

Springfield Township, Bucks County  
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

January 2, 2018

**Supervisors Present:** Karen Bedics, David Long, Tony Matzura and Jim Nilsen.

**Also present:** Scott MacNair (solicitor), Michael Brown (Township Manager), Debra Godshall (Treasurer) and Mike McDonald (police chief). Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Bedics, to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes. All in favor.  
Motion carries.

**Business**

**Ranson Fuels LD waiver modification**—Motion by Tony Matzura, seconded by Dave Long, to modify the waiver to Section 515.1 to reduce the fee-in-lieu of road and sidewalk improvements to only those along Clay Avenue per the applicant's letter dated December 22, 2017. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Resolution 2018-1; Opposition to Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill**—Motion by Jim Nilsen, seconded by Dave Long, to adopt the resolution opposing the house bill preempting local control of wireless facilities. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Resolution 2018-2; Supporting Fracking Ban in the Delaware River Basin**—Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to adopt the resolution encouraging the Delaware River Basin Commission to ban fracking in the Basin. In favor—Bedics, Long, Nilsen. Opposed--Matzura. Motion carries.

**Solar PV grant opportunity**—The Board discussed the pros and cons of the DCED grant application, which requires a 50% match. The Township had gotten cost estimates in 2014 for PV installation, and opted against spending the money at the time. Lorna Yearwood provided rough cost estimates based on the previous quote and a recent quote for a residential use. The outlay to the Township was estimated at \$20,000 with a payback period of 11 years. The short application deadline would require a special meeting of the Board to approve the final form of the application.

Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to develop an application for the grant. In favor—Bedics, Nilsen. Opposed—Long, Matzura. Motion fails.

**Recycling grant consulting agreement**—The EAC recommended renewal. Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Tony Matzura, to renew the agreement with Hough Associates for a 3 year period. All in favor. Motion carries.

**RFP for Building Code Services**—The Board reviewed the draft RFP and endorsed requiring the vendor to digitize applications and accept electronic submissions. The Board changed the inspection scheduling requirement from less than 24 hours to 48 hours.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Karen Bedics, to release the RFP as amended. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Planning guidance on labor accountability**—The Board discussed whether it wants to institute procedures for streamlined time tracking such as a time clock or app based task monitoring. Ms. Bedics reported she met with the Police Chief because residents complained to her about police inactivity. She would like to see the police report time spent on various tasks. Roadmaster Rich Pursell objected to the use of technology by his department. The Board tabled further discussion.

**Authorization for codification**—Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Karen Bedics, to authorize the Township staff to prepare the code of ordinances for an adoption hearing. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown  
Township Manager