

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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October 9, 2023

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors met at the Township Administration Building (9211 Susquehanna Trail S, Seven Valleys, PA 17360) on October 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM for the regular monthly meeting.

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

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 (Township Manger/Secretary/Treasurer) and interested Township residents also attended the meeting at the Township Administration Building: Mr. Ron Miller, Mr. Steve Overmiller, Mr. Craig Lipinski, Mr. Matt & Mrs. Marcelle King, Mr. Jeff Koons and Mr. Earl Click, and Mr. Don Robertson

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Curtis L Ferree, Jr reported the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session just before tonight's meeting due to potential litigation.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023, as presented. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

**VILLAGE LIBRARY**

Mr. Ron Miller attended the meeting tonight to give an update on the Village Library. The library will be expanding to a 4<sup>th</sup> room. This room will be mostly used for the Children's Programs. Some funding has been cut from the York County Library System, which has affected some smaller libraries, but the Village Library is busy and very popular and being used a lot. In response to a question, Mr. Miller explained that donations can be made exclusively to the Village Library.

**BEHRMANN SUBDIVISION**

Attorney Miller reported 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 members present was unanimous.

**GELEST, Inc**

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

**SCANDINAVIAN FORESTRY EQUIPMENT**

Attorney Miller reported a letter was received that the developer has granted an extension of time to January 31, 2024. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to table this item. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

**CO-STARS ROAD SALT CONTRACT**

The Secretary reported the road salt contract for York County was awarded to Compass Minerals America, Inc. at a rate of \$85.12 per ton. Springfield Township has contracted for 300 tons.

**BUDGET MODIFICATION**

The Secretary requested a budget modification for the General Fund Account in the amount of \$57,375.00. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the modification. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

The Secretary requested a budget modification for the State Fund Account in the amount of \$9,818.74. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the modification. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

**ESTABLISH 2024 TAX AND ASSESSMENT RATES**

The Secretary explained that The York Water Company has had two rate increases for the Fire Hydrants this year. There are currently 1135 residences who pay an \$18.00 Fire Hydrant Tax due to proximity to a hydrant. At the current rate of \$1,672.56 and everyone paid their taxes at Rebate, there would not be enough funds to cover the cost. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to increase the Fire Hydrant tax to \$20.00. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

An Emergency Services Tax has been discussed for several months. Attorney Miller explained a ½ mill could be added to the annual tax bills. These funds would only be for Fire and EMS agencies serving Springfield Township. The agencies would be required to provide an accounting of their funds for each year prior to receiving any funding. The funds could be reallocated each year based on several factors.

Mr. Tommy Wolfe explained the recent DCED EMS study suggested talking to the municipalities about initiating an EMS tax and to consider merging agencies.

Mr. Earl Click from Jacobus Lions Ambulance Club and Mr. Steve Overmiller from Goodwill Fire Company #1 of Jacobus discussed accountability.

### **ESTABLISH 2024 TAX AND ASSESSMENT RATES- (cont'd)**

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve an Emergency Services Tax at a ½ mill to benefit the Fire and EMS agencies serving Springfield Township at a 60 EMS/40 Fire split for the first year beginning with 2024. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

### **LOG ROAD**

The County bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2024. It would make sense to overlay the road while the road is closed for the bridge replacement. There are several issues to deal with: surface and ground water, width of the roadway. There are approximately 1800 cars using the road each day. Mr. Davidson will send the most recent estimate for the Board to determine how much could be spent on Log Road.

### **MS-4 ANNUAL REPORT**

The MS-4 Annual Report has been filed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR INTERVIEWS**

The Board of Supervisors will have an Executive Session for the purpose of holding interviews for the Public Works position to be vacated by the retirement of Tom Wolfe. The expected starting date for the new hire will be 1/1/2024. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to authorize running the job posting ad again. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

### **YCSWA FEE INCREASE**

The Secretary reported York County Solid Waste Authority increased the tipping fee to \$79 per ton for waste disposal. This is a \$7.00 or 10% increase from 2023. Attorney Miller confirmed that per the contract with Penn Waste, the tipping fee is an allowable fee that they can pass on to our Township residents.

