Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 19, 2006

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brownlow, Vice Chairman Chuck Halderman, Supervisors Karen Bedics, Rod Wieder, Rob Zisko, Police Chief Scott Huber, Bob Wynn, Engineer, Scott McNair, Solicitor, Township Manager Rich Schilling, Treasurer Sandy Everitt and Assistant Secretary Linda Bartholomew.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brownlow at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bills for Approval
Zisko motions to approve the bills list for the period December 13-19, 2006. Brownlow seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion.

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Planning Matters:
Karen's Furniture/Community Baptist Church: Bedics expresses a concern of safety due to traffic going out of the lot onto Route 309. Brownlow clarifies that they are going to use 16,000 of a 40,000 square feet of building. This is for a three-year period. Brownlow asks what happens in three years when the church does move out. Wynn says any permitted use would continue. Brownlow refers to Wynn's list "consideration should be given to updating basin." Wynn says those things should be done and was recommended to Planning Commission. Brownlow mentions traffic study and questions cover letter regarding application to PennDot. Wynn states you can also require a formal traffic study or that traffic access be reviewed by PennDot. Halderman asks if they completed all the necessary requirements from the original plan. Wynn states parking on south side of building not completed. The Planning Commission is recommending the list become mandated. Board is being asked to grant waiver of land development. Halderman asks McNair if we can attach the list of mandates. McNair states BOS is waiving land development subject to conditions. Bedics has traffic concerns and requests that they have a traffic impact study. Wynn says it takes months, and an alternative is to have them contact PennDot. Bedics asks Clemons if Karens Furniture would have tax-exempt status since there will be a church located in their building. Clemons states no. Halderman motions to waive land development for Karen's Furniture with Wynn's stipulations to ensure that they are mandates and applicant obtain a PennDot permit verification that additional traffic won't impose safety problems. Zisko seconds the motion. Bard votes unanimously in favor of the motion.

Josh Duke Minor Subdivision: Applicants engineer Todd Myers presents plan. Zisko motions to approve the subdivision plan subject to completion of the items contained in the November 14, 2006 engineering review letter. Halderman seconds the motion. Halderman states the soil probes are not in the right place. Meyers explains that it is in the process of retesting. Soils are good. Board unanimously votes in favor of the motion.

Carl Duke Subdivision: This property is located on Gruversville Road. Applicants engineer Todd Myers presents this two-lot subdivision. Originally this was a 23 acre tract, now it is two 7.5 acre tracts, deed-restricted from future development. 1200 square feet home is being planned. Building envelope consist of $9/10^{ths}$ of an acre on lot 2. No proposed activity on second lot. Wetlands are located on Richlandtown Pike. Zisko motions to approve Carl Duke Subdivision based on 11/24/06 letter from

Wynn and waivers recommended by Planning Commission. Wieder seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion.

Thornwood Builders Subdivision: Scott Mease applicants engineer prepared the plan and is present. Zisko motions to approve the final plan based on the Wynn letter of 11/15/06 and any waivers Planning Commission granted and 9/28/06 Clemons' letter. Wieder seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion.

Kramer Minor Subdivision: Planning Commission granted preliminary final conditional approval subject to completion of items as outlined in Wynn's letter of 11/15/06. Zisko motions to grant final approval based on Wynn's letter of 11/15/06, all items and waivers as well as waiver of stormwater management on Lot 1. Wieder seconds the motion. Bedics questions paragraph "in many cases stormwater improvements are made via construction of infiltration beds within existing lawn areas." Wynn states that the owner is unwilling to do this, and that was part of a discussion with Planning Commission. They are building a stormwater management facility on lot 2 and will not dig up the yard area. Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion.

Crossroads Subdivision: An extension has been granted.

OLD BUSINESS

2007 Budget

Brownlow states advertised budget has tweaks. Schilling explains we are well within the guidelines of the Second Class Township Code. Board received an updated copy of the budget with EMS tax, the $60,000 donation to emergency services and some minor changes throughout. Halderman points out reduction to health/dental insurance for township employees. Excess money went into interior maintenance and used vehicle for township office. Based on Board action, there is a ton of work to do for a part-time maintenance/cleaning person. Halderman wants clarification on medical insurance benefits reduction. Schilling states approximately $43,000 was saved. He also explained that representatives met with employees today. Zisko asks if this has been negotiated in the police contract. Schilling states contract presently states comparable medical benefits must be provided. Schilling asks if intention to fill road department is there, please let manager know. Brownlow asks for recommendation from Schilling. Bedics requests the Board to consider removing line item 410.132 for part-time police officers and the reason is department is being given new directives and the board should re-look at the needs of the department. She suggests it be cut and pursue it next year. Brownlow counters that recommendation and the budget needs to be passed and the approval of budget does not approve hiring thereof. He would like to see some changes in the police department, which were reviewed with Huber. Brownlow would like to provide for it with the position that we might not fill it. Halderman comments moving the road department is a more appropriate move by getting an additional road guy and possibly a maintenance guy to do some inside work. Halderman motions to increase Schilling's pay raise by an additional four percent based on township manager's additional duties of Police Department oversight. Bedics seconds the motion. Zisko and Wieder say 6 percent is adequate, and 10 percent is too high. Halderman seconds the motion. Board votes 3-2 in favor of the motion with Zisko and Wieder voting no. Motion carries. Bedics motions to adopt the 2007 budget as amended. Halderman seconds the motion. Board votes 3-2 in favor of the motion with Zisko and Wieder voting no. Motion carries.

The board received copies of directive to Huber from the Board. Halderman motions to adopt directive dated today. Bedics seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1. Wieder abstains. Schilling believes that

the directives are a personnel matter and should not be made public. McNair states that he will review it and let Schilling know.

New Business - None

Correspondence:
Deferred to the next regular meeting

Public Comment - None

Supervisor Comments:
Halderman states for the record that Schilling is going to oversee the police department. That is his reason to request increase. Previously the Police Chief reported to the Board and manager, and now Chief Huber will report to the Township Manager.

Wieder thinks a veterans memorial on property that the Township owns (old Kurteson property) would be a great thing to build. Board thinks that this should be looked into in 2007.

Zisko asks if letter was sent to Clymer, Wonderling and Murphy on the bridge situation on Old Bethlehem Road. Schilling says it was not but will be before the next regular meeting. Schilling also asks for Zisko and Boards input for specifics since he was not here when the washout happened. Letter to the county should be written also to restrict truck traffic on the bridge.

Brownlow states that the next meeting is the annual reorganization meeting on January 2, 2007 and asks that Schilling have a list of all the appointments and resolutions.

Next regular meeting is January 9, 2007.

Zisko motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Wieder seconds the motion. Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Schilling
Township Manager/Secretary