

Board of Supervisors

**MINUTES
May 24, 2022**

IN-PERSON MEETING - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Supervisors Present: Jim Hopkins, Tony Matzura, Jim Nilsen and Bill Ryker.

Also present: Jason Wager (Township Manager) and Colleen Pursell (Secretary / Treasurer), Michael McDonald (Chief of Police) (virtual), Tim Fulmer (Township Engineer) and Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor).

Mr. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of Memorial Day, a moment of silence was observed. The moment of silence was extended to reflect on the recent school shooting in Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was given.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The consensus of the Board was to accept the report as presented.

Fund Balances as of April 30, 2022

General Fund	\$ 1,469,212	COVID Relief Fund	\$233,778
Open Space Fund	\$ 1,021,373	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$572,125
Escrow Fund	\$ 512,180	Street Light Fund	\$6,283
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 419,559	Act 537 Escrow Fund	\$85,700

PAYMENT OF BILLS

(March 16, 2022 – May 16, 2022)

General Fund	\$152,301.40	Open Space Fund	N/A
Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,218.36	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$8,218.99
Escrows	\$79,948.69	Street Light Fund	\$1,067.30

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried approving payment of bills from March 16, 2022 – May 16, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried approving the March 8, 2022 minutes, as presented.

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried approving the March 22, 2022 minutes, as presented.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried approving the April 12 minutes, as presented.

Motion by Mr. Matzura, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried approving the April 19, 2022 minutes, as amended.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried, amending the agenda, adding the Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator, Ms-4 Waiver Update and Hidden Driveway request.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Springtown Water Authority – The Water Authority was unable to attend the meeting.

Scheetz Land Development – Mr. Mease provided the Board with an overview of the Scheetz Land Development which is seeking preliminary and final approval.

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried approving the preliminary and final approval for the Scheetz Land Development per correspondence received from Wynn Associates dated March 18, 2022 and May 6, 2022.

Working on Private Property Discussion - Mr. Wager explained that we had a situation on April 20, 2022 where the Township’s backhoe was requested at a fire scene. Previously the Board declined to work on private property.

The consensus of the Board was to have the Emergency Management Coordinator assist the Township Manager with establishing a protocol for working on private property that addresses property requests versus emergency service requests.

Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator - Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried appointing Alexander J. Poniktera as the Emergency Management Coordinator pending his criminal and background check.

Alternative Energy – Draft Ordinance – Mr. Wager provided an overview of the draft ordinance which proposes Amending the Alternative Energy Specific Uses F-7, F-8, H-14 and H-15 and adding Accessory Geothermal Heat Pump, Emerging Alternative Energy Generation Systems as Specific Uses.

The consensus of the Board was to have the Springfield Township Planning Commission review the ordinance with the Solicitor, Engineer and Bucks County Planning Commission for recommendations.

Truck Transport – Intensive Facilities Draft Ordinance – Mr. Wager provided an overview of the draft ordinance which proposes Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Truck Transport Intensive Facilities to provide regulation of warehouses, distribution facilities, fulfillment centers and truck terminals.

The consensus of the Board was to have the Springfield Township Planning Commission review the ordinance.

MS-4 Waiver Update – Mr. Matzura advised that we are 180 days away from our MS-4 Waiver expiring. Mr. Fulmer will contact the DEP to discuss.

Hidden Driveway Sign – The resident of 5885 Route 412 requested that the Board consider installing a “Hidden Driveway” sign with flashing lights near the residence. The consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Fulmer check the site and provide costs for the sign.

REPORTS / COMMENTS

Zoning – A report was received and is on file.

Police – A report was received and is on file.

Road – A report was received and is on file.

Solicitor – A report was received.

Engineer – A report was received.

Springtown Fire Company Report – A report was received and is on file.

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Planning Commission – No report was given.

Parks & Land Preservation Board – Frank Hollenbach advised that the Board held a cleanup on April 30, 2022 that was successful.

EAC – No report was given.

Historic Commission – No report was given.

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

No comment was given.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from Mary Hoffman of 5885 Route 412, Springfield Township Historical Society Chronicles, EP-Act Newsletter, Center for Rural Pennsylvania, PennDOT Connects, Bucks County Planning Commission – Planning Insight, Costars Connection

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Hollenbach, 600 Rocky Valley Road stated that there is a low hanging wire near the rail trail on Springfield Street and that the One Room Schoolhouse Tour is on June 11, 2022.

Pete Jones, 1876 Salem Road commented on the proposed Truck Transport Ordinance.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Nilsen stated that the Springfield Township Historical Society discussed Knechts Bridge.

Mr. Ryker made mention of the increasing gas prices and that May is Mental Health month.

Mr. Hopkins stated that the next Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Focus Group will be held tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary / Treasurer