

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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September 12, 2022

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors met at the Township Administration Building (9211 Susquehanna Trail S, Seven Valleys, PA 17360) on September 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM for the regular monthly meeting.

The members present were Mr. John Patrick Rieder (Vice-Chairman) and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe was absent.

Attorney John D. Miller, Jr. (MPL Law Firm, LP – Township Solicitor), Mr. David M. Davidson, Jr. (CS Davidson, Inc. – Township Engineer), Mrs. Tammy L. Ream (Secretary / Treasurer), and the following Township residents and interested parties also attended the meeting: Mr. Jeff Koons, Mr. Cliff Tinsley, Mrs. Lori Starz, Mr. Layne Clark (GLBA), Mr. Brett Peterson (AR), Mr. Tom Brant (Codorus Church), Mr. Earl Click (JLAC), Mr. Greg Gruendler (Jacobus Boro), and Mr. Adam Sweitzer.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting as submitted. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to adjourn the regular monthly meeting to hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of abandoning Dogwood Rd. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**PUBLIC MEETING TO ABANDON DOGWOOD RD – ORDINANCE 2022-02**

Attorney John Miller explained Dogwood Rd is a dirt road with access only to farmland and is surrounded by property owned only by Adhesives Research. Adhesives Research has consented, and the Township is now in a position to move forward in abandoning Dogwood Rd. Comments were requested from those in attendance. Hearing none, Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to adopt Ordinance 2022-02. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the regular monthly meeting. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS – SUNDAZED, LP**

Mr. Layne Clark, Gordon L Brown Associates presented the subdivision for Sundazed, LP. The plan is to subdivide Lot #2 as a parcel along Potosi Rd. All comments have been addressed. The Planning Commission noted the following conditions which have all been met. The signatures of the owner and engineer have been

**SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS – SUNDAZED, LP - (cont'd)**

added to the plan. The Sewage Planning Module has been approved by DEP. The property corners have been set. Attorney Miller reported the deeds are correct. Mr. Davidson stated this property is partially located in Shrewsbury Township. Mr. Clark confirmed he verified there are 3 remaining dwelling rights located in Shrewsbury Township. The following 5 waivers were recommended for approval by the Planning Commission: A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to waive §303 of the SALDO, Preliminary Subdivision Plan. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to waive §508 of the SALDO, Stormwater Management. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to waive §802 of the SALDO, Sidewalks. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to waive §803 of the SALDO, Curbing. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to waive §403 and §404 of the SALDO, Plan Scale. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to approve the plan. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS – GELEST, INC**

No one was present. Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to table to October. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. Mr. Tinsley expressed concerns over the length of time this has been on the agenda. Attorney Miller and Mr. Davidson explained this property has changed hands a couple times and COVID was a factor. As long as the plans are not changed from what was presented, a new plan does not need to be presented. The plan was extended to the end of 2022. Attorney Miller suggested having the secretary send a letter to Gelest, Inc to remind them of the extension date.

**STEPHEN & NAOMI ZOOK**

Presented and recommended for approval by the Springfield Township Planning Commission (STPC) but the plan still needs to go through the York County Agricultural Preservation Board again due to a change in lot size to over 2 acres. Then the plan will need to go through the State Ag Board, but they only meet every 2 months. Mrs. Lori Starz commented that they are still in their house without a U&O. Attorney Miller explained the Zook's were given 60 days to get their subdivision plan completed and submitted and they followed through with that requirement. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to table to October. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**2023 SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP MMO**

The secretary presented the Board of Supervisors with the completed 2023 MMO for the pension. The Township's obligation is \$0. This will be forwarded to PMRS. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. and seconded by Mr. John Patrick Rieder to approve the MMO as presented. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**CODORUS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

Tom Brant, Codorus Church of the Brethren reported the church is applying for a permit to upgrade their HVAC systems. A permit application has been submitted. Mr. Brant is requesting the \$200 non-residential permit fee be waived for the church.

In response to Mr. Rieder's question, Attorney Miller stated the Township has always waived those fees for churches in the past.

### **CODORUS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN- (cont'd)**

In response to Mrs. Starz's question regarding the application fee for a subdivision at her church, Attorney Miller clarified that the 2 situations are different. The fee being waived for Codorus Church for this request is only the Zoning Permit fee.

In response to Mr. Tinsley's question, Attorney Miller explained that Diamond Road has been abandoned from just before the bridge on the Dunkard Valley Road side of the bridge and across the bridge. Any further concerns with the bridge are entirely the responsibility of Codorus Church. The Township retains Diamond Road from that location to the intersection with Dunkard Valley Road.

Mr. Tinsley feels the Township should ban the policy of giving free permits to places of worship. The Township should separate religion from politics.

