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Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

February 26, 2013

Supervisors Present: Barbara Lindtner, John Oehler, Dave Long and Rob Zisko **Not Present:** Volker Oakey
Also, present: Scott MacNair, Township Solicitor; Bob Wynn, Township Engineer; Chief Mike McDonald; Rich Schilling, Township Manager and Jason Wager, Secretary/Treasurer

Barbara Lindtner, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss real estate and litigation.

Approval of Minutes

Dave Long **moved** to adopt the January 22, 2013, minutes as amended. John Oehler **seconded**; Rob Zisko abstained since he was not present at that meeting; the motion **passed**.

John Oehler **moved** to adopt the February 12, 2013, minutes as presented. Rob Zisko **seconded**; Dave Long abstained since he was not present at that meeting; the motion **passed**.

Bills for Approval

John Oehler **moved** to approve the following bills paid from January 19, 2013 – February 22, 2013:

1. General Fund	$ 86,210.36	4. Subdivision & Escrow	$ 2,974.02
2. Liquid Fuels	$ 21,628.86	5. Special Fees	$ 1,861.92
3. Open Space	$ 8,828.18	6. Street Light	$ 512.02

Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Presentation for Springtown Water Authority

Danielle Bodnar, District Director for Senator Mensch, presented an Outstanding Service award to Kenneth Simmons, former member of the Springtown Water Authority. Mr. Simmons gave a brief speech thanking all the residents, Springtown Water Authority members and the Board of Supervisors for helping make the Springtown Water Authority successful.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on Agenda Items.

Old Business

(1) Heritage Conservancy Contract – Scott MacNair, Township Solicitor, gave a brief of the agreement between Springfield Township and Heritage Conservancy. Dave Long **moved** to accept the Agreement Extending Memorandum of Understanding Between Springfield Township and Heritage Conservancy as presented. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Reports

Road Department (posted) – The Board reviewed the Road Department report from 1/17/2013 to 2/14/2013. The Road Department performed 218 hours of road maintenance, 213 hours of equipment maintenance, 341 hours of winter maintenance, 16 hours of building maintenance and 18 hours of sign maintenance during this period. Rich Schilling confirmed the road salt supply was adequate and could be increased if needed.

Police Report – Chief McDonald reported there were 152 calls for service (14 handled by the State Police) in January. $5,160 of property was stolen during the month of January with none recovered. The department facility continued to be re-organized and consolidated and now includes a locker room for the officers and a conference room. All of the computers have been moved to a secure room as mandated by the Justice Network. Chief McDonald attended a few meetings dealing with the Palisades School District Emergency Management as the district has taken a proactive approach to the security of their facilities.

Treasurer Report – Jason Wager reported revenue was up 39.36% from 2012 as of 2/22. Earned Income Tax revenue was $110,858 YTD compared to $86,137 in 2012. Real Estate Transfer revenue was $14,990 YTD compared to $2,241 in 2012. Overall, revenue was $162,676 and expenses were $228,627 giving the Township a loss of $65,951 for net income ($30,376 over budget). The 2012 audit was completed and there were no major findings reported from the auditors. Jason also read an email from Keystone Collections in response to the collections letters that went out to approximately 640 Springfield Township residents**.** He reported he would put out a follow-up email blast once more information was received from Keystone.

Township Manager – Rich Schilling informed the Board that he and Jason attended two FEMA meetings in January and February in response to Hurricane Sandy. They believe the Township should be able to receive approximately $40,000 of reimbursement for work done during and after the storm by the Township. Rich spoke with Lynn Bush, Bucks County Planning Commission Director, about the proposed project on 309 through the Bucks County Municipal Economic Development Initiative. She stated she thought this would be a great project and would be sending a letter on their involvement.

Rich reported Zoning performed one Use & Occupancy inspection for resale in January. A total of 27 permits totaling $4,814.10 were processed in January.

Oath of Office

(1) Springtown Fire Police – Jason Wager, Township Secretary/Treasurer, administered the Oath of Office to Michael Gawronski Sr., Cheryl Gawronski, Gary Bishop, Harold Helm and Emile Kolick as Fire-Police for the Springtown Volunteer Fire Company.

