

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

March 26, 2019

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, David Long, Tony Matzura, and Jim Nilsen.

Also present: Scott MacNair (solicitor), Michael Brown (Township Manager), Debra Godshall (Treasurer), Rich Pursell (Roadmaster) and Mike McDonald (police chief). Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m and announced the Board met in executive session to interview volunteers and discuss a real estate matter.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Bedics, seconded by Mr. Nilsen, to approve the March 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes after correcting the date. All in favor. Motion carries.

Bills (February 22-March 20, 2019)

General Fund	\$89,949.02	Open Space Fund	\$232.50
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2150.80	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$30,571.43
Escrows	\$2024.69	Street Light Fund	\$19.54

The Board asked to see the breakdown of the credit card payments.

Motion by Tony Matzura, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to pay the bills list. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports

Road hours February 16, 2019-March 11, 2019):

Road Maintenance	205 Hours	Equipment Maintenance	219 hours
Building Maintenance	13 Hours	Sign Maintenance	9 hours
Winter Maintenance	431 Hours	Park Maintenance	0 hours
Admin	37 Hours	Roadside Mowing	0 hours

Police Department—Chief McDonald reported 246 calls for service in February, 24 handled by PSP.

Treasurer Fund Balances as of March 20, 2019:

General Fund	\$266,001.68	Liquid Fuels	\$149,044.50
Open Space	\$841,655.39	Street Light	\$1524.62
Escrow	\$540,396.78	Special Fees	\$380.42
Capital Reserve	\$507,083.99	Sewer Maint Escrow	\$84,613.26

Ms. Godshall reviewed the 1st Quarter Real Estate Transfer Tax Revenue with the Board and noted it was running below previous years. Mike Brown reported 4 U&O's.

Business

Resolution 2019-2; Agreement of sale for conservation easement (TMP 42-17-19)—The project is a joint conservation project with Lower Saucon Township to preserve 33 acres total. Twenty nine acres are in LST, and six are in Springfield. The building envelope is 5.5 acres in LST and .5 in Springfield. Springfield's cost per acre is \$6,000, plus 18% of soft costs and \$2700 for the Township's share of the monitoring endowment.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Karen Bedics, to adopt the Resolution and authorize the purchase of a conservation easement in conjunction with Lower Saucon Township in an approximate amount of \$33,000, plus the Township's share of the soft costs and endowment. All in favor. Motion carries.

2019 sealcoat project—Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to authorize advertisement for bidding the 2019 sealcoat project for 4 miles of road in an amount not to exceed \$140,000. All in favor. Motion carries.

Roadside tractor purchase—Rich Pursell explained the current tractor was too worn to continue in service as a roadside mower. He plans to purchase a new tractor and use the current tractor for occasional work. The 3rd tractor (1971 John Deere) will be sold.

Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Tony Matzura, to authorize purchase of a John Deere 5090M tractor per the COSTARS quote from Robert E. Little Inc dated January 9, 2019 in the amount of \$60,789.15, and further to authorize the Roadmaster to spend p to \$2000 for glass window upgrades. All in favor. Motion carries.

Ag Security Application; TMP 42-8-55—Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Karen Bedics, to acknowledge receipt of the application to join the ASA. All in favor. Motion carries.

Landscaping and Lawn Service quotes—The Board reviewed the proposed quote specifications and bid form. It added the condition of no fertilizer use in Peppermint Park. It added an alternate line item for turf grass mowing around the municipal building.

Motion by Jim Nilsen, seconded by Karen Bedics to authorize advertisement of the Request for Quotes for landscaping and lawn services. All in favor. Motion carries.

Website overhaul—The Board discussed the 3 remaining vendors for the website overhaul and asked the Township Manager to get 110 Front to consolidate its proposal for consideration.

Community map project—The Board looked at 3 vendors to create a community map paid for with advertising along the border of the map. One vendor required the Township staff to sell the advertising and the Board rejected that model.

Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Dave Long, to select Hometown Press as the vendor to create the community map.

Steve Doncevic, Pleasant View Rd, thanked the Board for approving the project.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Bucks County mosquito spraying program—Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Jim Nilsen, to authorize the Bucks County mosquito spraying program on Township property per the County's March 1, 2019 letter. All in favor. Motion carries.

Supervisor comments: Mr. Long and Ms. Bedics reported they individually contacted other municipalities about frequency of septic tank pumping and that others report DEP is reluctant to stray from the 3 year requirement. Mr. Long handed out first drafts of the proposed revisions to Chapter 154.514, Historic Resources, for the Board's next discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michael J. Brown, Township Manager