

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 7th, 2007
7:00 P.M.

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

Supervisors: Frank Royer, Terry Perryman & David Capperella
Solicitor: John Miller, Jr. – Not Present
Township Manager: William MacMath
Zoning Officer: Vaughn Zimmerman
Guests: Attendance sheet attached to original minutes

OPEN PAVING BIDS:

The following Paving bids were received and were opened by William MacMath, Manager, and read by Frank Royer, Chairman.

* H.R.I., Inc. - \$33,859.00
* Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$33,662.00

It was on a motion of David Capperella, Supervisor, seconded by Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, to award the bid to the apparent low bidder of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. after review by the Manager to make sure all paperwork is in order and in the best interest of Spring Township. Unanimously approved motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Emma Lou Kerstetter – Rezoning Request – Marty Meiser, Knapka Surveying, was present with Emma Lou Kerstetter to speak on her behalf. Marty reported currently Ms. Kerstetter's property (25 acres) is zoned RI and is proposed to be changed to A2. However, she is requesting these 25 acres be zoned IC-Commercial. They have received many inquiries regarding available commercial lots. Being able to use the additional 25 acres would help complete the attractive commercial project now underway and utilize all the new improvements required by the Township. If property is zoned A2 the ground will be worthless. Requesting zoning map be changed now prior to the new zoning.

Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, reported this has been on-going for four years and a lot of work has been done by the Nittany Valley Planning Commission, and do not feel the Supervisors should change at this point. The current proposed zoning is what was originally accepted.

Dave Capperella, Supervisor, questioned if the Public Hearing is the point where The Township accepts changes. Frank Royer, Chairman, reported the Public Hearing is to accept comments and then take a look if there is a lot of requests to change. Dave Capperella also remarked he wants to make sure comments are not lost.

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to include Emma Lou Kerstetter's letter as part of the Public Comment period. Unanimously approved motion carried.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2007:

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to accept the Minutes of April 2, 2007 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

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

Autumn Ridge Subdivision – Time Extension - William MacMath, Manager, reported this was delayed by the Townships consultant who forgot to mail the letter, therefore the Supervisors should accept a 90 day time extension. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to accept an 89 Day Time Extension until August 6, 2007 for the Autumn Ridge Subdivision Preliminary Plan. Unanimously approved motion carried.

D.J. Emery Highway – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from Senator Corman requesting to honor D.J. Emery by naming Jacksonville Road “D.J. Emery Highway”. This would not change the official name. He would like the Township to support. This would be a portion at the end of bypass down to Marion Township. Spring Township will have no addressable properties in this section. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to support the naming of Jacksonville Road as the “D.J. Emery Highway”. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance & Map – William MacMath, Manager, reported after 2 ½ years of hard work by the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission, Spring Township Planning Commission and Staff, the new Zoning Ordinance and Map are ready to go to a Public Hearing and possible adoption. The Spring Township Planning Commission has recommended that a Public Hearing be scheduled and held and then adopt the new ordinance.

Procedures for adoption are:

1. Governing body must hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Public Notice and must take action within ninety days of the last Public Hearing.
2. Municipality shall send draft ordinance to the County Planning Office and abutting municipalities for comments and recommendations at least 45 days prior to the Public Hearing.
3. A full copy of the ordinance shall be supplied to the C.D.T. and County Law Library.
4. If, through public review and comment process, substantial amendments are made to the ordinance, the governing body shall re-advertise with a brief summary of amendments at least 10 days prior to enactment.

The new ordinance and map are based off the Comprehensive Plan adopted in September 2004. If Supervisors elect to go forward with the Public Hearing the earliest that it could be would be June 21st. Manager also stated he would not recommend holding the Public Hearing before a Board Meeting because it could be lengthy. After brief discussion, the Supervisors agreed to set the Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2007 prior to the regular meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. that same evening. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to begin the 45 day comment period. Unanimously approved motion carried.

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed New Zoning Ordinance and Map on July 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. with possible adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Resignation of two Park & Rec. Committee Members – William MacMath, Manager, reported two of the four remaining member of the five member committee have resigned, leaving only two members left. Suggested the openings be advertised on the web site or temporarily discontinue the Park & Rec. Committee until new members are found. Will also advertise in the newsletter. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept the resignations of Marty Nordberg and Tom Urban from the Park & Recreation Committee and to temporarily discontinue the committee until a full committee can be found. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board – William MacMath, Manager, reported he has received an application from Ray Regan, a resident from Steeplechase, who would like to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. Ralph Shilling, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, agreed that Mr. Regan would be a good member. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to appoint Raymond Regan to the Zoning Hearing Board to fulfill the term of Jon Nirnberger which expires 12/31/09.

Shared Services Task Force – William MacMath, Manager, reported at the last meeting on 4/25 it was decided to mover forward with a more structured group, with one appointed elected official from each municipality in the Nittany Valley Region and alternate. At this time support of moving forward would be in order, along with an appointment.

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to support the formation of the Shared Services Task Force. Unanimously approved motion carried.

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to appoint Frank Royer to the Shared Services Task Force. Unanimously approved motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION:

West Nile Virus – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from the County notifying Spring Township that between now and the end of October, adult mosquito trapping will be periodically conducted. All surveillance equipment will be labeled as to its purpose and will contain contact information. Concerns or comments are to be directed to the County Planning & Community Development Office.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Act 537 Revision – William MacMath, Manager, reported he was contacted today regarding the resolution that was passed last month. D.E. P. apparently wanted a sentence added plus dates changed to make more realistic, therefore Nittany Engineering is asking we pass another resolution that includes these changes. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to pass Resolution 11-07 updating the Act 537 Revision. Unanimously approved motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

William MacMath reported on the following correspondence received.

Bellefonte YMCA – Thank you letter received for being a Bronze Sponsor this year at their Annual Auction.

Tele-Media Company – Notice received regarding rate increase.

Firemen's Relief Audit – Firemen's Relief Audit received and on file for review.

C.C.M.P.O. – Notice received regarding updated information on public meetings regarding 2007 Long Range Transportation Plan.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the bills for the month of April 2007 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, Building Fund Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

- 1) Terry Perryman – SBWJA/Water Business
- 2) Carl Schreffler – Ordinance on expired inspection/tags on vehicles
- 3) Chip Lose – Subdivision

4) Mike Williams – Weaver Hill Road, Deibler Farm

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird
Recording Secretary