

**SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**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. Terry Perryman was excused from the meeting due to being out of town.

***Supervisors:*** Frank Royer & David Capperella  
***Solicitor:*** John Miller, Jr.  
***Township Manager:*** William MacMath  
***Zoning Officer:*** Vaughn Zimmerman  
***Guests:*** Attendance sheet attached to original minutes

**HEARING OF VISITORS:**

None.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006:**

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to accept the Minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 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 – Submitted by Ralph Houck
- Fire Company Report – Submitted by Gary Royer

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kerstetter Subdivision – Preliminary Plan** - Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Weis Markets and Emma Lou Kerstetter propose to subdivide tax parcel 13-4-17 into 7

commercial and 1 residential lots. The residential acreage is proposed to change to an agricultural designation in the Nittany Valley Comprehensive Plan. The commercial lots have been previously rezoned as Interchange Commercial in advance of the rest of the Nittany Valley Comprehensive Plan. Lot 6 is the parcel which is intended to be developed as the future Weis Markets store. This subdivision will be serviced by one public road, Buckaroo Lane, which will be dedicated to the Township. All required comments from Spring Township, Centre County and Don Franson have been addressed. Component 3 Planning Module for this subdivision has previously been approved by Spring Township.

A waiver request has been granted by the Spring Township Planning Commission to allow for intersection grades along Buckaroo Lane to be 5%. The Spring Township Subdivision Ordinance allows for a maximum of 4%. Don Franson has indicated that he has no objection to granting of this waiver. The Spring Township Planning Commission voted unanimously at their November 20, 2006 meeting to recommend conditional approval for this plan.

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to grant conditional approval of the Preliminary Subdivision plan for Robert L. Kerstetter Estate, dated July 26, 2006, last revised November 6, 2006. Conditions of approval being approval by Spring Township and PA-DOT of the traffic impact study and approval by D.E.P. of the proposed community water system and private well. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission** – William MacMath, Manager, reported the Spring Creek Watershed Commission has finalized an “Agreement” for the formation of an inter-governmental entity provided by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (Act 177 of 1996). The Watershed Commission hopes that Spring Township will recognize the importance of continued communication and become an active participant in this new inter-governmental effort within the Spring Creek Watershed by agreeing to the 2007 financial contribution. Township’s portion would be \$397 per year. Supervisors agreed to table until the January meeting until they have more time to review.

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

**Township Offices Closed** – Frank Royer, Chairman, reported the Township Offices will be closed on 12/25 & 12/26 for the Christmas holiday and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

**Witherite Road Rail Crossing – New Flashing Lights** – William MacMath, Manager, reported the crossing lights for the Witherite Road Rail Crossing have been approved by the P.U.C. and will be installed early 2007. Also for 2008 were flashing lights for the crossing on Upper Coleville Road are planned.

**Police Pension Ordinance** – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from Conrad Siegel Actuaries regarding the Police Pension Plan. Due to changes to reflecting applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the IRS frequently issues regulations and procedures on how to keep the plan document current. The last updated document was with a 2003 amendment. Since then new laws have been passed and regulations issued, therefore a Compliance Amendment is required. This amendment does not change the operation of the plan, it updates certain sections of the plan document to reflect standard IRS language. The IRS requires that plans contain this language, even though it does not affect plan benefits. Township needs to

pass an ordinance to adopt the amendment. This will be advertised for adoption/approval at the January meeting.

**Supervisors Compensation Ordinance** – William MacMath, Manager, reported the ordinance to change the compensation for the Supervisors, as discussed last month, will be advertised for the January meeting.

**New Truck Purchase** – William MacMath, Manager, reported as per previous discussions on a new truck purchase, in order to save \$8,000 the truck should be purchased prior to the end of the year. As of January 1, 2007 prices increase. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to proceed with purchasing the truck before the rate increase. Unanimously approved motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution No. 20-06 – Tax Levy 2007** – Frank Royer, Chairman, reported the taxes for 2007 are the same as this year with no increase. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to pass Resolution 20-06 setting the taxes for 2007 with no increase. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Resolution No. 21-06 – 2007 Budget** – Frank Royer, Chairman, reported a Public Hearing on the proposed 2007 Budget was held prior to the regular meeting with no public comments. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to approve the 2007 Budget. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Resolution No. 22-06 – Dominion Gas Planning Module** – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported D.E.P. did not accept the non-building waiver process that was performed along with the subdivision of tax parcel 13-4-80. A component 3 planning module approval is therefore necessary to grant Dominion Transmission 1 EDU for their proposed compressor station site. Spring Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this planning module at their November 20, 2006 meeting. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to grant approval of the component 3 planning module for Dominion Transmission, Inc. Unanimously approved motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

William MacMath reported on the following correspondence received.

**SBWJA – Refuse Collection, Recycling & Composting – Joint Meeting** – Memo received from SBWJA notifying all Townships that a meeting will be held at the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority's office on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss obtaining grant monies to fund a feasibility study for refuse collection, recycling and composting.

**Borough of Bellefonte – Fire Protection Cost for 2007** – Letter received from Bellefonte Borough stating due to increased expenses and the number of calls to Spring Township Fire Protection for the year 2007 will tentatively be increased to \$60,000.00. After brief discussion the Supervisors agreed it was not in the budget for 2007. A meeting needs to be set with Bellefonte to discuss the Fire Protection costs.

**Pleasant Gap Fire Company – Thank You Letter** – Letter received from Pleasant Gap Fire Company thanking Spring Township for all of the improvements of Robinson Lane.

**Parante Randolph** – Quote received from Parente Randolph to perform the Township Audit in the amount of \$6,500. Another quote was received from Boyer & Ritter in the amount of \$10,500.00. Monies allotted in the 2007 Budget to go with an independent auditing firm. Township needs to advertise 30 days prior to approving appointing Parente Randolph. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to proceed with advertising. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to approve the bills for the month of November 2006 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) William MacMath – Comcast prices
- (2) Tom Cable - Developments

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Molly Baird**  
**Recording Secretary**

