

**SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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

**HEARING OF VISITORS:**

**Warren Miller – SBWJA – Fiedler Road** – Warren Miller was present along with SBWJA’s Engineer, Mark Garlicki, HRG to discuss the Musser Subdivision on Fiedler Road. Mr. Miller reported the ground should be re-sampled. To install a Nitrogen removal system would be very expensive. Mr. Garlicki reported there are two avenues the Township could take; 1) 20 Well Water Samples from residents around the area at \$55 per sample from Fairway Labs would be approx. \$1,100 for sampling. 2) A Hydro-geological Study needs to be completed at approximately \$4,000.

Dave Capperella, Supervisor, reported his concern is for the three or four lots that were sold. What can the Township do to help these people whom purchased lots with the intentions of possibly building some day but now they can’t due to septic issues. Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, reported he feels the ground should be tested for nitrates again first before pursuing any further testing because he is not in favor of spending \$5,000 for just the three lots that were sold. William MacMath, Manager, reported DEP keeps changing their mind. Mr. Capperella reported he feels sympathy for the three or four people who purchased the ground. Mr. Perryman reported he agrees with having the first testing done and see how it turns out before getting into a lot of expense. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to test the initial nitrates on the 20 wells only and wait for the results prior to any further testing and/or studies. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Warren Miller reported he will have the testing done as soon as possible, should have more information by the next meeting. Invoice for testing will be sent directly to Spring Township. No further discussion.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009:**

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to accept the Minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 – No Report
- Fire Company Report – Submitted by Gary Royer
- Ambulance Report – Submitted by Gary Royer
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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:**

**Regional Refuse & Recycling** – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from Benner Township asking if Spring Township is interested in a Regional Trash Contract. Walker Township will be discussing at their meeting Wednesday night. A copy of the study completed last year was provided to the Supervisors in their packets. Mr. MacMath announced Ted Onufrak and Joann Shafer were present for discussion and/or questions.

Ted Onufrak went over information he handed out to the Supervisors. Information contained a summary of the Gannett Fleming Report, how regional collection would effect Spring Township and the advantages to putting out for bids, and options on bidding. Mr. Onufrak also reported they can not award until ordinance is in effect. Mr. MacMath, Manager, reported there would need to be an Inter-Municipal agreement. Frank Royer, Chairman, remarked “Maybe the Township would rather collect ourselves”. Mr. Perryman reported he does not like the idea of the smaller guy not being able to compete. Since the last discussion we have already had one of the smaller haulers pass away and another sold out.

Ted Onufrak reported there are two sides to worry about with the small hauler; they could sell out and/or they do not have the volume of customers. However, by them bidding if they were to be awarded the bid, this could be a boost to them and would give them job security along with customers. Joann Shafer reported the small amount of haulers left could handle it. Mr. Perryman remarked “you start dictating by the bid process could be a problem. Frank Royer, Chairman, reported he feels by going to bid and going with one hauler the Township would be helping the residents by saving them money. David Capperella, Supervisor, reported he has talked to several people and they do not have a problem with the way the collection is now. Mr. Perryman remarked he feels the Supervisors need input from the smaller haulers and that another meeting with them should be set. Mr. Capperella remarked he is not inclined at this point to go with bidding. Mr. Perryman remarked again that a meeting needs to be set with the haulers. Mr. Royer remarked “we are here to save resident’s money”. Mr. Capperella reported he feels the government is trying to pick winners, and that he has not seen or heard of any service issues etc. with the way collection is being done now. Mr. Royer remarked “the Township could possibly purchase a truck, hire a few additional workers and get into collecting ourselves”. After some

discussion, Mr. Perryman suggested that Mr. MacMath, Manager, contact the hauler's by phone to get their input.

Mr. Capperella questioned what impact bidding would have on Commercial hauling? Mr. Onufrak reported commercial businesses make out better. Mr. Capperella also questioned how bidding would increase recycling? Mr. Onufrak reported if people would get a lower rate, they would be inclined to recycle. After brief discussion, the Supervisors agreed to have Mr. MacMath, Manager, contact all haulers for their interest and costs and report back at next months meeting. No further discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Glenn O. Hawbaker Bridge Storage Building – Prel./Final Land Development** – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Glenn O. Hawbaker proposes to construct a storage building on ground located off of Gilttown Road. This storage building is planned to be 11,520 square feet in size and will sit on tax parcel number 13-4-69C.

