

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

October 24, 2017

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Rob Zisko, Dave Long, Volker Oakey

Also present: Scott MacNair (Solicitor)

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Rob Zisko, seconded by Karen Bedics, to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017. All in favor.
Motion carries.

Citizen Comment—Four citizens who live on Center Street came to the Board to ask for exemption from septic pumping because the house on their property is only used for storage. The Board asked their request be put in writing.

Bills (September 21st-October 18^h 2017)

General Fund	\$112,528.44	Open Space Fund	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund	\$660.00	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$12,000
Escrows	\$3,046.57	Street Light Fund	\$0

Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Volker Oakey, to pay the bills list. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports

Road hours (Jul 18-Aug 7, 2017):

Road Maintenance	306 Hours	Equipment Maintenance	207 hours
Building Maintenance	103 Hours	Sign Maintenance	42 hours
Roadside mowing	128 Hours	Park Maintenance	2 hours
Admin	36 Hours		

Police Department—Chief McDonald reported 222 calls for service in September, 36 handled by PSP.

Treasurer Fund Balances as of October 24, 2017:

General Fund	\$980,162.60	Liquid Fuels	\$79,836.04
Open Space	\$889,104.48	Street Light	\$4225.42
Escrow	\$385,014.42	Special Fees	\$22,606.43
Capital Reserve	\$82,707.02	Sewer Maint Escrow	\$84,180.11

The Township Solicitor reported that the Agreement of Sale for the Seifert conservation easement (TMP 42-17-5) would need to be modified because DCNR was waiting on federal Highlands Grant money. The two participating Township's would have to front the money for the easement for closing. When the Highlands Grant is received the Township will be reimbursed. Motion by Rob Zisko, seconded by Volker Oakey, to

modify the previously approved agreement of sale to allow the Township to front the easement purchase price. All in favor. Motion carries.

Business

Naceville Materials asphalt plant air quality permit—Scott Taylor, PE, representing H&K Group provided the Board a presentation on why the plant is applying to DEP for a revision to its air quality permit, per the notice of September 11, 2017. The plant is requesting the ability to discharge particulates at a higher hourly rate, but not to increase the annual total discharge. The Board was satisfied with Mr. Taylor’s explanation.

Ms. Bedics was concerned about ultra fine particulate matter being discharged, especially in a more populated residential area and asked the applicant about the possibility of more frequent air quality monitoring.

Ordinance 187, Managing Road Rights-of-Way—Mr. Long opened the hearing and asked for public comment. There was none. Mr. Long closed the hearing.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Volker Oakey, to adopt Ordinance 187, managing the Township’s rights-of-way. All in favor. Motion carries.

Lime Kiln grant request—Frank Hollenbach made a presentation to the Board about potential grant applications. The Park and Rec Board sought guidance as to how extensive a renovation project the Board was willing to endorse. Basic stabilization of existing stone would cost \$6500-\$7500. Rebuilding the tops and sides would add another \$12,500-\$13,500. The Township has spent \$4300 on vegetation removal. The Township has already received \$5200 in grants and there are pledges of another \$2700 from private groups. The PRB plans to apply for another \$5000 grant. If received, grant funding would cover about \$12,900 of the expected total cost of \$24,300. The Board endorsed the full restoration as long as grant money covered the bulk of the cost.

Motion by Roz Zisko, seconded by Dave Long, to authorize the Park and Rec Board to apply for a Lehigh Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to be used for restoration of the lime kiln.

2018 Budget discussion—Mike Brown presented the Board with a budget that contained all the requests of the Authorities, Boards and Commissions, plus all operational departments. The budget is roughly balanced. The Board will address again at its November 14th meeting. The Board discussed how to respond to the medical insurer’s inquiry about adding autism coverage to the employee health insurance plan. The Board did not endorse the additional coverage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: