

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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November 14, 2022

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors met at the Township Administration Building (9211 Susquehanna Trail S, Seven Valleys, PA 17360) on November 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM for the regular monthly meeting.

The members present were Mr. Tommy L Wolfe (Chairman) and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. Mr. John Patrick Rieder (Vice-Chairman) arrived at 7:03 pm.

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. Ron Miller (Village Library), Mr. Jeff Koons, Mr. Josh Myers (Shaw Surveying) Mr. Charles Bradfield, Mrs. Carol Ann Bradfield, and Scherry Belz (Mt. Zion Church), Mr. Earl Click (Jacobus Lions Ambulance), Mr. Chris Krichten, Mrs. Katherine Gruver, Mr. Matt Gruver, and Mr. Tom Shelley.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone present was asked to sign the sign-in sheet before leaving this evening.

AGENDA

Mr. Dave Davidson asked for the agenda to be amended to add the payment of the 2022 Road Projects to Stewart & Tate which was received just prior to tonight’s meeting. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the agenda with the requested amendment. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

MINUTES

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the October 10, 2022, minutes as presented. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the September 12, 2022, minutes as presented. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe abstained.

MT ZION CHURCH SUBDIVISION

Mr. Josh Myers, Shaw Surveying, explained the church is interested in giving back to Eric & Darla Lehman 3.43 acres that was granted to the church several years ago and is currently being farmed. The reason for the transfer is for tax purposes.

The Planning Commission reviewed the plan at their October meeting. There are two waivers. The first is to waive the Stormwater Management Plan. Nothing is being built on this land at this time. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve this waiver. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. The second waiver was the Preliminary and Final Plan were submitted concurrently. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve this waiver. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

MT ZION CHURCH SUBDIVISION

MT ZION CHURCH SUBDIVISION-(cont'd)

There are two conditions. The first is the church needed to pay their Planning Commission fee of \$500 which has been paid and Attorney Miller's approval of the consolidated deeds. Attorney Miller stated he has not yet seen the deeds. Mr. Myers will forward the deeds to Attorney Miller. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded a conditional approval of both conditions being met. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

STEPHEN & NAOMI ZOOK

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to table this item to the December 5, 2022, meeting until the Zook's engineer has a chance to rework the lot sizes so there is no rollback on taxes and submit consolidated deeds to Attorney Miller.

RON MILLER-VILLAGE LIBRARY

Mr. Ron Miller was present on behalf of the Village Library to express the library's appreciation of the Township's support and request a donation if possible. The Village Library is still holding book sales. Mr. Miller reminded everyone of the Book Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022, during Christmastime in Loganville.

MATTHEW & KATHERINE GRUVER

Mr. & Mrs. Gruver were present to discuss their options in relation to issues they are having with their neighbors. Mr. & Mrs. Krauss were going to sell a parcel of land to the Gruver's. The subdivision was approved by the Township on April 11, 2022. The plan has also been recorded. The sale has now been cancelled by the Krauss'. The Gruver's have been told by multiple agencies to come back to the Township and ask for assistance.

The Krauss' have installed a fence and now the Gruver's cannot access their garage. They feel the fence may qualify as a spite fence due to the materials used to construct the fence making it unsafe and constructed out of harassment.

Attorney Miller will send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Krauss explaining issues with the lot and they cannot use it for any structures due to the lot being non-conforming.

Mr. & Mrs. Gruver also inquired about leaves and snow removal. Mr. Tommy Wolfe explained the Township Ordinance only addresses blowing leaves and snow onto the roadway.

2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The secretary presented the Tentative Budget. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to accept the Tentative Budget. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

BUDGET MODIFICATION

The Secretary explained a few expense accounts that had exceeded the budget. She requested a budget modification to move \$18,950.00 from the General Fund Unappropriated Funds and divided among the short accounts and \$6,250.00 from the State Fund Unappropriated Funds and divided among two short accounts. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the Budget Modification as requested. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

ESTABLISH 2023 TAX AND ASSESSMENT RATES

In response to the Chairman's question, the secretary stated at this time, current tax rates appear to be sufficient to cover expenses of the Township. Current rates are Real Estate mils 0.75, Street Lights are 0.65

ESTABLISH 2023 TAX AND ASSESSMENT RATES-(cont'd)

per frontage foot, and Fire Hydrant is \$18.00 per property. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to maintain the current tax rates. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve Resolution 2022-21 to set the rates for 2023. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

REQUEST FROM COLUMBIA GAS TO RELEASE BOND 107048719

The Secretary explained a request was received from Columbia Gas to release bond 107048719 for a project in Hillside Heights. Attorney Miller explained if the work has been completed per the agreement, a 15% bond will be issued for a 2-year period following the completion date as a Maintenance Bond. Mr. Dave Davidson will inspect the work area and let Attorney Miller know by the December 5th meeting, if completed. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table the decision to the December 5th meeting. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

