

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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August 14, 2023

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors met at the Township Administration Building (9211 Susquehanna Trail S, Seven Valleys, PA 17360) on August 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Attorney John D. Baranski (MPL Law Firm, LP – standing in for Township Solicitor, John D Miller, Jr), Mr. David M. Davidson, Jr. (CS Davidson, Inc. – Township Engineer), Mrs. Tammy L. Ream (Township Manger/Secretary/Treasurer) and numerous interested Township residents also attended the meeting at the Township Administration Building: Mr. Jeff Koons, Mr. Steve Overmiller, Mrs. Cindy Seitz, Mr. Bob Seitz, Mr. Ryan Paucek, Mrs. Becky Beck, Mr. Tim Beck, Mr. Earl Click, and Mr. Brett Peterson.

Pledge of Allegiance

**AGENDA**

Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, as presented. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**ORDINANCE 2023-03 COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

Attorney John Baranski presented Ordinance 2023-03 to renew the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-03. The vote of the Board was unanimous. Attorney Baranski also presented the 2023 Comcast Agreement. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to enter into the 2023 Comcast Agreement. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**ORDINANCE 2023-04 POSTING SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH ROAD**

Attorney Baranski presented Ordinance 2023-04 to post the speed limit on North Road at 25 mph. This ordinance was suggested due to comments from concerned citizens living along North Road and the speed at which cars were traveling on the roadway. Ryan Paucek stated 25 mph seemed a little fast for that road, the supervisors explained that is the lowest posted speed that is allowed on a township road. With no other concerns being voiced, Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-04. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**BEHRMANN SUBDIVISION**

The deeds have not yet been received. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table this item to the next meeting. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**BRENNEMAN-SUBDIVISION**

The Non-Building Waiver was sent to DEP and approved by Carrie Wilt. Mr. Davidson explained the only condition has been completed. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the Subdivision Plan. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**120 THEATRE RD**

Mr. Davidson stated he has not heard anything new from Shrewsbury Township. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table this item. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**GELEST, Inc**

Mr. Davidson suggested leaving this item on the agenda until their project is complete so the cul-de-sac can be repaired. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table this item. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**STEPHEN & NAOMI ZOOK**

The incorrect plan was recorded in error. The corrected plan is presented tonight. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the corrected plan with the same terms as previous approval. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**ADHESIVES RESEARCH, INC**

Mr. Brett Peterson, consultant for Adhesives Research, questioned the Board's action last month to refer releasing of the security to Dave Davidson. Mr. Peterson explained that Adhesives Research is requesting the entire security amount be released due to the Land Development Plan expiring in May 2021. Mr. Davidson agreed, therefore there is no reason to retain any of the security. If Adhesives Research decides to do any further building, they will need to do a new plan. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve their request subject to receiving a letter from Mr. Davidson. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**COMCAST-LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND**

Mrs. Ream explained she had received an email from Comcast regarding a Letter of Support that was requested for a grant that Comcast was submitting on behalf of Springfield Township. The request was received between meetings. The deadline for the grant application was August 9, 2023, which was prior to the next meeting date. Realizing the importance of getting broadband coverage to more of the Township, upon approval by Attorney Miller, and individual conversations with each Supervisor, the letter was sent. A letter was received August 4, 2023, in response to the Letter of Support stating that Comcast plans to submit an application to extend broadband service to unserved locations in Springfield Township. Mrs. Ream explained there are approximately 600 unserved and underserved residents in the Township. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to ratify sending the Letter of Support to Comcast on July 31, 2023. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

### **COUNTY CONVENTION**

Due to COVID, the County has not held a Convention. The committee has decided to hold a County Convention on October 25, 2023. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table this item to the September 11, 2023, meeting.

### **FIRETRUCK HOUSING FOR LOGANVILLE FIRE COMPANY**

As President of Loganville Fire Company, Mrs. Ream explained that another fire company had accidentally backed into the building causing damage. The members need to find somewhere to house the firetrucks while the repairs are being made. Per Section 54 8.b.4. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class Township code allows the Township to sign a Lease Agreement and allow the fire company to temporarily house the firetrucks. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the Lease Agreement. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

### **EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Adam Sweitzer, Road Foreman, has requested the purchase of forks for the backhoe at a cost of \$3,587.00. The purpose of the purchase is to make it safer to store and install the salt spreaders. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the purchase. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

### **SALVINO**

Mr. Edward Lehman received a complaint and contacted the resident who is correcting the violation.

