

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 1, 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. Mr. Royer turned the meeting over to Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, due to vision problems.

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:

ACTION ON MINUTES OF MAY 4th, 2009:

It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to accept the Minutes of May 4th, 2009 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 Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to accept the above reports as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Refuse & Recycling Bids – William MacMath, Manager, reported there are two items related to this issue. First item is Walker Township is no longer interested in going in on the bidding process. Since this was one of the reasons for going to bid, Mr. MacMath questioned if the Supervisors would still be interested in bidding. Second item is the current Refuse and Recycling Ordinances need to be updated. These ordinances were adopted in 1995. Mr. MacMath also reported if we proceed with updating the ordinances and go to bid now or in the future, the updated ordinances would allow for it to occur, additionally include updated definitions and references to state law.

Frank Royer, Chairman remarked when the Supervisors agreed to go to bid before, it was his understanding that any and all bids could be rejected if the Supervisors were not satisfied with the numbers, is this still the case. Mr. MacMath, Manager, reported yes. Ted Onufrak, CCSWA, was present and remarked the Centre Region just went to bid, should have results by the end of June. Frank Royer reported he feels we should proceed with the bidding process to see where we are at. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by Terry Perryman to proceed with the bidding process. David Capperella, Supervisor, opposed. On a vote of two to one, motion carried. William MacMath, Manager, reported he feels it should wait until after the Centre Region bids come in at the end of June. Supervisors agreed. Supervisors also agreed to update the current ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS:

PA Municipalities Pension Trust Fund – William MacMath, Manager, reported every couple of years the Board must ratify appointments for trustees of this fund. PSATS have requested, as formality, the Supervisors approve their suggestions for appointments to the Trustees Trust Fund. David Capperella, Supervisor, questioned if there was any information sent on the two nominees PSATS are recommending. Mr. MacMath reported no. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve the two nominees submitted by PSATS. Unanimously approved motion carried. Mr. Capperella requested a letter should be sent to PSATS stating to include additional information on the nominees in the future.

Street Light on Forge Road – William MacMath, Manager, reported Allegheny Power contacted him about a street light that is on Spring Township's system, because when it was reported that it was not working, they discovered it is on private property and is approximately 35 to 40 feet off the road and about 40 feet higher than the road, plus there are big trees that block it on top of that. Allegheny has suggested it be removed from the system because it has no benefit whatsoever to Forge Road and the traveling public. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to remove the street light from the system as recommended by Allegheny Power. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Appeal of Cell Tower Property Tax – William MacMath, Manager, reported Spectrasite Communications, Inc. appealed the taxes it pays on the site (Rte.64 & I-99). There were a number of cell tower sites throughout the County that were appealed, but only one in Spring Township. Centre County negotiated a settlement, we have no legality involved. Spring Township will need to issue a refund of \$770 once the settlement is signed. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by Frank Royer to approve and authorize the Solicitor to sign the settlement. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Prel./Final Glenn O. Hawbaker Rail Facility Land Development – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Glenn O. Hawbaker proposes to construct a rail facility to store, load and unload liquid products and stone. Also proposed is a storage/maintenance building and three liquid storage tanks. There is no engineering review by Don Franson to be done, as engineering issues such as stormwater are in this case reviewed by Pennsylvania DEP. At this time, only three minor comments remains on the Spring Township review. Centre County review has been received, the most recent version of the plan does not yet reflect these comments. Spring Township Solicitor Tracey Benson has recommended that this plan does not need to be reviewed through the conditional use process. Spring Township Planning Commission recommended approval of this plan at their May 18th, 2009 meeting.

Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questioned the height of the tanks. A representative from Glenn O. Hawbaker that was present, reported 40 or 48 feet but you will not see from the road due to the landscaping. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to grant conditional approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. Pleasant Gap Rail Facility, plan dated March 25, 2009, last revised April 8, 2009. Conditions of approval being completion of Spring Township review comments by letter dated April 9, 2009, completion of comments issued by Centre County Planning Office in a letter dated April 20, 2009 and issuance of Highway Occupancy Permit or exception from requiring a permit by PennDOT. Unanimously approved motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION:

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 07-09 – CATA Budget Resolution – William MacMath, Manager, reported Spring Township must approve the CATA Budget since they participate in the use. Cost will remain the same, actually decreased by \$37.00 plus they are adding two additional runs. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to approve the CATA Budget as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Ordinance 03-09 – Sign Ordinance – William MacMath, Manager, reported the ordinance has been revised since the April 6th, 2009 Public Hearing. Some sign sizes increased and billboard regulations were added. The Planning Commission has recommended approval. Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, reported a Public Hearing was held prior to the regular meeting on the Sign Ordinance. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve the Sign Ordinance. Unanimously approved motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

YMCA – Letter received from the YMCA thanking Spring Township for being an ad sponsor at their annual auction.

Shared Services – No letter received. Mr. MacMath, Manager, reported on a meeting he attended, at the Shared Services meeting they met with the Census Bureau. They are asking for a link be put on the township's website and in the newsletter. Encouraging residents to participate will help the township with their liquid fuel allocation which is based on population. A link to their website will be placed on Spring Township's website and an article along with their website address will be included in our next newsletter.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

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

OPEN FORUM:

- 1). Suzanne McBride – Springfield Development – Berm problem
- 2). Mike McBride – Springfield Development – Berm problem
- 3). Bob Capuro – Skyview Terrace – Street Sweeping

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird
Recording Secretary