### **ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING**

Lauer Construction and Mula Architects had an on-site meeting to determine how much of the siding is damaged. The warranty paperwork has been submitted to the siding manufacturer, PlyGem. However, it could take 2-3 weeks until PlyGem makes a determination. Lauer Construction submitted an Application for Payment for Contract #1, AFP #3 in the amount of \$93,692.40. This request allows for a Retainage of \$2,558.40 for the siding that has "oil-canned". Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to increase the retainage to the full amount of the siding contract, \$11,200.00, which would reduce the AFP to \$85,050.80. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous. The gas detection system still hasn't arrived. The expected delivery date is now November 13, 2023. Lauer Construction has submitted an Application for Payment for Contract #2, AFP #1 in the amount of \$26,770.40 which includes a retainage of \$4,392.60 to cover the gas detection system. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve AFP #1 for Contract #2 in the amount of \$26,770.40. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

### **AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA (ASA)**

The ASA letters were sent to all property owners who are currently in the ASA and other property owners who are not to determine if they are interested in joining. We have received notifications from 3 property owners who would like to be removed from the ASA and 6 property owners who would like to be

**AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA (ASA)-(cont'd)**

included in the ASA. The updated lists will be submitted to York County Planning Commission and Springfield Township Planning Commission for a 45-day review.

**BOOK EXCHANGE PROJECT**

Nothing new to report.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to purchase a 2023 Ford F250 from Apple Ford in the amount of \$46,500.00. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

We are receiving quotes to add a Utility Service bed to the 2023 Ford F250. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to purchase the aluminum Utility bed from the least expensive vendor with a cost up to \$19,000.00. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

**GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY #1 OF JACOBUS**

Mr. Steve Overmiller, President and Mr. Craig Lipinski, Assistant Chief of Goodwill Fire Co. #1 of Jacobus attended tonight's meeting for a presentation to request a donation for a new firetruck. They are running a capital campaign to replace their 2002 American LaFrance. They have put a lot of planning into their purchase and considered several options. The new firetruck will hold 1000 gallons, have a lower hose bed and the tools will be mounted on the outside. The cost of the new firetruck will be \$804,000.00. They have acquired a state loan for \$270,000.00 at 2% for 20 years. Anything the Township can contribute would be appreciated. Mr. Wolfe stated the request would be considered at the Budget Meeting.

**HILLSIDE HEIGHTS STREAM RESTORATION**

DEP met onsite on October 3, 2023 for a pre-application meeting for the surface water. Geo Technical Associates (GTA) drilled 2 monitoring wells, located on the Keipert and Simmons properties along School Road, and dug 9 test pits located on DASD property. Monitoring equipment is in place to monitor for any water in the ground. In the next couple of weeks, C S Davidson will be out checking the elevation & location of the test pits and monitoring wells so they can correlate with the ground water levels.

Attorney Miller stated an email was received Friday stating the inlets on the Intermediate School access drive were repaired as requested.

**PHEASANT RUN ACRES - RELEASE OF BOND**

Pheasant Run Acres had applied for several Outdoor Amusement Licenses this year. Their season is over and requested their bond be released. Mrs. Ream stated she had no one voice complaints. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to release the bond. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

**RV-REYNOLDS MILL RD**

Attorney Miller reported the RV has been moved and he has discussed the next steps with the Zoning Officer.

**SCHOOL BUS SHELTER**

Attorney Miller stated he had spoken with the owner of 9335 Susquehanna Trail South regarding the school bus shelter. He has given permission to have it removed. The boat has been removed.

**SEO**

Nothing new on this topic. The Secretary is still gathering information.

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS-RESOLUTION & INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

When the Bidding paperwork was sent out, it was noticed that our Traffic Lights were listed as Street Lights. Jenny Gunnett from Windsor Township was going to have this corrected and send out an addendum.

**VERIZON**

Nothing new to report.

**WEST ROAD**

Attorney Miller sent a letter to Mr. Walter’s Attorney, Craig Sharnetzka asking for a response by October 23, 2023, and to inform him that the Township plans to attempt to make a claim on the developer’s Performance Bond. A decision from the County on the tax rollback for the West Road property is expected soon.