### **SEO**

Mrs. Ream explained a concern regarding a missing report and with the invoice received from the current SEO, South Penn Code Consultants. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr approved the request to consider a new SEO. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

### **TOM WOLFE-RETIREMENT**

As announced before, Mr. Tommy L Wolfe will be retiring from his Public Works position at the end of the year. He will remain employed by the Township as a part-time employee for snow & ice removal. Mrs. Ream requested permission to post his position. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve posting the position. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Wolfe also introduced Mr. Jeff Koons who will be on the ballot in November.

### **ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING**

Mr. Davidson stated Lauer Construction has submitted Applications for Payment. The siding contractor referred the issues with the siding to the Township because we are the owner, and it is up to us to deal with the company. Mr. Davidson has a different opinion. We have a 2-year performance bond which should cover the issue with the siding bubbling. He suggests tabling the payment of Contract #1, AFP 3-Final which includes the siding. Contract #2 AFP #1 which is attached to the Gas Detection System \$26,770.00.

Lauer Construction presented three Applications for Payment and Midstate Mechanical & Electrical presented one Application for Payment. The Gas Detection system has not been installed. There is also a concern with bubbles in the siding.

### **ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING-(cont'd)**

#1 – Lauer Construction AFP3-Final in the amount of \$96,250.80. Due to the issues with the siding, Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to table payment until the siding issue is addressed. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#2 – Lauer Construction AFP #1 in the amount of \$26,770.40. Due to the gas detection still not installed, Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to table payment until the unit is received and installed. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#3 – Midstate Mechanical AFP #5-Final in the amount of \$5,226.26. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the payment as requested. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#4 – Lauer Construction AFP #1-Final in the amount of \$38,769.00. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the payment as requested. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

### **CONSIDER EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr suggested seriously looking into an Emergency Services Tax to benefit the local Fire and EMS agencies that serve Springfield Township. This will be an on-going action item until it is put in place.

### **FIREWORKS COMPLAINT**

Attorney Miller sent letters to the owner and the renters of the property on Potosi Rd where the fireworks were set off. Each of them stopped in the office. They are planning to write letters to explain their side of the story.

### **HILLSIDE HEIGHTS STREAM RESTORATION**

Mr. Davidson stated he contacted GTA for a proposal. GTA would like to install 4 well pits on the school district property and 2 on resident properties who are having issues. The GTA proposal was \$38,000.00 compared to the proposal to DASD from ECS for \$26,000.00. GTA plans for 4 events over an 8-week period where ECS was 1 event over a 2-week period. The strategy is that the Township will do the actual investigation. If it is found that the problem is from the School District property, the Township will request reimbursement from DASD.

Mr. Wolfe explained the middle of School Road continues to slope more. Mr. Ron Perks has been contacted to televise under the roadway August 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Ream reminded the Board there are ARPA funds available for this project.

Mr. Davidson stated Dallastown School District has agreed to fixing the inlets along the access drive behind the Intermediate School as requested.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to authorize the Township to sign the agreement with GTA. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Davidson also stated Mr. & Mrs. Barton's barn will need to be removed. Mr. Davidson and Mr. Wolfe will meet with the Bartons to discuss this.

### **SPEEDING COMPLAINT**

Mr. Jeff Koons was present regarding speeding in front of his house along Lake Rd. He had submitted a few options for signs that show the speed someone is traveling. They also record data for consideration later. Mr. Koons stated several area municipalities are beginning to use these. York New Salem currently has 4 and they are adding more. Jefferson and Seven Valleys Boroughs both use them.

**SPEEDING COMPLAINT-(cont'd)**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr suggested these signs be considered a budget item.

Mr. John Patrick Rieder will make a note to pass on the concerns to PSP the next time they are at a Township meeting.