Mr. Zimmerman also reported 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 one minor comment remains on the Spring Township review. Centre County review was just received on February 17 (review letter dated February 13), and thus the most recent version of the plan does not yet reflect these comments. The Spring Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend granting of conditional approval to do this plan at their meeting on February 23, 2009.

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to grant conditional approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. Bridge Storage Building, plan dated January 28, 2009, last revised February 11, 2009. Conditions of approval being completion of Spring Township review comment by letter dated February 12, 2009 and completion of comments issued by Centre County Planning Office in a letter dated February 13, 2009. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Amberleigh Square – Prel. Lot Consolidation & Land Development** - Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Mike Glass proposes to modify Phase 3 of the Amberleigh Subdivision. Mr. Glass was present also to answer any questions. Mr. Zimmerman reported with this new proposal, three lots from Phase 2 will be consolidated into Phase 3 acreage, and upon this ground will be built 4 apartment buildings of 24 units each. Mr. Glass reported also part of this land development plan will be the construction of a community center and pool facility which will be available for use by the enter Amberleigh Development. Mr. Glass and Mr. Harlow, Engineer for Mr. Glass, presented a drawing to show where the center and pool would be located.

Mr. Glass reported the existing stormwater wet pond will be included in this development as well, with maintenance of the stormwater pond becoming the responsibility of Amberleigh LP rather than a homeowners association. Mr. Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported revised traffic counts reflecting the proposed Phase 3 have been submitted to PennDOT. No approvals have been received from PennDOT at this time. The proposal meets all regulations of the former R-4 zoning district, which is the zoning district the original Amberleigh Subdivision Plan was submitted under. Apartments are a permitted use within the old R-4 zoning

district, allowing for one apartment per 3,500 square feet of land. The increased unit count proposed by this plan is within old R-4 zoning district limitations for this land. At this time, all comments from Spring Township Zoning Office have been addressed regarding the land development plan. Don Franson's remaining comments are all issues which he has indicated can be addressed in the final land development plan stage, and he has no objection to the approval of this plan. Centre County Planning Office comments were received on February 12<sup>th</sup> and have been addressed in this plan. Spring Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend granting of conditional approval to the plan at their February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questioned how the plan would impact traffic. Matt Harlow, Engineer for Mr. Glass, reported based on traffic data, would increase by 18 additional trips per hour. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the plan as submitted with no conditions. All conditions have been met and/or deferred to the final plan. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendments** – William MacMath, Manager, reported there are two areas of amendments, one is Editorial and Corrections and the second one is updating the Flood Plain Section to meet the new FEMA Standards. The Planning Commission recommends scheduling a Public Hearing and adoption. Mr. MacMath recommended scheduling a Public Hearing prior to the next meeting scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Supervisors agreed to schedule the Public Hearing for April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Police Pension Plan** – William MacMath, Manager, reported Molly, Secretary, and he had a conference call with Actuary, John Vargo – Conrad Siegel, on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss options for the Police Pension Plan. Reason for call was due to 2008 not being a good year for most investments including Pension Plans. The Police Pension Plan lost 31.6% or roughly \$600,000, although this should not effect the Township this year, but it could in 2010 and will in 2011. Information provided by Mr. Vargo was submitted to the Supervisors in their packets on future options. Mr. MacMath, Manager, also reported the recommended option would be asset smoothing. However, the information provided is something the Supervisors need to look over and think about which route to go for future budgeting for 2010. Additionally the Township could have the Police contribute to help offset the difference in the MMO the Township will be required to pay. No further discussion.

**Amend Police Contract** – William MacMath, Manager, reported there are two items to amend in the Police Contract. First item sets the salary for the Sergeant and Detective positions, the second revises the Personal Days by allowing some time to be cashed in to help eliminate shift coverage overtime. The Association has signed the amendment. A copy was provided for the Supervisors review. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve Amendment No. 1-09 – Police Contract. Unanimously approved motion carried.

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

**Troop 66 Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Award** - William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from Marty Nordberg, Troop 66 Boy Scout Chairman, inviting the Supervisors to the Court of Honor where Troop 66 will present Kyle Poorman with his Eagle Scout Badge. Ceremony will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**Allegheny Power** – William MacMath, Manager, reported notice was received from Allegheny Power informing they will be performing tree trimming and removal, brush clearing and herbicide application as needed along electric line right-of-ways in our area.

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission** – Letter received thanking Spring Township for their contribution.

**HRG, Inc.** – Letter received regarding notifications for H2O PA Application for SBWJA.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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

**OPEN FORUM:**

No comments.

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

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

