

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JUNE 8, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Rod Wieder with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Vice Chairman Pete Lamana, members Jim Brownlow and Chuck Halderman. Solicitor Jim McNamara was in attendance.

MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2004

Pete Lamana moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The Treasurer presented a bills list totaling expenditures of \$18,553.02 from the General Fund for the period May 11 through June 7, 2004. Pete Lamana moved to approve the bills list as presented. Second by Chuck Halderman. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE PENNSYLVANIA
CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT**

Solicitor Jim McNamara explained that the State Wide Uniform Construction Code (Act 45 of 1999) took effect on April 9, 2004. All Municipalities will have an option to opt in or opt out which requires the Township to adopt a code of their own.

Springfield Township will opt in and enforce the UCC and any amendments.

Ordinance Number 127 reads as follows:

“Springfield Township proposes to adopt the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, Act 45 of 1999, as well as any amendments that may be enacted from time to time and regulations adopted pursuant to the Act. The Act designates a new building code to replace Springfield Township’s existing code, provides for standards for construction, establishes a Board of Appeals for disputes arising under the code, and allows the municipality to provide for enforcement of the code in a number of ways to be adopted from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors”

Solicitor McNamara asked for comments from the public.

Bruce Strock stated this code will be the same throughout the state. The township will designate an employee to act as construction code officer.

The Solicitor asked if there was a motion to adopt the Ordinance as advertised.

Pete Lamana moved to adopt Ordinance Number 127, requiring Springfield Township to enforce the UCC. Second by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous.

Jim Brownlow is waiting for information from the Code Enforcement officer to determine if the Board should pass a Resolution to increase the fees in light of increased inspections on the part of the township under the new code.

Jim McNamara stated the ordinance takes effect 5 days after passing.

REPORTS

Road Department – posted - copies available

Code Enforcement – posted – copies available

Police Department – Chief McLaughlin reported a total of 10 accidents, eight of which were reportable, during the period May 1 to May 31. There were a total of 170 incidents which included 7 Thefts, 13 Criminal Mischief and 7 Domestic Disturbances.

Solicitor's Report – Jim McNamara reported on the following matters:

DelGuerico – Settlement discussions continue in the Federal Court Case filed by the DelGuericos' against Springfield Township as well as the Zoning Appeal. The Solicitor would like to discuss the latest negotiations in Executive Session after the meeting this evening.

Meyle v. Springfield Township – The Solicitor expects this case will be scheduled for trial this summer. However, no date has been set.

Yourtee Subdivision – The paperwork for the Yourtee Subdivision has been completed and the Solicitor expects that the mylars will be recorded shortly.

Amendment to Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – The Township has received the Bucks County Planning Commission review of the proposed Ordinance.

Pete Lamana moved to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance for the July 13th Supervisors meeting. Second by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous.

PLANNING

NO MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

OLD BUSINESS

Request by the Road Foreman to purchase a new dump truck. The Road Foreman prepared a list of parts that will need to be replaced on the 1994 F-350 Dump Truck prior to winter.

The Supervisors are not prepared to discuss this matter this evening. Chuck Halderman moved to table the matter. Second by Pete Lamana. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

EAC Select an Engineering Firm to work on Wellhead Protection Grant.

The EAC will hold a work session on June 29th to review the Professional Services Proposals.

Dennis Steskal reported the members are looking at five firms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rod Wieder reminded the residents that the Board is operating under Resolution 92-2, allowing 5 minutes per individual for comment.

Bruce Strock discussed bicycles which were taken from his property.

Bob Bell is puzzled that the Board is not prepared to discuss the F350 matter. The Agenda has been posted on the Township website since June 4th and the matter was listed.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Chuck Halderman – has nothing to discuss.

Pete Lamana discussed the condition of Route 412 from the County line to Route 212. Pete has been in contact with PennDot about the condition of the road. Tony Kmetz stated it is his understanding the road is scheduled to be rebuilt and the bridge taken out in April of 2006.

Pete believes the Board should consider future plans for the Kurtesan Property. This is the only Township owned park. Perhaps it could be a nature park as opposed to fields for baseball or soccer.

Jim Brownlow asked about the status of the signage on Tulpe Way. Matt Carson was instructed to contact the Township Engineer and arrange to have him look at the signs to see if they meet code.

Jim also mentioned the tax changes by the Board of Assessment Office. Residents should be receiving information about these changes in a week or so.

Rod had no comments.

Rod Wieder announced the Board will meet in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Lamana moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Second by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara A. Smith
Secretary