**MR & MRS KING**

Mr. Matt & Mrs. Marcelle King attended tonight's meeting to inquire about what appears to be surveying being done at the intersection of Seitzville Road and South Road. Attorney Miller stated his nephew is in the process of purchasing the horseshoe shaped non-buildable lot along South Road that connects to his property and combine with his property by a reverse subdivision and submit the total parcel for Clean & Green so that could be what they saw.

**DON ROBERTSON – SPEEDING CONCERN**

Mr. Don Robertson attended tonight's meeting to voice a concern with speeding along the Susquehanna Trail from the Loganville Borough line to the Jacobus Borough line. He is requesting the Township consider solar speed signs and believes there are grants available. Mr. Jeff Koons stated another item that has become more popular, in several area municipalities, are speed tables.

**BILLS**

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr 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.

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Principal	\$814.04	ACH
IRS	\$3,540.73	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$456.74	ACH
YATB	\$839.73	ACH
PSATS UC Group Trust	\$25.93	ACH
PA UC Fund	\$58.16	ACH

**BILLS-(cont'd)**

Payroll #19	\$11,851.11	9366-9376
C S Davidson, Inc.	\$6,575.03	29114
Cardmember Service	\$709.69	29115
Crystal Springs	\$56.97	29116
D S Cleaning Services	\$260.00	29117
Freedom Systems Corporation	\$2,305.00	29118
Highmark Blue Shield	\$63.57	29119
Media One PA	286.00	29120
Met-Ed	\$408.33	29121
Pitney Bowes Bank Reserve	\$500.00	29122
Wellspan Occupational	\$125.00	29123
York Co Assn of Twp Supervisors	\$180.00	29124
Delta Dental	\$371.63	ACH
AFLAC	\$353.40	ACH
Capital Blue	\$11,480.81	ACH
Verizon Wireless	\$40.01	ACH
IRS	\$3,261.74	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$416.13	ACH
Payroll #20	\$10,759.70	9377-9384
Associated Products	\$208.00	29125
Columbia Gas	\$74.88	29126
Daniel B Krieg Inc	\$71.00	29127
Douts Excavating LLC	\$800.00	29128
Glen Rock Firemens Relief Assn	\$4,134.88	29129
Goodwill Firemens Relief Assn	\$10,337.18	29130
Jeffrey Beshore	\$27.83	29131
John Reeve	\$200.00	29132
K & M Home Center Inc	\$26.07	29133
Loganville Firemens Relief Assn	\$22,741.81	29134
Monarch Products Co Inc	\$245.00	29135
Pennsylvania One Call	\$31.82	29136
Pheasant Run Acres Inc	\$200.00	29137
Pitney Bowes Global Finance	\$133.62	29138
Seven Valleys Firemens Relief Assn	\$4,134.88	29139
Staples	\$329.26	29140
Tri-Boro Construction	\$155.04	29141
Verizon	\$204.15	29142
Crystal Springs	\$17.00	29143
Kim E Erdman Animal Control	\$275.00	29144
Lori L Starz	\$100.00	29145
South Penn Code Consultants	\$2,186.15	29146
The York Water Company	\$102.61	29147
Victor A Neubaum	<u>\$1,062.00</u>	29148
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,878.58</b>	

**BILLS-(cont'd)**

**STREET LIGHTING FUND**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Met-Ed	<u>\$112.40</u>	482
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112.40</b>	

**FIRE HYDRANT FUND**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
The York Water Company	<u>\$1,672.56</u>	481
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,672.56</b>	

**BUILDING CODES FUND**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Code Administrators Inc	<u>\$4,375.00</u>	1268
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,375.00</b>	

**MERP**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Jeffrey Beshore	<u>\$140.00</u>	1495
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	

**HIGHWAY AID FUND**

		<b><u>CHECK #</u></b>
Alpha Space Control Company	\$12,230.14	11591
Edris Oil Service Inc	\$2,068.47	11592
Kimball Midwest	\$281.00	11593
Wex Bank	\$531.13	11594
York Materials Group	<u>\$4,884.84</u>	11595
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,995.58</b>	

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the October 9, 2023, Treasurer's Report as submitted. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM and to meet again on November 13, 2023, for the regular meeting. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

  
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Tamara L Ream, Township Secretary

  
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Curtis L Ferree, Jr Vice-Chairman

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Date