JOHNSON CONTROLS – UPGRADED CELL UNIT AND CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to table until the Supervisors have had time to review the information. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR DEPOSITORY FOR ESCROW ACCOUNT

Attorney Miller presented Resolution 2022-22 to establish a checking account with Traditions Bank for the purpose of an escrow account for Fire Escrow for a resident who suffered a fire earlier this year. The funds will be held in escrow until the repairs have been made and the U&O is received. The funds will then be returned to the homeowner. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve Resolution 2022-22. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TAX CREDIT

Attorney Miller explained an Ordinance can be set up to authorize a Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit. A Resolution can then be approved to set the parameters for the benefit. The Ordinance will need to be advertised 30 days before it is passed. Attorney Miller suggested mirroring the recently passed County Resolution. The County is using a point system for the criteria. Other municipalities are doing the same thing. The benefit would only be for the resident's Township portion of the taxes. Earned Income Tax credit would be set by flat rate while the Property Tax would be a percentage. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to determine the details at a Special Meeting and then authorize Attorney Miller to advertise the Ordinance. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting will be advertised and held on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 9:00 am upon a motion by Mr. Tommy L Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to discuss the Budget, Personnel, and the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING

Preconstruction conference was held Thursday, November 3, 2022.

COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Attorney Miller sent an email to the Cohen Law Group to request an update. The audit has been completed. It appears the Township may be owed additional funds. After the settlement is complete, the Cohen Law Group will immediately start working on the renewal. This should be ready in plenty of time.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Ron Sheldon has taken over as chairman of the committee. His first task will be to reach out to Tri-Community Ambulance.

HILLSIDE HEIGHTS STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT/DASD

Mr. Dave Davidson had a meeting with DEP and DASD. DEP has never had a situation where the storm management system worked too well. Geotechnical testing will be completed to make sure that is the problem. The Discharge structure can be modified to allow more water to go downstream, raise the grates on the infiltration structure so water goes into the ground later. DASD is meeting with Geotech Engineer, ECS, November 1, 2022, to determine where the current water table is and what the next step will be. DASD has requested a proposal from ECS.

Mr. Davidson has a plan showing the stream work area of disturbance. He prepared the plan so everything is on one sheet. It will be cheaper and show everything at one time. The plan will be able to be shared with the residents for discussion purpose but not left with them until the plan is final. The next step for this portion is to start talking with the residents who are affected.

PENN WASTE – CONSIDER CONTRACT EXTENSION

Mr. Curtis L Ferree Jr asked if the Township has had many complaints from residents regarding Penn Waste's service. Mr. John Patrick Rieder didn't expect there to be any cost savings if the contract was rebid. Mrs. Ream explained the increased tipping fee is already included in the new rates provided by Penn Waste. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to extend the Penn Waste contract for two years. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe announced the Board of Supervisors will hold interviews to hire a new person for the Road Crew. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and John Patrick Rieder seconded to hold the Executive Session on Monday, November 21, 2022, beginning at 4:00 pm to hold the interviews. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

PAYMENT FOR ROAD PROJECTS

Mr. Dave Davidson presented the Application for payment to Stewart & Tate to pay for the 2022 Road Project. There were 2 change orders.

Change Order #1 was to add 35 square yards to Bid Item #2, Base Repair, add 35.54 Tons to Bid Item #3, Superpave Scratch/Leveling Course, Delete 650 Tons from Bid Item Alt #1A & 2A, Stone Base Course, Delete 700 Tons from Bid Item Alt 1B, Superpave Binder Course, and Delete 7.3 Tons from Bid Item Alt 2A Superpave Leveling Course for a total Change Order of (\$96,123.36). Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve Change Order #1. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

Change Order #2 was for the Labor, Equipment, and Material to prep W Springfield Rd. prior to cancellation by the Township for a total Change Order of \$3,921.54. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. **PAYMENT FOR**

ROAD PROJECTS-(cont'd)

Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve Change Order #2. The vote of the Board Members present was unanimous.

The total of the 2022 Road Projects to be paid to Stewart & Tate after Change Orders have been approved is \$260,684.68. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. John Patrick Rieder seconded to pay \$260,684.68 to Stewart & Tate.

MR TOM SHELLEY

Mr. Tom Shelley requested a fresh line be painted on Fishel Creek Rd. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe explained it was too late in the year to be able to complete that.

MR CHRIS KRICHTEN

Mr. Chris Krichten asked for an update on the Township Manager discussion from last month. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe explained that will be discussed at the Special Meeting on November 18, 2022.

