

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

April 28, 2015

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Volker Oakey and David Long

Also present: Terry Clemons, Esq. (Township Solicitor), Chief Michael McDonald, Michael Brown (Township Manager) and Jason Wager (Secretary/Treasurer)

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss real estate, personnel and collective bargaining matters.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Bedics **moved** to approve the March 24 minutes as presented. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Approval of Bills List

Ms. Bedics **moved** to approve the following bills paid from March 20 to April 23, 2015:

1. General Fund	\$ 111,004.69	5. Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 7,666.00
2. Liquid Fuels	\$ 25,846.08	5. Knecht's Bridge Fund	\$ 31.87
3. Open Space	\$ 9,728.68	6. Subdivision & Escrow	\$ 3,246.49
4. Street Light	\$ 559.60		

Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Reports

Ms. Bedics **moved** to authorize the advertising for the seal coat work bid in 2015 per Rich Pursell's 4/28/2015 Memorandum. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Road Department (posted) – The Board reviewed the 3/18 – 4/17/2015 Road Department report. The Road Department performed 318 hours of road maintenance, 282 hours of equipment maintenance, 34 hours of building maintenance, 4 hours of sign maintenance, 56 hours of winter maintenance and 6 hours of paperwork during these periods.

Police Department (posted) – Chief McDonald reported the department and State Police handled 232 calls for service, with 21 reportable crashes during the month. The department drove 5,848 patrol miles during March. He noted local and state police now carry overdose medication and the department vehicles are ready for the new radios being installed in June 2015. Chief stated several Bucks County police departments have

grouped together and signed an agreement with a company for DNA submission that will significantly speed up the lead-time to receive the information in two to three months.

Ms. Bedics thanked Officer Jacoby for providing safety help during the annual Cooks Creek Watershed roadside cleanup.

Treasurer – Mr. Wager deferred the treasurer report to the presentation on the 1st Quarter financial performance. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the annual PSATS conference.

Township Manager/Zoning – Mr. Brown conducted six Use & Occupancy resale inspections, one variance application, two Notice of Violations and three pre-NOV since his last report and processed eighteen permits. He noted that he has been working with the Township’s website support to reorganize the website to better serve the residents.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Bruce Strock, 3175 Church Street, expressed concerns he has for the services in Springfield Township, the amount of ordinances and making the Township a good place for businesses.

Carol Singer, 2371 Township Road, asked if the police had considered body cameras. Chief McDonald replied that they recently had cameras put into the vehicles and costs have kept the department from purchasing body cameras for the officers.

Planning Matters

There were no planning matters to discuss.

Governmental Matters

Springtown Volunteer Fire Company Presentation – Cathy Albee, SVFC President, and Will Helm, Fire Chief, briefed the Board on the current and future funding needs of the fire department. They presented their future budgets including capital equipment purchases and stated that the current financial support provided by the Township is sufficient to sustain their operations in the future. Ms. Albee and Chief Helm also noted that 2015 would be the fire company’s 80th anniversary.

First Quarter Financial Performance – Mr. Wager presented the first quarter financial performance of the General and Liquid Funds and the Capital Reserve. As of March 31, revenue was \$79,651 or 117.8% above budget performance with all revenue line items surpassing budget performance except for permits. Expenses were \$12,512 or 2.5% below budget. Overall, the Township’s net income was \$82,224 (\$92,163 over budget). He noted that Springfield Street bridge being replaced under the PennDOT bridge bundling program would save the Township \$12,000 in 2015 expense and needed equipment for the Road Department had been purchased from the Capital Reserve budget.

Old Business

PennEast Pipeline Resolution – Ms. Bedics moved to adopt **Resolution 2015-04**, opposing the PennEast pipeline construction and supporting the organizations and municipalities opposed to the pipeline. Mr. Long seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Kim Kruchinski, EAC Chairperson, noted the Springfield Township EAC would be holding their first annual spring workshop on May 2 and Mr. John Rogers, Keystone Conservation Trust, will be presenting at their May 14 meeting.

