

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 3rd, 2010
7:00 P.M.

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

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

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Carl Hill – Closing of Post Office in Pleasant Gap – Mr. Hill introduced himself as a resident living at 205 Vanessa Drive, Pleasant Gap and as a former Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Pleasant Gap. He is requesting support of the Supervisors to help keep the Pleasant Gap Post Office open. He has learned the Post Office has reduced their hours of operation and plans to close in February 2011. Mr. Hill reported he has a petition of over 700 signatures of residents against closing the Pleasant Gap Post Office. Mr. Hill requested a formal letter be sent to the Legislatures from the Supervisors supporting keeping the post office open. He has been in touch with the owner of the building in which they stated they would be willing to work with the post office if the rent was an issue but have not been contacted. So far the only action is the hours have been reduced to 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Hill is proposing to hold a public forum on this issue and invite all Congressmen, TV News, Radio and the Centre Daily Times. Mr. Hill questioned if the Township building would be available to hold the forum. Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported the Township facilities would not be large enough to hold such an event, suggested he contact CPI. Terry Perryman, Chairman, reported The Township would be happy to write a formal letter to the Legislatures and attend the forum.

C.A.T.A. – Draft Budget – Eric Bernier was present representing C.A.T.A. Mr. Bernier thanked the Township for their support and service over the years. Mr. Bernier reported the Draft Budget includes a local share for Spring Township in the amount of \$17,421.00 which is a \$76 increase from last year. Same schedule and trips have also been included. Ridership is up 6%. William MacMath, Manager, reported neither he or the Supervisors have received a copy of the draft. Mr. Bernier apologized and reported copies would be sent for review and they are going to all the municipalities for their comments. Final adoption will be in June. No further comments.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF APRIL 5TH (Public Hearing & Reg. Mtg.) 2010:

It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to accept the Minutes of April 5th, 2010 as submitted for the public hearing and regular meeting. 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:

Asphalt Smell – Glenn O. Hawbaker's - Terry Perryman, Chairman, reported Janie Smeltzer is present to see the status of the smell coming from Hawbaker's Liquid Asphalt Tanks. Mr. Perryman reported her daughter is very sick and the smell coming from the tanks is to the point it is a life or death situation for her inhaling these fumes, which requires her to stay indoors. William MacMath, Manager, reported Hawbaker's are in the process of installing filters to take care of the problem but does not have an exact date this will be completed. Mr. Perryman requested Mr. MacMath to check on the status with Hawbaker and explain the importance of expediting the process.

Fire Services Update – Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported he and William MacMath, Manager, attended the Shared Services meeting and feel good ideas came out of the meeting. There was a mediator present and feel an agreement has been worked out, it will be a two (2) year agreement that will require a task force be formed. Terry Perryman, Chairman, thanked Frank and Bill for attending the meeting. William MacMath, Manager, reported the Task Force will be made up of 1 Fire Company Member, 1 Elected Official from each municipality, 1 citizen picked by the fire companies and 1 citizen pick by the Elected Officials.

Kepler Pool Update – William MacMath, Manager, reported The YMCA facilitated a meeting to discuss how to keep the pool open, and have a proposed contract for 2010. A Borough resident has come forward and is willing to donate \$4,100 of last years debt, to help keep the pool open. They have come up with a simple agreement with a cost of \$1.00 per resident unless the municipality is not participating, then they will pay more. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to approve the agreement. Unanimously approved motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hoodco Prel./Final Land Development Plan – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Tom and Sandy Hood wish to build a 5,200 square foot addition to their warehouse space at the Hoodco site in Penn Eagle Industrial Park. This expansion is necessary due to the

success of their business and their need for more storage space of materials and finished goods. At this time, Don Franson has no objection to approval of this plan. All comments from Spring Township review and the Centre County Planning Office have been addressed. A planning module for sewer service is not required for this warehouse expansion, and the Centre County Conservation District is currently reviewing this plan for E & S approval. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval of this plan. Their main concern was with the current truck traffic motion going into the site, but a plan note has been added to this plan on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to address this if it ever becomes a problem. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to recommend conditional approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Hoodco, Inc. Building Expansion, plan dated March 24, 2010, last revised April 6, 2010. Conditions of approval being E & S approval by Centre County Conservation District.

Pleasant Gap Fire Police – Centre Hall Fireman’s Parade – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from Centre Hall requesting the Pleasant Gap Fire Police assist with their annual parade. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve the request. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Electric Deregulation – William MacMath, Manager, reported rate caps on electricity will expire on 12/31/10 which will increase rates 10% to 15%. Allegheny Power has been increasing costs over the past few years. Allegheny’s increase is for the generation of power, not the distribution, Allegheny is a distributor. The Township Managers have been meeting with different consortiums and vendors over the last few months to see how to purchase electricity cheaper. Looked into forming own consortium, but the start up costs and relatively small usage don’t pay. Other consortiums offered potential savings, but had add on administration costs. The best option was an independent vendor and one that most everyone agreed was experienced, had the lowest cost and was most honest. Mr. MacMath recommended that The Township enter into an agreement with Premier Power Solutions, LLC, there is no fee to The Township unless we would execute a contract to purchase electricity through them. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve entering into an agreement with Premier Power Solutions. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Wood Chipper – Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported since the Wood Chipper is approximately 14 years old and in need of repair each year he suggested checking into grants with other municipalities that may be available. If there is a grant that municipalities could apply for together we may be able to get a larger chipper. Supervisors agreed to have the Township Manager check into.

Rockview Labor – Frank Royer, Supervisor, reported it has been brought to his attention that other Township’s utilize “free labor” from Rockview Correctional Institution but Spring Township does not. Mr. Royer feels The Township should utilize this labor and come up with a list of projects that need to be completed and that would take some burden off of the Road Crew. No further discussion.

FOR INFORMATION:

2010 Census Update – William MacMath, Manager, reported participation rate is at 85% in Spring Township as of April 2010. Census takers will begin door to door for those who didn’t file beginning May 2, 2010.

PennDOT Road Project – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from PennDOT listing a road project that will be taking place during the month of June 2010. Project consists of crack and seal, mill, overlay and perform both guide rail and drainage updates. Letter listed roads that will be effected.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 02-2010 – William MacMath, Manager, reported a Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to pass Resolution No. 02-2010 approving adding David Litke property to the Agricultural Security District. Unanimously approved motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Marty Nordberg – Letter received inviting the Supervisors to the Court of Honor where Troop 66 will present Jacob Beard with his Eagle Scout Badge. Ceremony will be May 16th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church.

DEP – Letters received regarding Land Recycling Program – Bolton Metal Products.

Chambers Environmental Group – Letter received regarding Plant 1 of Bolton Metal, Municipal Notification of Notice of Intent to Remediate SR 144.

Centre County Planning & Development – William MacMath, Manager, reported letter received regarding Centre County West Nile Virus Surveillance.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

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

OPEN FORUM:

- 1). Suzanne McBride – Sweeping of Streets.

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**