Public Hearing

Scott MacNair, Township Solicitor, gave some procedural history for the applications for addition to the Springfield Agricultural Security Area for Tax Map Parcels 42-012-037, 42-012-028, 42-008-006 and 42-008-039 totaling approximately 129.9305 acres. There was no public comment given concerning these applications. Rich Schilling stated there was a verbal objection given from an adjoining property owner to TMP #'s 42-008-006 and 42-008-039, but no written objection was received and the property owner did not come to this public hearing. **William Oraschin** of 451 Kellers Road described some of the activities that happen on their farm along with the organizations and people that visit their farm. He also stated how proud he and his wife are of being Springfield Township residents and the support they have received within the community. Rob Zisko **moved** to adopt ***Resolution 2013-07*** adding Tax Map Parcels 42-012-037, 42-012-028, 42-008-006 and 42-008-039 totaling approximately 129.9305 acres to the existing Springfield Township Agricultural Security Area pursuant to Act 43 of 1981 as amended. John Oehler **seconded;** the motion **passed** unanimously.

Governmental Matters

The Board reviewed the PSATS News Bulletin. There were no other governmental matters.

Planning Matters

(1) Springtown Knoll – The Board discussed the Amendment to the Financial Security Agreement with Robin Reshetar, developer of Springtown Knoll, and Bradford Lare, attorney for Mr. Reshetar. Mr. Reshetar was requesting an extension of more than 90 days to complete the detention basin once he receives conversion authorization from BCCD. The Board agreed to change that timeframe to 180 days to complete the basin in section 5 of the agreement. Maree Forbes, who owns the property where the basin exists, requested a meeting with the Township Engineer to discuss what can be in the basin. The Board agreed to have that meeting in the next two weeks. The Board instructed the Township Solicitor to draft the amendment reflecting the change in Section 5 and have the agreement signed by Mr. Reshetar and National Penn Bank to be available to execute for the March 26 meeting**.** The Board verified with Mr. Reshetar about the change to the agreement and told Mr. Reshetar that if this does not happen, they would take action. He and Mr. Lare agreed with the proposed change.

(2) Grey Lot Line Subdivision – Rob Zisko **moved** to deny the extension for the Grey Lot Line Subdivision. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

(3) Sharma Land Development – Dushant Sharma, briefed the Board on what was happening with the land development. He explained the site remediation was updated in January 2013 and provided the progress report to the Board. He explained he was not able to fill the open holes from the removal of the tanks until he received permission from DEP. Mr. Sharma expects that to happen by the third quarter of 2013. The consensus of the Board was to allow Mr. Sharma until May 31, 2013, per his request, to clean up the property including the lawn maintenance and replacement of the silt fencing. Todd Myers, legal representative for Mr. Sharma, stated they are prepared to resubmit the land development plans to the Board by March 26. He told the Board that there would be no plan for a sit down restaurant or preparation of food in the facility. The consensus of the Board was to allow a waiver for the water study to be waived per Mr. Myers request. An extension to August 31, 2013 was signed and received by the Township from Dushant Sharma and Todd Myers at this meeting. Barbara Lindtner **moved** to reinstate the Land Development Application between Dushant Sharma and Springfield Township per Terry Clemons letter from January 23, 2013. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Old Business (Continued)

(2) Open Space Update – Jim Nilsen, chairperson for the Open Space Committee, gave a briefing on what the committee was working on currently. They were looking at some new properties and reviewing properties that were previously approved by the Board to close, but no agreement was made with the property owner.

New Business

(1) Resident Request to be reimbursed for damage to a sidewalk by street trees – The Board reviewed a letter received by a resident requesting reimbursement for costs to repair their sidewalk. Bob Wynn, Township Engineer, stated he was not aware of any municipality reimbursing for damage of sidewalks. Rich Schilling recommended denying because the Township was not legally responsible and because of the possible precedent set. Dave Long **moved** to deny the request for reimbursement to the resident and have Rich Schilling draft a letter to the resident stating such. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

(2) Approve payment for Emergency radios – Barbara Lindtner **moved** to approve payment for the Road Department and Emergency Management VHF radios from the Special Fees Fund. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

There Board reviewed all correspondence.

Public Comments

Steve Doncevic thanked the Board for maintaining and enhancing the quality of life within the Township.

Supervisors Comments

There were no Supervisor comments.

Adjournment

At 9:18 p.m., Rob Zisko **moved** to adjourn the meeting. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Wager
Township Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: March 26, 2013
Approved: March 26, 2013