

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

August 8, 2017

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Dave Long, John Oehler.

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced the Township had lost a wonderful citizen and dedicated volunteer when Mr. Hans O Reimann, Jr passed last week. Ms. Rose Strong provided the Board with information about Mr. Reimann's memorial service and suggested several ways the Township could consider honoring his life. Ms. Laura Baird of the Heritage Conservancy said the Conservancy was including a tribute to Mr. Reimann in its September 15th dedication of the Fuller Preserve expansion.

Mr. Oehler offered three minor changes to the minutes. Motion by Mr. Oehler, seconded by Ms. Bedics, to approve the July 25, 2017 minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Business

Stormwater Ordinance Revisions—Township Engineer Bob Wynn reviewed the draft ordinance that updates the current ordinance to MS4 standards. Mr. Wynn explained that the Township had been prequalified for a waiver from MS4, but it still had to file a Notice of Intent. Mr. Wynn explained the likelihood of obtaining the waiver would be higher if the Township's ordinance met current standards. The vast majority of the changes don't change the policy of the existing ordinance, but instead clarify language. The biggest policy change is related to carbonate geology lots as identified in the zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission recommends that unregulated activity should end at 500 square feet of new impervious on those lots instead of 1000 square currently. It also recommends that any infiltration control methods in carbonate geology areas has to certified by a design professional, and that the simplified method isn't suitable for this area. The reason is because of the potential harm to ground water supply. Ms. Bedics said she supported reduction to 500 square feet due to past problems in carbonate geology areas. Mr. Wynn added a new method of control to offset the loss of the simplified method.

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Bedics, to authorize advertisement of the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carries.

2018 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligations —Motion by Dave Long, seconded by John Oehler, to approve the Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$107,271 and the NonUniformed MMO in the amount of \$63,414. All in favor. Motion carries.

2018 Budget Requests—The Board began the 2018 budget cycle by asking departments and committees for big ticket items:

Police--\$4500 for a radar traffic recorder to help with traffic enforcement, \$1500 to upgrade the interview room with audio capability to accompany the video capability and \$1500 to modify the shotguns to less than lethal levels.

Roads/Building--\$25,000-\$36,000 to repair the building's roof and \$45,000 to replace truck #2 with a used truck. The department had previously asked for \$20,000 to replace the Passer Road pipe based on a 2007 estimate, but in the intervening time the regulations changed and the previous solution of dual concrete pipes is no longer allowed. The Township will have to use a bridge type construction instead. The Roadmaster recommended setting aside \$25,000 a year for 5 years to fund the project when it would likely be critically needed. The Roadmaster said he wouldn't need all the paving money slated for next year for paving projects, as he intended to repave Blue Church Road only at an estimated \$70,000. He asked to reallocate \$50,000 to sealcoating.

Admin--\$4500 to incorporate the Stormwater Ordinance into the new code book, \$1800 to change email hosting service and replace the phone system at a cost to be determined.

Historical Commission--\$1500 to stabilize the road embankment at the Gallows Hill Road cemetery. The erosion is threatening some of the gravesites and no one is certain if the church that owns the cemetery has the means to fix the problem.

Supervisor comments:

- Ms. Bedics announced the October 10th Board meeting would be held at the Zion Hill Church.
- The Board publicly thanked Mr. Mark Passerini and his son, Mark, of Nockamixon Township for donating their time to stabilizing the lime kiln arch prior to vegetation removal.
- The Board directed a Certificate of Appreciation be created for the 4H group that worked on the Passer Community Center repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: