

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 5th, 2007
7:00 P.M.

The Spring Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Frank Royer, Chairman, followed by Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisors: Frank Royer, Terry Perryman & David Capperella
Solicitor: John Miller, Jr. – Not Present
Township Manager: William MacMath
Zoning Officer: Vaughn Zimmerman – Not Present
Guests: Attendance sheet attached to original minutes

HEARING OF VISITORS:

No requests.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 2ND & 3RD (Re-Organizational/Regular Meeting & Auditor's Meeting) 2007:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept the Minutes of January 2nd & 3rd, 2007 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

REPORTS ON OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES:

The following reports were submitted to The Board of Supervisors and are on file for review.

- Township Treasurers Report – Submitted by Molly Baird
- Water Authority Treasurers Report – Submitted by Molly Baird
- Police Report – Submitted by Greer Perryman
- Municipal Employees Report – Submitted by Gary Royer
- Code Enforcement Report – Submitted by Vaughn Zimmerman
- Sewer Enforcement Report – No Report
- Fire Company Report – Submitted by Gary Royer

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept the above reports as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Centre Hall Police Services Contract Renewal – William MacMath, Manager, reported he has talked with Dave King, Chief, and all duties have been clarified with Centre Hall. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the Centre Hall Police Service Contract Renewal as presented. Unanimously approved motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payne Soccer Field – Middle School - William MacMath, Manager, reported the Bellefonte Soccer Association has requested that the School District have a Middle School Soccer Program (7th & 8th Grades). The Bellefonte Soccer Association is willing to share the Payne Field and coordinate scheduling with the Middle School teams. The Soccer Association is asking the Township support and use of the field for the district. A district will provide liability insurance over and above what the Bellefonte Soccer Association supplies. Terry Perryman, Supervisor, questioned if the school is doing anything to help maintain the facilities. Mr. MacMath reported no, the school hasn't been asked. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to support and approve the use of the Payne Field for the Middle School Soccer Program. School will need to coordinate usage with the Bellefonte Soccer Association. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan – Support for Spring Township Projects – William MacMath, Manager, reported the Centre County MPO is asking for support of two projects in Spring Township.

- 1) Bridge replacement over Buffalo Run on Upper Coleville Road.
- 2) Bellefonte Central Rail Trail from Toftrees to Bellefonte.

The Township is already participating in the Rail Trail Study, this would allow for additional funding sources to be accessed. The bridge has become a high priority for PennDOT. Both of these projects need to be added to the Long Range Transportation Plan. This is no cost to the Township. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to support the two projects. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Jon Nirnberger – ZHB Resignation – William MacMath, Manager, reported Jon Nirnberger submitted his letter of resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept Mr. Nirnberger's resignation with regrets. Unanimously approved motion carried. Mr. MacMath reported Jon has agreed to serve until someone is appointed to fill his position.

Police Tasers – William MacMath, Manager, reported Chief King provided the Supervisors with information of Tasers back in September. Mr. MacMath also reported he is in support of the Tasers, if the department can get a grant to purchase them. It will give the department an additional tool.

Mike Danneker, Officer, was present and explained Taser use. Currently the Police Officers only have Pepper Spray in addition to their guns. Frank Royer, Chairman, questioned the cost. Chief David King reported the Tasers include cameras in them and cost is \$1,300 to \$1,400 per unit. Cameras are included to record use for liability reasons. Tasers have a 97% success rate. After some discussion, it was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to purchase two Tasers and hope for grant monies to reimburse the purchase. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Police Training – William MacMath, Manager, reported a memo was received from Chief King requesting training for the department. The following scheduled was requested.

- Officer Dickey – March 5th, 6th & 7th, 2007

- Officer Danneker – October 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th, 2007
- Chief King – July 30th – August 10th, 2007
- Officer Moore – March 8th, 2007

Terry Perryman, Supervisor, reported he is in favor of training as long as a few officers are not off at a time and it does not create impact on the department. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the training as requested. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Fire Company Vehicle - Frank Royer, Chairman, reported he received a call from the Pleasant Gap Fire Company regarding the “old” police cruiser the Township had given them years ago that they had re-painted and used for the fire company. The car is no longer in decent shape and they wish to dispose of the vehicle. The Fire Company is asking if the Township needs this vehicle back to dispose of, or can they take care of disposing themselves. Supervisors agreed this vehicle was transferred to the Pleasant Gap Fire Company, therefore they can dispose of themselves.

FOR INFORMATION:

Shared Services Meeting – William MacMath, Manager, reported there will be a Shared Services Meeting with Bellefonte on March 1, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Central Pennsylvania Institute. (C.P.I.)

Zoning Hearing Board Appeal – William MacMath, Manager, reported John Houser is appealing the Zoning Hearing Board’s decision to the courts. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to have the solicitor proceed with the necessary procedures. Unanimously approved motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 01-07 – Appointment of Certified Public Accountant – It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve the appointment of a Certified Public Accountant to perform the Annual Audit for Spring Township. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Resolution No. 07-07 – Act 600 Police Pension Funding, Eliminating Member Contributions for 2007 - It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve eliminating member contributions for 2007 to the Police Pension Plan. Unanimously approved motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

William MacMath reported on the following correspondence received.

Centre County MPO – Letter received regarding the January 23rd, 2007 Coordinating Committee Meeting Report.

Recorder of Deeds – Information regarding Act 40. Will have John Miller, Solicitor, write ordinance.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the bills for the month of January 2007 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, Building Fund Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

- (1) Steve Lyncha – Weis Markets update

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by Terry Perryman to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird
Recording Secretary