New Business

Data Breach Insurance – The Board reviewed and discussed the quote provided by Allied World Assurance for privacy liability and network risk insurance policy. Mr. Brown noted that he conferred with Paul Kiesel, the Township’s network and computer service professional, about the network vulnerability. Mr. Kiesel reported that the Township has a high-end firewall and that the Township’s laptops are the highest risk of compromise. He feels the lowest coverage would not cover damages if there were an incident. Mr. Long **moved** to purchase data breach insurance in the amount of \$100,000 per the offering by Allied World Assurance Company. Ms. Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Pension Actuary – The Board reviewed the candidates suggested by the Pension Committee from its interviews to become the Township’s Actuary. Mr. Brown noted the Township received three responses for the Request for Proposal sent to almost twelve actuaries. Mr. Oakey **moved** to accept the proposal from the Conrad Siegal Actuary Group with an annual fee of \$5,150 in 2015 and increasing at about the rate of inflation after 2016. Mr. Long **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Ordinance 181 – The Board tabled the discussion for Ordinance 181, vacating Springhouse Lane, to a future meeting.

Codification proposals – The Board reviewed the proposals for codification of the Township SALDO and Zoning ordinance from General Code and Keystate Publishers. Mr. Long **moved** to accept the proposal of Keystate Publishers for codification of the zoning ordinance and SALDO in an amount of \$5,320, which includes editorial analysis and legal review. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Open Space appraisal proposals – The Board reviewed proposals for appraisal services for twelve parcels packaged together by the Open Space Committee and located in the Request for Proposal. Ms. Bedics **moved** to accept the proposal of Jim Scanzillo to provide appraisal services as outlined in the Township’s RFP in the amount of \$9,750. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Saucon Trail lease and maintenance involvement – The Board discussed how the Township might participate in the Saucon Rail Trail construction and maintenance. **Frank Hollenbach**, 600 Rocky Valley Road, discussed the estimated costs for future maintenance (around \$1,500 annually) and Mr. Brown noted the Township’s insurance agent confirmed there would be no added insurance costs. Ms. Bedics **moved** to authorize the Township’s participation in the Saucon Rail Trail project in the following manner; The Township agrees to allow Richland Township to be the lead agency on behalf of both municipalities to negotiate the lease and perform legal and engineering review for the construction of the trail and turnover to the municipalities; and further, that all authorizations are predicated on all design and construction costs being borne by an agency other than Springfield Township; and further that the final lease arrangement and agreements with Bucks County must be submitted for final approval to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Fire Police requests – Mr. Long **moved** to authorize the Springtown Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police to assist Haycock Township (Steelman Triathlon), Quakertown Boro (Memorial Day Parade), Milford Township

(Quakertown Vet Clinic Pet Fair), Coopersburg Boro (Coopersburg Community 5-K race) and Perkasio Boro. Ms. Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Award Fuel Bid contract – Mr. Long **moved** to award the fuel contract to Superior Plus Energy for the period 1 May 2015 to 31 July 2016 for deliveries under 6,000 gallons. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Correspondence

Mr. Long acknowledged an email from Krystine Frei for police use of towing services, Chief McDonald's memo for the Police Department general towing protocol, an email from Greg Anderson concerning speeding on Povenski Road, a letter from Nancy Singer regarding vacating Springhouse Lane and an email from Tom Cline (Springfield Township Historical Society) about the limekiln located on Woodbyne Road.

Public Comment

Hans Reimann, 2915 Springtown Hill Road, thanked the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission for conducting a productive joint meeting on April 16.

Frank Hollenbach, 600 Rocky Valley Road, noted the limekiln on Woodbyne Road has been verified as being very old and the Historical Society would like to preserve it.

Supervisor Comments

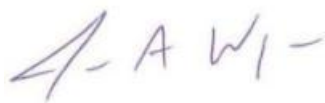
Ms. Bedics asked for an updated timeframe for the bridgework proposed on Richlandtown Pike and State Road and suggested updating PennDOT about the Rail Trail work that will go under the Springfield Street bridge.

Mr. Long **moved** to approve a letter to Judge Gambardella advocating for Springfield Township to acquire volunteers. Ms. Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Adjournment

At 9:28 p.m., Mr. Oakey **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason A. Wager
Township Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: May 12, 2015
Approved: May 12, 2015