Attorney Miller suggested the secretary adds this concern to next month's agenda for further discussion when the full board is present.

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to waive the Zoning Permit fee. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

The secretary reported the York County Department of Emergency Services (YCDES) sent an email reminding all municipalities to update their Emergency Management Plan. The Township has a joint plan with Loganville Borough. According to the Plan, between both municipalities, there are to be 2 members from Springfield Township and 1 from Loganville Borough. There is to be 1 coordinator and 1 deputy coordinator but not from the same municipality. Currently, both municipalities have a coordinator, and the township also has a deputy. Mr. James from YCDES requested that our appointments be corrected per the plan. In response to Mr. Rieder's questions, Mr. Greg Gruendler, de facto Emergency Management Coordinator for Jacobus Borough and Deputy Coordinator for York Township, helped to explain the responsibilities of the Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to appoint Mr. John Krone as the coordinator for the Springfield Township/Loganville Borough Emergency Management Agency. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. Mrs. Ream explained Loganville Borough was planning to appoint Eric Mueller as the deputy coordinator at their meeting tonight.

### **JACOBUS BOROUGH – PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK**

Mr. Greg Gruendler, Mayor of Jacobus Borough was present to discuss the idea of adding a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Susquehanna Trail S/South Main Street and School Road that was being requested by residents of the new apartment complex across the street from the Jacobus Lions Ambulance. The request is due to a number of near misses with residents crossing the street to get to the school or the park. Jacobus Borough will take the lead role with this project. Mr. Tommy Wolfe will be the Township's point of contact for this project.

Mr. Tinsley asked if the previous traffic study should be looked at again, but it was clarified that the existing crossing would be prior to the one that was studied earlier.

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

The secretary reported that Mrs. Carol Sechrist has officially retired effective August 31, 2022. Ms. Kristi Flinchbaugh is now the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Sechrist has agreed to help on a part-time, as needed basis to train Ms. Flinchbaugh in her new position.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES-(cont'd)**

Mr. Barry Sweitzer has announced that he plans to retire effective December 31, 2022. His vacancy will need to be filled. The decision will need to be made whether we will promote from within or hire from the outside.

Mr. Tinsley questioned whether an audit would be done as required by the second-class township code when someone in a fiduciary position resigns.

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to table advertising Mr. Sweitzer's position until it is clear what the township is looking for in a replacement and get more information regarding auditing the Township books upon Carol's retirement. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**PHEASANT RUN ACRES – REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT LICENSE**

Mr. Jeff Lau, Pheasant Run Acres, has requested approval for 3 Outdoor Amusement Licenses on the following dates: September 24, October 1, and October 15. A discussion was held regarding true agricultural activities. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to approve all 3 Outdoor Amusement Licenses. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**ORCHARD VALLEY – REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT LICENSE**

Mrs. Robin Gross, Orchard Valley Farm, has requested approval for an Outdoor Amusement License on September 25 and October 1 for their Fall Fest. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to approve the Outdoor Amusement License on the condition of receiving all updated required documents. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**SPCA – ANNUAL CONTRACT**

The Annual contract has been received by the SPCA. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. seconded to table this decision to October to allow time to review the contract. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 22, 2022**

Mr. John Patrick Rieder reported that the request for rezoning by Crossroads Development was rejected by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Tinsley inquired whether the BOS had the right to reject the petition from the beginning. The petition was against the existing Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Rieder explained he is not a fan of just rejecting it outright without presenting it to the public.

Mr. Tinsley asked if the fee covered the costs of the Public Hearing. The secretary stated she was not sure of the total costs.

Attorney John Miller stated Attorney Paul Minnich approached whether the Supervisors were willing to consider rezoning to Commercial for the same location. Attorney Miller stated he can't speak for the supervisors but encouraged him to petition again if he chose to do so. A residential use would be more costly for the Township. Typically, for every \$1.00 in tax revenue, \$1.35 is paid out for services in a residential use.

**ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING**

Mr. Davidson stated the bids will be ready for the October meeting.

**COMCAST – FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

Nothing new to report.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tinsley has resigned from his position on the Emergency Services Committee. He feels the remaining members are qualified to continue.

**HILLSIDE HEIGHTS STREAM RESTORATION**

Mr. Davidson sent an email to Scott DeBell, Site Design Concepts, concerning the stormwater basins at the Dallastown Intermediate School to determine what can be done with modifications to the infiltration pits and discharge structures while still meeting DEP requirements.