Mr. Ferree stated PennDOT has sign boards that can be requested for state roads.

**TRAFFIC LIGHT INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table passing the Resolution for the Traffic Light Intermunicipal Agreement. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**VERIZON**

Mr. John Patrick Rieder submitted a rough map of Springfield Township showing the areas in the Township that lack cell phone coverage. He has not received a response. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to table this item. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**RESIDENT COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

Mr. Steve Overmiller, President of Goodwill Fire Company #1 of Jacobus stated the fire department is in need of a new firetruck and would like time at the next meeting for a presentation.

**BILLS**

Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the bills before the Board and to ratify the payment of all bills since the last meeting. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**GENERAL FUND**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
PA Department of Revenue	\$419.54	ACH
IRS	\$3,292.65	ACH
Payroll #14	\$10,843.50	9323-9330
Principal	\$814.04	ACH
Delta Dental	\$371.63	ACH
IRS	\$3,362.03	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$433.20	ACH
Payroll #15	\$11,235.09	9331-9339
C S Davidson, Inc.	\$4,778.72	29048
Cardmember Service	\$730.46	29049
Commonwealth of PA	\$500.00	29050
Crystal Springs	\$38.98	29051
D S Cleaning Services	\$260.00	29052
Daniel B Krieg Inc	\$587.65	29053
DOCEO	\$61.53	29054
H.A.R.I.E.	\$774.00	29055
Highmark Blue Shield	\$63.57	29056
Kimball West	\$168.23	29057
Met-Ed	\$406.09	29058
Penn Air	\$414.82	29059

**BILLS-(cont'd)**

South Penn Code Consultants	\$4,438.44	29060
Stephenson Equipment	\$245.30	29061
The York Water Company	\$125.40	29062
Trump Lawn & Land Co	\$349.80	29063
V L Tracey Sales	\$259.96	29064
WFX Fire Lock & Equipment	\$190.66	29065
Capital Blue Cross	\$11,480.81	ACH
AFLAC	\$353.40	ACH
Verizon Wireless	\$40.01	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$430.78	ACH
IRS	\$3,351.95	ACH
Payroll #16	\$11,163.46	9340-9348
Associated Products	\$208.00	29066
Columbia Gas	\$73.15	29067
John Reeve	\$200.00	29068
MPL Law Firm LLP	\$4,711.32	29069
PA One Call	\$8.03	29070
Staples	\$254.92	29071
The York Water Company	\$139.04	29072
True Value Plus	\$207.13	29073
Verizon	\$204.31	29074
C S Davidson Inc	\$3,147.35	29075
C S Davidson Inc	\$176.39	29076
Crystal Springs	\$17.00	29077
Kim E Erdman Animal Control	\$275.00	29078
Lori L Starz	\$100.00	29079
Media One PA	\$342.00	29080
Pitney Bowes Bank Reserve	<u>\$750.00</u>	29081
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,799.34</b>	

**STREET LIGHTING FUND**

Met-Ed	<u>\$112.40</u>	<b><u>CHECK #</u></b> 480
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112.06</b>	

**FIRE HYDRANT FUND**

The York Water Company	<u>\$1,672.56</u>	<b><u>CHECK #</u></b> 479
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,672.56</b>	

**BUILDING CODES FUND**

Code Administrators Inc	\$5,495.00	<b><u>CHECK #</u></b> 1266
Code Administrators Inc	<u>\$9,881.06</u>	1267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,376.06</b>	

**BILLS-(cont'd)**

**HIGHWAY AID FUND**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Automotive of York	\$26.99	11582
Edris Oil Service Inc	\$1,778.70	11583
Wex Bank	\$338.59	11584
York Materials Group	<u>\$2,688.75</u>	11585
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,833.03</b>	

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the August 14, 2023, Treasurer's Report as submitted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mrs. Ream presented a corrected Treasurer's Report for July. When the bank statement was received, an error was found and corrected. Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the July 10, 2023, Treasurer's Report as corrected. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM and to meet again on September 11, 2023, for the regular meeting. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

  
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Tamara L Ream, Township Secretary

  
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John Patrick Rieder, Chairman

9/11/23  
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Date