

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

December 12, 2017

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

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m and announced the Board had met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by Rob Zisko, seconded by John Oehler, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017. All in favor. Motion carries.

Bills (November 10th-December 7, 2017)

General Fund	\$457,518.87	Open Space Fund	\$275,846.62
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2645.00	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$0
Escrows	\$6676.58	Street Light Fund	\$589.47

Motion by John Oehler, seconded by Rob Zisko, to pay the bills list. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports

Road hours (October 17-November 22, 2017):

Road Maintenance	217 Hours	Equipment Maintenance	330 hours
Building Maintenance	59 Hours	Sign Maintenance	21 hours
Roadside mowing	35 Hours	Park Maintenance	3 hours
Admin	10 Hours		

Police Department—Chief McDonald reported 250 call for service in November, 44 handled by PSP.

Treasurer Fund Balances as of December 7, 2017:

General Fund	\$679,298.84	Liquid Fuels	\$89,203.97
Open Space	\$663,945.21	Street Light	\$2,640.67
Escrow	\$362,013.97	Special Fees	\$22,628.31
Capital Reserve	\$344,551.25	Sewer Maint Escrow	\$84,180.11

Business

2018 Budget—Mr. Brown informed the Board there had been no major or unanticipated changes in the Township’s financial position since the last meeting. The Treasurer had transferred \$264,000 to Cap Reserve, representing the surplus from 2016 and the set asides for future expenses for 2017.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by John Oehler, to adopt the Township’s General Fund, Cap Reserve and Liquid Fuels budgets as advertised, and set the General Fund tax rate at 12 mills for 2018. All in favor. Motion carries.

Gross Estate/August Selma/Soltek Equities subdivision extension—The applicant was represented. The applicant is requesting an extension of time for one year (December 31, 2018) to complete the required improvements. Mr. Brown disclosed that the applicant was his landlord.

Motion by Rob Zisko, seconded by John Oehler, to grant an extension to complete improvements to December 31, 2018. All in favor. Motion carries.

Donation from Cowan Associates—Mr. Brown explained that sealed engineer drawings were required to obtain a building permit for the fuel tank roof and garage addition for UBREMS' new emergency response vehicle. The Township Engineer doesn't do this kind of work, so Cowan Associates was asked for a price quote. Mr. Todd Myers of Cowan offered to donate the work, but since Cowan also represents land development applicants from time-to-time in front of the Board, the Board wanted to discuss the offer publicly to avoid any future conflict of interest claims.

Motion by John Oehler, seconded by Rob Zisko, to accept, with thanks, the offer from Todd Myers of Cowan Associates to provide engineer sealed plan for the projects. All in favor. Motion carries.

Resolution opting out of Category 4 casinos in the Township—The Board discussed a resolution that would have barred Category 4 casinos in the Township. To be effective under state law the adopted resolution would have to be filed with the State Gaming Board by December 31st. The consensus of the Board was that there was little likelihood of such a casino, and the Township had already addressed it by creating appropriate zoning regulations and identifying appropriate zoning districts. The Board declined to put the matter to a vote.

Citizen comments: Tony Matzura suggested allowing the fire company to retain title to fire apparatus so the equipment could be sold without being subjected to open bidding requirements in the Second Class Township Code.

Supervisor comments: Dave Long recognized the Township staff for excellent work and suggested paying a bonus of 1% of salary. Motion by Dave Long to pay a 1% bonus. Ms. Bedics made a motion to amend, raising the bonus to 1.5% of salary. Second by John Oehler to the amended motion. All in favor. Amended motion carries.

John Oehler and Volker Oakey thanked the Board and the citizens of the Township for the opportunity to serve as supervisors.

Dave Long, Rob Zisko and Karen Bedics thanked Mr. Oehler and Mr. Oakey for their service. Mr. Long presented wall plaques to the departing supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: