

**Board of Supervisors**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

**IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Supervisors Present:** Jim Hopkins, Tony Matzura, James Nilsen, Bill Ryker and Raymond Kade.

**Also present:** Jason Wager (Township Manager), Lisa Gerhart (Secretary), Michael McDonald (Chief of Police), Rich Pursell (Newly Appointed Township Manager and Current Public Works Director) and Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor).

Mr. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment given.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Wager discussed the financials. The consensus of the Board was to accept the report as presented.

Fund Balances as of October 31, 2022

General Fund	\$ 940,136	COVID Relief Fund	\$235,739
- CD General Fund	- \$243,000		
Open Space Fund	\$ 656,572	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$257,136
Escrow Fund	\$ 470,242	Street Light Fund	\$5,035
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 515,182	Act 537 Escrow Fund	\$470,242

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

(October 22, 2022 – November 18, 2022)

General Fund	\$347,886	Open Space Fund	\$2,500
Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,842	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$2,861
Escrows	\$2,042	Street Light Fund	\$350

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried approving payment of bills from October 22, 2022 – November 18, 2022.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried approving the October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, minutes, as presented.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ZHB Applications – Conshy Cooper Farms & Looking Up Enterprises** – Solicitor MacNair advised he would attend for the BOS but needed to know what position the BOS would like him to take at the Zoning Hearing Board. It was decided Solicitor MacNair would attend and make sure the record is complete. They will support the ZHB decision. Mr. Michael Clime, 2212 High Meadow Rd, stated he has objections to what Conshy Cooper wants in their ZHB application. Mr. Pete Jones (Zoom), 1876 Salem Road, asked about the property being Act 319. Solicitor MacNair stated that is regarding tax treatment.

Solicitor MacNair asked about their recommendations for the Looking Up Enterprises application. They are asking for a flag lot variance and BOS stated they agree with the flag lot. Solicitor MacNair advised he would write a letter of support regarding the variance request to the ZHB.

**DVHT Resolution/Agreement** – The Township is switching to DVHT for health care effective 1/1/23 with a three-year agreement. It will save the township money in the long term.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried to adopt **Resolution 2022-21** authorizing Springfield Township to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement and participate in the Delaware Valley Health Trust and further authorize the Chair and Manager to sign all paperwork necessary.

**Board Appointments – ZHB & P&LPB** – Mr. Jay Fuggiti volunteered to fill the opening on ZHB and join the Parks and Land Preservation Board. He will resign from the Planning Commission. Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried appointing Mr. Fuggiti to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending 12/31/25 and Parks and Land Preservation Board for a term ending 12/31/2024.

**2023 Budget discussion/advertisement authorization** – There was a 2023 Budget recap noting two previous Board of Supervisors work sessions. Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried authorizing advertisement of the 2023 proposed budget for Springfield Township.

#### **REPORTS / COMMENTS**

**Zoning** – A report was received and is on file.

**Police** – A report was received and is on file. Chief McDonald advised there was an ALICE Drill today at the elementary school.

**Public Works** – A report was received and is on file.

**Solicitor** – A report was received and is on file.

**Engineer** – A report was received and is on file.

**Planning Commission** – No report was given.

**Parks & Land Preservation Board** – No report was given.

**EAC** – No report was given.

**Historic Commission** – No report was given.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Correspondence was accepted as presented. Mr. Wager noted there is a bridge report provided to the Board in the correspondence.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Pete Jones of Salem Road commented that the audio and video on Zoom were great for this meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Kade mentioned the other day he saw a fire tanker truck leaking water along the road, and it was freezing on the road because of the temperature. Mr. Ryker thanked everyone for bearing with the Board as they worked through the budget. Mr. Nilsen described how he had a close call with a high voltage line while on his skid steer over the weekend and thanked all the first responders. Mr. Matzura thanked Mr. Wager for his work with the Township as this was his last Board of Supervisors meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Matzura, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gerhart  
Secretary