

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 2, 2009
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 to be on agenda.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 5TH & 19TH (Reg.Mtg. & Auditor's Mtg.):

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept the Minutes of January 5th, 2009 Regular Supervisors Meeting and January 19th, 2009 Auditor's Organizational Meeting 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
- Ambulance 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:

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Polling Place – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from the Centre County Elections Office requesting the use of the Township Building for the Municipal Primary & Municipal General Elections for 2009 as in the past. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve the use of the building. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Bellefonte Soccer Association – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from the Bellefonte Soccer Association requesting use of the Payne Community Soccer Field and the Pleasant Gap Elementary Park for the 2009 Spring and Fall Sessions and the MLS Soccer Camps. A Certificate of Insurance was provided. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the use of the two fields as requested. Unanimously approved motion carried.

YMCA Sponsorship – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from the Bellefonte YMCA requesting Spring Township to be a sponsor again this year for their 2009 Annual Auction. The Township has been a sponsor for the past two years. Recommended approval. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve being a Bronze Sponsor in the amount of \$250 as in the past. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Sketch Plan – BMW Partnership – Armond Aquillino, Nittany Engineering, reported on behalf of BMW Partnership Sketch Plan. Mr. Aquillino reported he is representing BMW Partnership and introduced the two members present which were Alan Witherite and Rob Bascom. Mr. Aquillino explained the plan which is a 46 Unit Duplex Development being proposed behind Keystone Inspection Building and the old Phoenix Building. The entrance is being proposed approximately 90 ft. away from the Melanie Lane entrance of Pleasant Hills. Cost of the units will be based on income levels.

Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questioned with the wetlands and pond at the bottom, what does it cut the acreage down to. Mr. Aquillino reported less than 50% Impervious. Mr. Perryman also questioned if what kind of talks they have had with PennDot concerning the entrance onto Route 144. Mr. Aquillino reported PennDot has asked them to check other alternatives also, however, if the only alternative would be Route 144 then they will need to meet with them again to discuss further. Mr. MacMath, Manager, reported the Township has already informed PennDot Robinson Lane is out of the question. Mr. Perryman, Vice-Chairman, reported also he has seen in the past a lot of water run-off go down Route 144, and to keep this in mind also when planning. Mr. Aquillino thanked the Supervisors for their time and reported they will take all comments into consideration prior to submitting a final plan.

Appointing of New Police Officer – William MacMath, Manager, reported after extensive testing, Frank Royer, Chief David King and himself recommend the hiring of William Witmer at a starting salary of \$40,000 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, with a starting date on or around March 1, 2009. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve hiring William Witmer. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Disposal of Township Equipment – Police Car, Bike & Miscellaneous Items – William MacMath, Manager, reported the Township has the old Police car and numerous bikes that the Police have collected, and is recommending checking into Asset Auctions to dispose of

these items. Asset Auctions is an online auction. State College used this method last year and it worked really well for them. David Capperella questioned chief King as to what the miscellaneous items were. Chief King reported there are odds and ends, a car speaker etc. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve selling the items through Asset Auctions. Unanimously approved motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION:

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 04-09 – Eliminating Employee Police Pension Contributions for 2009 – William MacMath, Manager, reported this is a required resolution that is done each year if the Supervisors do not make the Police contribute toward their pension. They have never had to contribute. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve Resolution No. 04-09 eliminating employee Police Pension contributions for 2009. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Resolution No. 05-09 – Creating of a Detective & Sergeant Positions – William MacMath, Manager, reported it has been discussed about the creation of a Detective and Sergeant position in the past. This resolution would create these positions, but not fill them. Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questions what is the procedure after these positions are created. Mr. MacMath reported the Police Contract will need to be amended to include these positions along with pay scale. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve Resolution 05-09 creating a Detective and Sergeant Position. Unanimously approved motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Tele Media – Letter received regarding changes in services and rates.

Miller Kistler Campell – Letter received thanking Spring Township for re-appointing Miller Kistler Campell as the Township's Solicitor for 2009.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the bills for the month of January 2009 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

- 1). Charles Porter – Drainage at Beavertown Block.
- 2). Mike Williams – Gypsy Moth Program.
- 3). David Capperella - NVJPC

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird
Recording Secretary