Rob Zisko. Vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2006-010 – Resolution supporting the Springtown Source Water Protection Plan.**

Chuck Halderman moved to approve Resolution 2006-010. Second by Rob Zisko. Vote was unanimous.

**Authorize Jim McNamara to represent the Township at the Kellers Closing 3/10/06**

Rob Zisko moved to authorize Jim McNamara to represent the Township at the closing on 3/10/06. Second by Karen Bedics. Vote 3 YES. Chuck Halderman voted NO.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINT RICHARD SCHILLING TOWNSHIP MANAGER/SECRETARY**

Jim Brownlow stated after a long time and a lot of interviews Richard has been selected as Township Manager. Barbara Smith will remain part time as Treasurer.

Jim Brownlow moved to appoint Richard Schilling Township Manager/Secretary with a start date of April 3, 2006 at a salary of \$65,000. per annum. Chuck Halderman Seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**RATIFY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD SCHILLING**

Jim Brownlow stated the Supervisors have negotiated an employment agreement with Richard with the salary included also included is one week vacation the first year and benefits consistent with township employees.

Jim Brownlow moved to ratify the employment agreement between Richard Schilling and Springfield Township effective April 3, 2006 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township. Karen Bedics seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**APPOINT BARBARA SMITH PART/TIME TREASURER TO 12/31/06 AT CURRENT RATE**

Jim Brownlow moved to appoint Barbara Smith Treasurer working at her current rate in a part time capacity effective April 3, 2006. Second by Rob Zisko. Vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Bell discussed the fact that Chief Huber has moved a distance away from the Township and it is his belief this will cause additional expenses to the Township. Jim Brownlow stated the Board met with the Chief and discussed the matter at length. The expense is not that much more.

Bob also reminded the Board at the December meeting he brought to their attention that the Chief's greeting on the Police Department Website was his greeting with Chief Huber's name under the comments. The Chief does not have a problem using the comments; however, he does have a problem attributing them to Chief Huber. Bob believes this is plagiarism. Chief Huber will remove the comments tomorrow.

Ken Simmons reported he discussed membership in the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association at the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. He was told he would need approval from the Supervisors. The membership dues are \$350.00 and there are significant benefits to joining. Some of these benefits include the use of leak detection equipment, and education. This is a group of small water systems in the state that are in the same position we are with the Springtown Water System. Ken is asking for the Supervisors approval.

Chuck Halderman moved to authorize applying for membership in the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association. Second by Karen Bedics.

Jim Brownlow agrees this could be a great thing. However, he has two objections.

1. This is not an agenda item for this evening. There is a meeting in two weeks.
2. Jim reminded Ken we have a contract with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority and he wants to be sure there is no conflict with the contract.

Jim Brownlow called for the vote. Chuck Halderman and Karen Bedics voted YES; Rob Zisko and Jim Brownlow voted NO. The motion did not carry.

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

Rob Zisko – none

Karen Bedics – none

Chuck Halderman discussed sewage approval for the Springtown Knoll project on Drifting Drive.

Chuck has done a lot of research and it is his opinion that the carbonate geology was not identified to DEP on the Planning Module.

Chuck talked with Kent Littlefield, SAIC and he was told by Kent that nitrates coming off site could cause problems with the ground water. There are also sink holes on this property.

Chuck moved to notify DEP that the Township wants to challenge the approval because all of the pertinent information was not supplied to DEP. Second by Karen Bedics.

Jim Brownlow reminded the Board that this property has been before the Township since 1999. The developer of the property has complied with every request put to him by the Township. He has been more than cooperative. Our geologist, Kent Littlefield, was at the site when the test borings were being done. So was Bob Wynn, our Township Engineer.

Chuck argued that Littlefield was not reviewing the site for sewer. Jim Brownlow stated he believes this is the responsibility of the Health Department not the Township geologist.

Chuck is concerned because the 30 day appeal time has passed and the Township missed an opportunity.

Jim Brownlow stated this matter will be discussed at length at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Rob Zisko moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Second by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara A. Smith  
Secretary