**LOOP RD – RES**

Loop Road needs repaired due to the heavy truck traffic from the stream restoration activities of RES. RES has agreed to pay half the cost of the road repairs. Three telephone bids were received. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. read the bids. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to award the lowest bid of \$21,900 to Kinsley on condition of RES providing an acceptable written agreement to pay for the other half of Loop Road. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**OUTSTANDING ETHICS FORM**

Looking for outstanding Ethics Form from Kate Wheeler, STRB.

**PENN WASTE – CONSIDER CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Joel Washok provided a quote to extend the current refuse contract that expires March 2023 by 2 years. The quote increases the current garbage rates by 14% for the first year and an additional 5% for the second year.

Mr. Tinsley asked if the ability to fine Penn Waste for lack of service is included in the contract. Attorney Miller will review the contract to determine.

Mr. Tinsley also asked if we have an Ordinance naming an exclusive hauler for the Township. Attorney Miller confirmed this.

**VERIZON**

The topic of height limitations for cell phone towers was referred to the STPC.

**HOA SENECA RIDGE**

Attorney Miller presented a request from Seneca Ridge HOA permission to amend their by-laws to increase the initiation fee. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. seconded to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Seneca Ridge By-laws. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

**BILLS**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to approve the bills before the Board and to ratify the payment of bills since the last meeting. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Payroll #16	\$11,585.93	9099-9107
C S Davidson	\$4,833.27	28603
D S Cleaning Services	\$260.00	28604
Lori L Starz	\$100.00	28605

**BILLS-(cont'd)**

PA Department of Revenue	\$446.80	28606
Peoples Bank	\$3,470.56	28607
Payroll #17	\$12,024.95	9108-9118
AFLAC	\$491.52	28608
Capital Blue Cross	\$8,145.41	28609
Cardmember Service	\$2,020.28	28610
Cohen Law Group	\$2,266.67	28611
Crystal Springs	\$37.44	28612
Daniel B Krieg Inc	\$601.10	28613
Highmark Blue Shield	\$39.81	28614
Johnson Controls	\$327.99	28615
Met-Ed	\$389.92	28616
Monarch Products Co	\$1,290.00	28617
PA Department of Revenue	\$462.26	28618
PeoplesBank	\$3,553.65	28619
South Penn Code Consultants	\$880.00	28620
United Concordia	\$232.36	28621
Vulcan Construction Materials	\$2,372.37	28622
York County Treasury	\$638.31	28623
Payroll #18	\$11,564.47	9119-9127
Associated Products	\$199.00	28624
Auto Plus York	\$475.75	28625
Browns Court Reporting	\$190.00	28626
C S Davidson Inc	\$19,526.31	28627
Columbia Gas	\$66.51	28628
Crystal Springs	\$51.43	28629
D S Cleaning Services	\$260.00	28630
Daniel B Krieg Inc	\$1,247.55	28631
Glen Rock Borough	\$1,566.92	28632
John Reeve	\$200.00	28633
Lori L Starz	\$100.00	28634
McCarthy Tire Svc Co Inc	\$1,424.60	28635
MPL Law Service	\$8,354.40	28636
PA Department of Revenue	\$445.96	28637
PAWACOSE LLC	\$360.00	28638
Pennsylvania One Call	\$55.50	28639
PeoplesBank	\$3,463.65	28640
Principal Life Insurance	\$832.46	28641
Springfield Twp ARPA Fund	\$303,607.93	28642
STYCSA	\$340.00	28643
The York Water Company	\$104.89	28644
Verizon	\$202.51	28645
Verizon Wireless	\$82.29	28646
WEX Bank	\$990.06	28647
York Materials Group	<u>\$1,367.00</u>	28648
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$413,549.79</b>	

**BILLS-(cont'd)**

**STREET LIGHTING FUND**

Met-Ed	\$99.49	468
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$198.98</b>	

**FIRE HYDRANT FUND**

The York Water Company	<u>\$1,414.96</u>	<b><u>CHECK #</u></b> 468
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,414.96</b>	

**BUILDING CODES FUND**

Code Administrators, Inc	<u>\$5,850.00</u>	<b><u>CHECK #</u></b> 1256
	<b>\$5,850.00</b>	

**MERP**

Benefit Design Specialists	<u>\$150.00</u>	<b><u>CHECK #</u></b> 1484
	<b>\$150.00</b>	

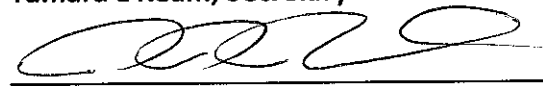
**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to approve the September 12, 2022, Treasurer's Report as submitted. The vote of the Board Members was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to adjourn the meeting and to meet again on October 10, 2022, for the regular meeting. The vote of the Board Members was unanimous.

  
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Tamara L Ream, Secretary

  
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John Patrick Rieder, Vice Chairman

11/14/2022  
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Date