BILLS

Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. 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.

| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>CHECK #</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Payroll #21 | \$10,113.64 | 9149-9157 |
| AFLAC | \$491.52 | 28695 |
| Auto Plus York | \$52.57 | 28696 |
| Browns Court Reporting | \$125.00 | 28697 |
| C S Davidson Inc | \$9,167.80 | 28698 |
| Capital Blue Cross | \$8,145.41 | 28699 |
| Cardmember Services | \$7.99 | 28700 |
| D S Cleaning Services | \$260.00 | 28701 |
| DOCEO | \$58.91 | 28702 |
| Highmark Blue Shield | \$39.81 | 28703 |
| Media One PA | \$486.00 | 28704 |
| Met-Ed | \$355.88 | 28705 |
| MPL Law Firm LLP | \$3,274.50 | 28706 |
| PA Department of Revenue | \$390.24 | 28707 |
| PeoplesBank | \$3,036.10 | 28708 |
| SPCA or York County | \$2,653.28 | 28709 |
| Staples | \$201.76 | 28710 |
| York Materials Group | \$748.06 | 28711 |
| Payroll #22 | \$9,928.73 | 9158-9165 |
| Associated Products | \$199.00 | 28712 |
| C S Davidson | \$5,621.05 | 28713 |
| Columbia Gas | \$136.66 | 28714 |
| Edris Oil Service Inc | \$2,979.60 | 28715 |
| Gordon L Brown & Assoc | \$250.00 | 28716 |
| Kinsley Construction | \$21,900.00 | 28717 |
| PA Department of Revenue | \$383.10 | 28718 |
| PeoplesBank | \$2,980.46 | 28719 |

BILLS-(cont'd)

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| Power Printing | \$168.00 | 28720 |
| Rudacilles Lawn & Landscaping | \$650.00 | 28721 |
| True Value Plus | \$18.28 | 28722 |
| V L Tracey Sales | \$150.00 | 28723 |
| Verizon | \$200.55 | 28724 |
| Verizon Wireless | \$82.17 | 28725 |
| Wind River Environmental | \$1,013.71 | 28726 |
| York Materials Group | \$1,121.51 | 28727 |
| AFLAC | \$491.52 | 28728 |
| Auto Plus York | \$816.84 | 28729 |
| C S Davidson | \$6,198.45 | 28730 |
| Crystal Springs | \$51.43 | 28731 |
| D S Cleaning Services | \$375.00 | 28732 |
| Highmark Blue Shield | \$39.81 | 28733 |
| Johnson Controls Security | \$327.99 | 28734 |
| Lori Starz | \$100.00 | 28735 |
| Media One PA | \$330.00 | 28736 |
| Met-Ed | \$138.56 | 28737 |
| Met-Ed | \$217.68 | 28738 |
| PA Department of Revenue | \$394.96 | 28739 |
| PA One Call | \$47.73 | 28740 |
| PeoplesBank | \$3,061.53 | 28741 |
| Principal Life Insurance | \$844.16 | 28742 |
| South Penn Code Consultants | \$815.00 | 28743 |
| The York Water Company | \$94.02 | 28744 |
| Tri-Boro Construction | \$131.65 | 28745 |
| United Concordia | \$232.36 | 28746 |
| V L Tracey Sales | \$89.96 | 28747 |
| WEX Bank | <u>\$746.11</u> | 28748 |
| TOTAL | \$82,893.68 | |

STREET LIGHTING FUND

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| Met-Ed | <u>\$100.24</u> | 471 |
| TOTAL | \$100.24 | |

FIRE HYDRANT FUND

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| The York Water Company | <u>\$1,414.96</u> | <u>CHECK #</u> 470 |
| TOTAL | \$1,414.96 | |

BUILDING CODES FUND

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| Code Administrators, Inc | <u>\$19,125.00</u> | <u>CHECK #</u> 1258 |
| TOTAL | \$19,125.00 | |

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| Barry L Sweitzer | <u>\$130.00</u> | 1485 |
| TOTAL | \$130.00 | |

BILLS-(cont'd)

HIGHWAY AID FUND

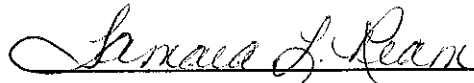
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| Daniel B Krieg, Inc | \$1,092.50 | 11545 |
| Tri-Boro Construction | <u>\$137.55</u> | 11546 |
| TOTAL | \$1,230.05 | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. seconded to approve the November 14, 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. John Patrick Rieder moved and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm and to meet again at 7:00 pm on December 5, 2022, for the regular meeting. The vote of the Board Members was unanimous.



Tamara L Ream, Secretary



Tommy L Wolfe, Chairman

12/5/22

Date