

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 1, 2010
7:00 P.M.

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

Supervisors: Terry Perryman, David Capperella & Frank Royer
Solicitor: Tracey Benson – Miller, Kistler, Campbell
Township Manager: William MacMath
Zoning Officer: Vaughn Zimmerman
Guests: Attendance sheet attached to original minutes

HEARING OF VISITORS:

No requests.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 4TH & 5TH (Twp. Mtg. & Auditors Mtg.):

It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to accept the Minutes of January 4th & 5th, 2010 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
- Ambulance Report – Submitted by Gary Royer

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Kepler Pool - William MacMath, Manager, reported a copy of the letter the Borough sent to the YMCA concerning the loss incurred this past year and listing the amounts billed, paid and not paid, with the threat that if not paid by March 31st the pool would not open in 2010. It was only ever agreed upon that The Township would pay \$6,000 per year for the pool, and nothing was ever mentioned regarding covering losses. Also received two e-mails from residents asking that Spring Township help keep the pool open. Bellefonte Borough claims there was a loss, therefore making The Township's share \$8,673.91 which they are requesting the additional \$2,673.91 be paid. Terry Perryman, Chairman, reported he feels there needs to be more

information regarding the losses before a decision can be made. David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, reported he has accounting information from the YMCA. The YMCA has an agreement with Bellefonte Borough to run the pool, however the Borough is claiming a loss, and have indicated if the municipalities do not help make up for the loss, they will not open the pool this year. Terry Perryman, Chairman, remarked if the municipalities do cover the loss, will they open the pool anyway. Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported his concern is if The Township does not pay the extra, will it end up being a public slam and The Township will be blamed if the pool does not open. William MacMath, Manager, reported there needs to be an agreement. David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, reported there has been a verbal agreement but The Borough keeps changing it. Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported if The Township does not pay, it may upset other projects currently in the works. David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, reported he would like to work with The Borough but The Township can not always have an open checkbook. The Township has honored their agreement by paying the \$6,000 that was budgeted. Terry Perryman, Chairman, reported there needs to be more information on this issue before any decisions will be made. No further discussion.

Fire Services Update – William MacMath, Manager, reported there was a meeting held Wednesday, January 27th. It was well attended by the municipalities and fire companies and was very cordial. Most issues were brought to the table. David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, questioned if Borough Council totally understands or is even aware of the agreement. William MacMath, Manager, reported he feels Council may not be fully aware of the agreement, but feels negotiations seem to be moving in the right direction. Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported the fire companies invited the Supervisors to set in on their meetings. Brief discussion took place on an option of implementing a Fire Services Tax, that way the monies would have to go toward Fire Services and could not be used in another fund. David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, reported he feels if The Township is funding a large portion of the Borough's budget for Fire Services, they should have some say. Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported the three fire companies work well together and feels that should continue. William MacMath, Manager, reported he will continue to monitor the issue. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24th, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Primary & General Elections – May 18th & November 2nd, 2010 – Use of Building – William MacMath, Manger, reported the Centre County Elections Office have requested use of the Township Building for the Primary and General Elections to be held May 18th & November 2nd, 2010. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve the request. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Alternative Energy Sources – William MacMath, Manager, reported people have begun to look into alternate energy methods. He has seen a recent influx of solar panel arrays and outdoor wood fired boilers. These structures should be regulated. The Planning Commission have developed a supplemental regulation entitled Alternative Energy Sources. Copies of the Supplemental Regulations were provided in the Supervisors packets for their review. Mr. MacMath also reported in looking at the ordinances, it mainly deals with areas that are permitted, setbacks and safety concerns. The Planning Commission recommends holding a Public Hearing and adopting them. Frank Royer, Supervisor, questioned if this was strictly for residents and not Windmill Farms. William MacMath, Manger, reported yes, only residential. Terry Perryman, Chairman, reported the only problem he has is dictating to people what they can do just because they do not have a one acre

lot they will not qualify for alternate sources. David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, reported smaller lot sizes this could be a problem. Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported he does not agree with the one acre lot size. William MacMath, Manager, reported the ordinance came from D.E.P. Planning Commission recommends a Public Hearing and adoption. Supervisors agreed to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the ordinances at 6:30 p.m., March 1st, 2010 prior to the regular monthly meeting. No further discussion.

Health & Safety Ordinance Amendment – Outdoor Wood Fired Boiler – William MacMath, Manager, reported this amendment further regulates, types of boilers, stack height requirements and prohibited materials that can be burned. Planning Commission recommends a Public Hearing and adoption. Supervisors agreed to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the ordinances at 6:30 p.m., March 1st, 2010 prior to the regular monthly meeting.

FOR INFORMATION:

County Liquid Fuels Money – Fire Training Site – William MacMath, Manager, reported there have been numerous accidents of people running into the Fire Training Site. The Board of Commissioners is making available to Spring Township a 2010 grant of County Aid (Liquid Fuels Funds) for the project submitted to them by CPI for consideration. The Special Allocation is in the amount of \$2,000 for 2010 and is for the proposal submitted by CPI on October 16, 2009 regarding vehicle encroachments from Harrison Road into the Centre County Public Safety Training Center property. This allocation may be requested at any time in 2010 by completing a portion of the PennDOT Form MS-339. Commissioners will execute the form and forward to PennDOT. Terry Perryman, Chairman, questioned who pays for damage to additional signage, road markers etc. if it's a drive off. David King, Chief of Police, stated in that case The Township would pay for repairs. William MacMath, Manager, reported road markers and rumble strips are an option. After brief discussion, The Supervisors agreed to proceed.

C.A.T.A. – Orientation Breakfast for Local Elected Officials – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from C.A.T.A. inviting The Supervisors to an Orientation Breakfast on Thursday, February 11th at 7:30 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

William MacMath, Manager, reported on the following correspondence received.

Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services – Invitation received to a banquet in honor of those who have served in the past and present celebrating the accomplishments of 2009 held by the Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services. Banquet is Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Moose, 125 N. Spring Street, Bellefonte. Social Hour 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

C-NET – Proposal received from C-Net updating information inviting Spring Township to become a member municipality of C-NET.

Walker Township Water Association – Letter received - Notice of Application – SRBC for Snyderstown Area Well, Centre County. Information only.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to approve the bills for the month of February 2010 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

No Comments.

David Capperella, Vice-Chairman, reported briefly on a presentation he attended at the Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting regarding Borehole/Well Drilling which was very interesting. Will need to have an ordinance.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Molly Baird,
Recording Secretary**