

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

July 25, 2017

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

Also present: Scott MacNair (solicitor), Michael Brown (Township Manager), and Chief McDonald.

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The July 11th minutes were corrected for two typos. Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Oehler, to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes. In favor—Bedics, Long, Oakey, Oehler. Abstain—Zisko (absent). Motion carries.

Citizen Comment—Patricia Duma, 1480 Peppermint Rd, asked if there was any progress on the mail theft cases that plagued Peppermint Road recently. The Chief said there was but couldn't discuss details of an open investigation.

Bills (June 9-July 19, 2017)

General Fund	\$106,822.70	Open Space Fund	\$10,612.80
Capital Reserve Fund	\$6,511.62	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$0
Escrows	\$6,536.84	Street Light Fund	\$0

Motion by Volker Oakey, seconded by Karen Bedics to pay the bills list. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports

Road hours (Jun 6-July 17, 2017):

Road Maintenance	694 Hours	Equipment Maintenance	97 hours
Building Maintenance	27 Hours	Sign Maintenance	6 hours
Roadside mowing	135 Hours	Park Maintenance	2 hours
Admin	18 Hours		

Police Department—Chief McDonald reported 246 calls for service in June, 46 handled by PSP.

Treasurer Fund Balances as of July 19, 2017:

General Fund	\$1,308,261.75	Liquid Fuels	\$308,899.06
Open Space	\$805,431.47	Street Light	\$4,612.54
Escrow	\$409,420.34	Special Fees	\$106.24
Capital Reserve	\$106,322.06	Sewer Maint Escrow	\$84,075.28

Business

Upper Bucks 4H Community Service—Several children of the club described the steps they'd taken to improve the Passer Community Center. The Board thanked the club members and applauded them for their service.

Levine special exception (TMP 42-21-50)—The applicant was present and described her dog breeding operation as 23 dogs. The dogs are housed in crates in the bedroom of her house. She acknowledged she could move the dog run to comply with the 100’ setback from a lot line, but said she couldn’t comply with the 300’ setback from another residence.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by John Oehler, to have the Township take no position on the application.

Rolling Hills Estates Subdivision extension—Motion by Rob Zisko, seconded by Karen Bedics, to extend the time for the applicant to install the improvements until October 31, 2017. All in favor. Motion carries.

2018 Fuel Bids—Motion by John Oehler, seconded by Volker Oakey, to accept the bid of Riggins Inc for supplying unleaded gas, low sulphur diesel and #2 heating oil for the 2017/18 season per the bid results obtained by the Bucks County Manager’s Consortium. All in favor. Motion carries.

Resolution 3-2017; Referendum to reduce the number of Supervisors from 5 to 3—Mr. Long called for a motion. There being none the Resolution did not proceed.

Comments—Steve Doncevic, Pleasant View Road, and Bob Bell, School Road, lauded the Board for staying with 5 Supervisors.

Ms. Bedics suggested the Board hold a meeting in the Zion Hill section of the Township. The Board left it to the staff to choose and arrange the date.

The Board requested to see the final form of the survey prior to it going out to the public for a test run.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: