

Board of Supervisors

**MINUTES
 July 26, 2022**

IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Also present: Jason Wager (Township Manager), Lisa Gerhart (Secretary), Michael McDonald (Chief of Police), Tim Fulmer (Township Engineer) 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. He announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss real estate matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Doncevic, 1821 Pleasant View, asked about the use of biosolids with farming. Mr. Nilsen advised he would meet with him in a side bar to discuss that topic.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Wager presented the Mid-Year review. The consensus of the Board was to accept the report as presented.

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2022

General Fund	\$ 549,192	COVID Relief Fund	\$233,971
Open Space Fund	\$ 1,106,802	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$479,698
Escrow Fund	\$ 480,068	Street Light Fund	\$7,696
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 690,702	Act 537 Escrow Fund	\$85,761

PAYMENT OF BILLS

(June 20, 2022 – July 15, 2022)

General Fund	\$125,864.25	Open Space Fund	\$17.50
Capital Reserve Fund	\$12,014.53	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$7,189.14
Escrows	\$1,771.49	Street Light Fund	\$533.61

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving payment of bills from June 20, 2022 – July 15, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried approving the June 14, 2022 minutes, as presented. Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried approving the May 24, 2022 minutes, as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Palisades Regional Fire & Rescue

Todd Meyers, Commissioner, and Bill Shick, Fire Chief, discussed the newly formed Palisades Regional Fire & Rescue, currently made up of Ottsville and Riegelsville fire companies. Springtown Volunteer Fire Company expressed interest in joining the fire company. Mr. Meyers stated they will come back for the Board's August 23rd meeting with their five to ten year projected budget. They noted that October 1, 2022

will be the official opening ceremony of the new regionalized organization with the event to be held at Palisades Middle School.

Woodcock Lane stormwater

Gabe and Elena Schumacher, 1515 Woodcock Lane, expressed their displeasure with the Road Department's prep work for oil and chipping of Woodcock Lane. Mr. Schumacher presented information to the Board regarding their concern over potential stormwater issues from the work done. The Board along with the Township Engineer stated they felt the work would not create new stormwater issues, but would look monitor the situation.

Springtown Volunteer Fire Company Request

Springtown VFC requested \$40,000 in funding from the Township's COVID Relief funds for lost revenue during the pandemic. The Board tabled the discussion for a later meeting.

Open Space Bond to Loan Proposals – PFM Financial Advisors LLC

Jamie Schlesinger, Managing Director from PFM, presented the bank loan RFP results for the Open Space loan.

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried accepting the bid from M&T Bank at a fixed rate of 2.82%, authorizing PFM to lock in the rate for the ninety day escrow and further authorizing the Chairman and Township Manager to sign all documents necessary to complete the loan paperwork.

Appointment of Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried ratifying the job offer to Mercedes Veni as the Township Treasurer at the annual salary of \$48,500 with the start date of August 1, 2022.

Appointment of Secretary

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried ratifying the job offer to Lisa Gerhart as the Township Secretary at the new annual salary of \$48,500 with the start date retroactive to July, 18, 2022 and further, changing her title to Secretary/Permit Coordinator.

Fire Police Request for EAC event in October

Motion by Mr. Matzura, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried authorizing the use of Springtown Fire Company Fire Police at the Springfield EAC e-waste event on October 8, 2022 at Springfield Elementary School.

Knights of Columbus Event on Upper Bucks Rail Trail

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried authorizing the use of the Springfield Township Upper Bucks Rail Trail section for the 5K and 10K Jack-o-Lantern run sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Quakertown scheduled on September 24, 2022.

Job Descriptions – The consensus of the Board was to table this for a future meeting.

Dedicated Tax Presentation – Mr. Wager gave a power point presentation on the Funding of Emergency Services. The presentation focused on Township actual income/expense history (from 2001 to 2021), 2022 Revenue/Expense Budget with 2023 to 2027 forecast, impact of dedicated tax on the Township and its residents, Township comparison of 2022 budgets for neighboring municipalities, census data, draft dedicated tax resolution and draft Memorandum of Understanding.

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 and is on file.

Engineer – A report was received and is on file.

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 – No report was given.

EAC – No report was given.

Historic Commission – No report was given.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from Rural Perspectives, a Thank You letter from Bucks County SPCA for township donation, Bucks County Association of Township Officials, resident Thank You for road work on Hottle Road, Visit Bucks County email, Bucks Workonomics email, and US News – Best Places to Live in Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Doncevic, 1821 Pleasant View, thanked the board for their dedicated work they do for the township.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Ryker brought up the topic of Community Day. It was agreed to postpone this year. All supervisors were in agreement to support Palisades Regional Fire and Rescue open house in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason A. Wager
Township Manager