

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2004**

Chairman Rod Wieder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Vice Chair Pete Lamana, members Chuck Halderman and Jim Brownlow. Rob Zisko was absent. Solicitor Jim McNamara was in attendance.

Minutes of December 17, 2003

Pete Lamana moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Chuck Halderman. Vote was 3-Yes. Jim Brownlow abstained.

REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 5, 2004

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

Bills List 12/17/03 to 12/31/03

Bills List 1/1/04 to 1/13/04

Chuck Halderman moved to approve the bills list covering expenses 112/17/03 to 12/31/03 and 1/1/04 to 1/13/04. Seconded by Pete Lamana. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

Hans Reimann wished everyone a Happy New Year. Is happy to see the Resolution in support of the Highlands Stewardship Act on the Agenda.

REPORTS

Road Department – copies are available on the table in the back of the room.

Code Enforcement Officer – copies are available in the back of the room.

Police Report – Chief McLaughlin reported 160 incidents for the month of December a decrease of 17.1%. There are a total of 2180 incidents for the year 2003.

The supervisors are happy with the new format.

Solicitor's Report – Jim McNamara reported The Zoning Hearing Board issued a decision in the DelGuerico Zoning application. Jim would like to review the Decision and any possible response in Executive Session with the Board.

The Township's insurance company has responded to a civil rights lawsuit in the United States District Court filed by an inmate at the Lehigh County Prison by filing a Motion to Dismiss, which Jim McNamara expects to be granted.

The Solicitor requests that the Supervisors sign the Mylar's for the Penn Meadows Subdivision. Also, the applicant must pay a total of \$66,400 for the five EDU's that we hold in inventory, the construction costs for ten EDI's and interest from the date the project was completed. We will receive the check prior to recording the plans.

PLANNING MATTERS

Ballek Minor Subdivision – Pete Lamana moved to grant Preliminary/Final approval to the Ballek Subdivision conditioned upon completion of the outstanding items listed in Bob Wynn’s letter dated January 9, 2004. Seconded by Chuck Halderman. Vote was unanimous.

Dunlap Minor Subdivision – Pete Lamana moved to grant Preliminary/Final approval to the Dunlap Subdivision conditioned upon completion of the outstanding items listed in Wynn Associates letter dated January 9, 2004. Seconded by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous.

Request for an Extension to Complete Improvements – Township Engineer Bob Wynn in his letter dated January 5, 2004 supports the extension until August 15, 2004 to allow the work to be completed during appropriate weather conditions.

Pete Lamana moved to grant an extension to Harold Rick to August 15, 2004 to allow time to complete improvements necessary as required by his subdivision approval. Seconded by Chuck Halderman. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

DEP Grant for Wellhead Protection Springtown – Chuck Halderman moved to give this grant to the Environmental Advisory Council to begin work on wellhead protection. Seconded by Pete Lamana. Discussion: Jim Brownlow asked if there is a conflict with the work Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority is doing and this grant. Hans Reimann explained the grant will cover watershed protection. This will be helpful in preparing an ordinance for Wellhead Protection and re-writing the zoning ordinance. The grant will be used to gather information to protect our water supply. Hans explained the area to be addressed is only 500 to 750 feet around the springs. We would need to create a new protection zone for a new well. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution in support of Highlands Stewardship Act – Jim Brownlow would like an opportunity to study background information on the resolution before voting. He moved to table the matter until the next meeting. Seconded by Chuck Halderman. Vote was unanimous.

Emergency Operations Plan – David Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained this information must be submitted to Bucks County. The state of Pennsylvania is under one emergency management plan. This information is updated for Springfield Township to be added to the County Records. It is primarily current contact information and phone numbers. There is also a list of resources, which Dave is in the process of completing. Dave explained this document could be amended at any time. Dave Rice would like an opportunity to meet with the Board and go over the plan.

Pete Lamana moved to approve Resolution 2004-2 Seconded by Jim Brownlow. Vote was unanimous. Jim Brownlow is not comfortable making decisions the night of the meeting without an opportunity to review the matter. The rest of the Board agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Sleeman reminded the Board the DEP Grant for Wellhead Protection requires a steering committee. Do the Supervisors want to be involved with the committee.

Hans Reimann discussed several locations where water is accumulating: Acorn Way and Springtown Hill Road being two. Chief McLaughlin explained he has addressed these situations with PennDot. He will make another contact.

Peter Sleeman discussed a lot line adjustment on Haults Bridge Road where a temporary driveway has been installed.

Dan Barnes discussed problems he had reaching township personnel on a weekend concerning a problem with a driveway on Haults Bridge Road.

Bill Dunlap discussed problems with hunters on Walnut Lane.

Chief Bell asked about the zoning hearing board decision on the cease and desist against DelGuerico.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Chuck Halderman welcomed Jim Brownlow.

Pete Lamana complimented the new chief on his presentation to the Board.

Jim Brownlow thanked Chuck for the welcome and stated he is looking forward to working with the supervisors and residents of Springfield township.

Chairman Wieder announced an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Lamana moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Chuck Halderman. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara A. Smith
Secretary