

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 7th, 2008
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: Frank Royer, Terry Perryman & David Capperella
Solicitor: Tracey Benson – Miller, Kistler, Campbell, Miller & Williams
Township Manager: William MacMath
Zoning Officer: Vaughn Zimmerman
Guests: Attendance sheet attached to original minutes

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Pleasant Gap Fire Company – Rick Meyers, Representative for the Pleasant Gap Fire Company, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their latest contribution toward their new building. Mr. Meyers also reported the loan for the new building started out at \$680,000.00 and is now down to \$480,000.00. The Fire Company is hoping if contributions continue and they are able to put extra monies on the principal, they are hoping to have the new building paid off within five (5) years. Supervisors commended the fire company for all their efforts and in running a good business.

Benjamin Montgomery – Eagle Scout Project – Benjamin Montgomery reported he plans to build nets behind the soccer goal along Weaver Hill road to keep balls from going out onto the road as his Eagle Scout Project. Estimated cost is \$1,300.00. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve a donation toward the project in the amount of \$300.00. Unanimously approved motion carried.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF JUNE 2nd, 2008:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept the Minutes of June 2nd, 2008 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:

Police Pension Plan Update – Conrad Siegel – William MacMath, Manager, reported every so many years the Township is required to update the Police Pension Plan to meet the latest IRS requirements. A letter was received with a proposal to make the updates from Conrad Siegel. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve Conrad Siegel making the appropriate updates. Unanimously approved motion carried.

S.R. 144 Pavement Markings – William MacMath, Manager, reported now that the sewer project up to the Greens Valley area is about to start and subsequent paving shortly there after, it would be a good time to revisit the lane markings on S.R.144. Currently there are three lanes, one down and two up the mountain. The local Penn-DOT office, about four years ago, talked about going to two wider lanes and shoulders on both sides to get away from the guide rail and rock wall, and eliminating the race track and making it a safer road. Chris Maney from Penn-DOT supports this configuration and so does our Police Department. Mr. MacMath also reported he drafted a letter to Penn-DOT requesting that these changes occur when the paving is complete if the supervisors agree. Project is to be paved the week of September 11th, 2008. Supervisors agreed to send the letter and approve the new markings.

Bellefonte Borough – William MacMath, Manager, reported it appears Bellefonte Borough is proceeding with shared services for fire protection according to recent CDT articles, when there has been no real consensus among the municipalities. A letter should be sent to the President of Council stating Spring Township wants to continue to work with them and we all need to keep the lines of communication open. Supervisors approved the draft letter that was included in their packets for review to be sent to Bellefonte.

Gun Policy – Police Dept. - William MacMath, Manager, reported to the Supervisors that they each had a copy of the updated Gun Policy for their review and approval. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the new policy as presented. Unanimously approved motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION:

Federal Collective Bargaining Mandates – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from PSATS that would require Collective Bargaining over and above state laws. Supervisors agreed to write a letter opposing this.

Township Insurance – William MacMath, Manager, reported it has been three (3) years since the last bid on the insurance for auto, worker's comp, and liability etc. Have had numerous requests from other agencies showing interest in wanting to give us a quote. It is in the best interest of the Township to put out for bid every few years. Supervisors agreed.

Centre County Solid Waste Authority – William MacMath, Manager, reported there will be a presentation on August 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Centre County Solid Waste Authority on the Spring Benner and Walker Township’s Region Trash Study.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 07-08 – Support of East Brunswick Township – It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve supporting East Brunswick Township in their fight to regulate sewer sludge.

Resolution No. 08-08 – DCNR Grant Application – It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to submit the DCNR Grant Application which will secure \$16,900 through the County.

CORRESPONDENCE:

William MacMath reported on the following correspondence received.

Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church - Letter received from the Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church thanking Spring Township for their \$50 Memorial Contribution for Ruth Royer.

James & Emily Johnson – Letter received requesting something be done about the traffic problem on Keller Avenue and Spruce Street in Pleasant Gap.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. – Letter received regarding Plants #1 & #2 Plan Approval Application.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the bills for the month of June 2008 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

- 1) Alan Shillings – Sunnyside & Sewer Pump Station
- 2) Rick Meyers

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

