

**Board of Supervisors Special Meeting
Interview of Four Supervisor Candidates**

MINUTES

June 10, 2008

Jim Brownlow, Chairman, called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Jim Brownlow, Barbara Lindtner and Rob Zisko

Also present: Sandy Everitt, Secretary/Treasurer and Rich Schilling, Township Manager.

Candidate Interviews

Emile Kolick – Emile gave supervisors a copy of his resume. He served, held offices, and taught on a number of business and civic organizations. Of note: Boy Scouts, PA Game Commission, Bucks County Fish & Game Association, Bucks County Sportsmen’s Association’s Youth Field Day and Springfield Township Historic Commission. He is an active volunteer fire fighter and fire police officer. He is an instructor at Mercer Community College in Trenton, NJ, as well as working with the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards.

His interests if appointed as a supervisor would be promoting green building, protecting the watershed, securing HUD grants, and protecting Knechts Bridge. He is especially interested in preserving the historic buildings and bridges in Springfield Township and securing Historic Registration for Passer Road. He feels his strengths are in research and analysis. If elected, he would focus first on 1) PPL issue, 2) Open Space Preservation, and 3) monitoring development in the township.

Hans Reimann – Hans is a stone and tile contract worker. His hobby is native landscaping. He has served and held various offices on the Open Space Committee, the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), and the Cooks Creek Watershed. Hans is particularly concerned with: 1) Springfield’s need to be independent-minded on building and natural issues, 2) developing the Route 309 corridor, 3) setting an example on the township level for residents regarding being energy wise. If appointed, the project he would like to work with is renewable energy issues—in the township building and in the community. Hans feels the three biggest issues facing the township are: 1) development, 2) environmental protection—educating people to do the right things in this regard, and 3) fiscal responsibility. The strengths he would bring to the Board are his ability to be an independent thinker and his ability to work with others. As a supervisor, he thinks his decisions on major issues should reflect the wishes of the residents that he represents.

Cindy McCurdy – Cindy is Payroll Administrator for a corporation. She has served in the past as an officer of the Palisades Marching Band and is currently active on and is the recording secretary for the Springfield Township Open Space Committee and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). If appointed as a supervisor, she is interested in saving historic structures in the township, farm (open space) preservation, and supporting volunteers who serve on various committees. She feels the best way to control development in the township is to enforce the Zoning Regulations. Cindy feels the strengths she would bring to the Board are honesty, confidentiality, and an ability to interact with people. She would like to work on environmental issues and open space preservation.

Curtis Reiss – Curtis earned a BS in Business. He has worked on both the road crew (during college years) and the police department (5 years as an officer) of Springfield Township. He served with the Pennsylvania State Police from 1981 until his retirement 22 months ago. If appointed as a supervisor, he would like to help with organized growth in the township and open space preservation. The main areas he feels are priority for the township are: 1) the PPL issue, 2) energy issues, and 3) development of the Road and Police Departments. If appointed, his goals would be: 1) 5- and 10-year revenue plans for the township, and 2) formulating a plan to set aside funds for unexpected costs. The strengths he feels he would bring to the Board are: 1) 30 years of police experience that would be valuable with issues relating to our police department, and 2) his ability to listen to both sides of an issue, compromise, and come up with a workable solution. He feels an important issue the board should address is development of parks and recreation within the township. His particular interest is balancing between property

owners' rights and development; and when following zoning regulations, understanding the complexion of various zoning districts. When questioned about whether ordinances are too restrictive, he said some of the storm water ordinances might be too restrictive when applied to 10-acre+ properties, while being adequate for smaller lots. On the PPL issue, he felt the Board was responsible to support the wishes of the 1,000+ citizens who signed a petition indicating they wanted to challenge the route PPL chose for the new line through the township.

All four candidates favor having a township police department.

Jim Brownlow closed the interviews and indicated that one additional candidate will be interviewed prior to the rescheduled regular meeting next Tuesday, June 17, 2008. The advertisement moving the second meeting date in June from June 24 to June 17 will be in The Morning Call on Thursday, June 12, 2008.

Public Comment

Jeff Lindtner appreciated the Board's balance and fairness during this interview process. He commended the four supervisor candidates, commenting that, "It may be harder to sit through this "grilling" than to be elected!" Jeff thanked the Board for the fair and thorough interviews and he feels certain the residents appreciated the entire process.

Bruce Whitesell misses Chuck Halderman's questions. In replacing Chuck, he feels it would be nice to see his replacement have the same kind of enthusiasm and interest that Chuck exhibited. "Chuck performed a very valuable service to us all."

Tina Shaffer is impressed with what wonderful people we have in the township who are serving in various capacities, and what a hard choice the supervisors will have.

Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m., Rob Zisko **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Everitt
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: June 10, 2008 – Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Approved: June 17, 2008