

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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November 13, 2023

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors met at the Township Administration Building (9211 Susquehanna Trail S, Seven Valleys, PA 17360) on November 13, 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. 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: Cpl. Knickel (PSP), Mr. Jeff Koons, Mr. Earl Click, and Mr. Don Robertson

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. John Patrick Rieder reported the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session just before tonight's meeting due to potential litigation and October 24, 2023, to hold interview for the open Public Works opening.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the minutes of October 9, 2023, as presented. The vote of the Board members was 2 Ayes, Mr. John Patrick Rieder abstained.

PA STATE POLICE

Cpl Steve

Knickel from the PA State Police reported PSP has responded to 995 calls over the last 3 months. This number excluded any calls on Interstate 83. PSP also performs daily school checks at the Intermediate School and Loganville-Springfield. Cpl Knickel suggested all residents should be locking their cars and houses especially during the holiday season.

In response to a question from Mr. Jeff Koons, radar signs can help control speeding.

EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX RESOLUTION

Attorney Miller explained **Resolution 2023-12** states the Emergency Services Tax will be 0.5 mils. Each agency will be required to present a budget by February of the following year of how the funds were used before additional funds are released.

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr reminded those present that the first year of the Emergency Services Tax will be divided 60% to the EMS Agencies and 40% to the Fire Companies. This can be modified each year.

EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX RESOLUTION-(cont'd)

Mr. John Patrick Rieder agreed that the Emergency Services need support, but he still has questions about the tax.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve Resolution 2023-12. The vote of the Board members present was 2 Ayes, Mr. Rieder abstained.

BEHRMANN SUBDIVISION

Attorney Miller reported the deeds have been received. They are quite extensive. The UPI's will be added at recording. Attorney Miller that the plans have not yet been signed by the Owner or his Engineer. Mr. John Patrick Rieder moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve and sign the revised plan after all signatures have been secured. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

GELEST, Inc

Mr. Davidson stated a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy will be issued to Gelest, Inc. He also suggested the damage to the cul-de-sac is checked so it can be repaired if necessary. Gelest, Inc will be hosting an Open House on December 5, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

120 THEATRE RD

Mr. Davidson stated he has not heard anything new from Shrewsbury Township.

SCANDINAVIAN FORESTRY EQUIPMENT

The Developer issued an extension to the end of January 2024. The Township received notification that Scandinavian Forestry Equipment has applied for their NPDES permit.

ESTABLISH 2024 TAX AND ASSESSMENT RATES

Attorney Miller has presented the Board with a proposed agenda for Tax and Assessment Rates for review. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to table this item.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

A special meeting with be held for Budget purposes at 9:00 am on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Secretary has the Tentative Budget available for the Board's review prior to the Budget meeting.

ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING

Mr. Davidson explained that PlyGem has been sued before for the same issues that the Township is experiencing with the new siding. PlyGem claims that the siding was installed improperly. Lauer Construction will remove all the siding, replace the damaged pieces and reinstall the siding according to the manufacturer's instructions. Lauer Construction has then satisfied the contract.

Attorney Miller is concerned that the siding is not a quality product that was chosen by Lauer Construction and suggests deducting the cost of the vinyl siding from a metal option. A special meeting could be held once the metal siding quote has been received.

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr added that the Township should only have to pay for one installation which has already been paid to Lauer Construction.

The gas detection system is still not installed. Today was the day it was to be delivered.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. Ream explained that the quotes for the Utility Service Body for the new Pickup came in higher than what was approved at the October 9, 2023, meeting. The quotes were Reading \$19,677.00 however, they are unable to install the plow components. The lead time is 24-28 weeks, and Lancaster Truck Bodies \$22,490.00. The lead time is 48 weeks. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to purchase the Utility Service Body from Reading at a cost of \$19,677.00 and then have Douglas Equipment install the plow components at a cost of \$2,749.37. A vote of the Board members was unanimous.

HILLSIDE HEIGHTS STREAM RESTORATION

Mr. Davidson stated 9 test pits and 7 monitoring wells were installed but we have not gotten any significant rainfall. Mrs. Ream explained the bill was received for Geo Technology Associates. The agreement was the Township would pay the bill upfront and then if it is found that the source is coming from the Intermediate School property, the Township would request reimbursement from the School District.

LOG ROAD

A discussion was held regarding the work to be done to Log Road. The consensus of the Board was to not put off repairing other roads for Log Road and to make any repairs to Log Road while it is closed for the County bridge replacement. Mr. Tommy Wolfe explained the road could cost approximately \$160,000 – \$200,000 and the Board may want to consider borrowing the money for the repairs. The bridge is currently planned for the 2024 season.

SEO

Mrs. Ream explained only one company submitted a quote to replace the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. The prices were considerably higher than what the current Alternate SEO is charging. Mrs. Ream stated she had spoken to Keith & Nikki Hunnings from South Penn Code Consultants for other options. Mrs. Hunnings stated the current fee schedule is higher than their fees and sent an updated fee schedule to be considered. Mrs. Ream also explained that the Administration expenses could be greatly reduced if not almost completely eliminated by moving the Administration responsibilities to the Township.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Mrs. Ream reported the bid period was extended. No further information is available.

VERIZON

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe reported he has had more difficulties using the tablet for Stormwater inspections due to lack of cell coverage while he's visiting properties.

Mr. John Patrick Rieder stated he has contacted Verizon and they have not been responsive with options.

WEST ROAD

Attorney Miller stated he sent a letter to US Fire Insurance Co. on October 25, 2023, to make a claim on the Performance Bond of Diversified Effective Construction Korp. Attorney Scharnetzka informed Attorney Miller that it appears the bond lapsed 4 years ago. According to the Bond it states that it is good until the approved plans are complete during the original term. However, there is not a term listed.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe suggested having a Tree Lighting on December 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Earl Click, Jacobus Lions Ambulance, reported their organization is planning a Fall Fest next year.

Mr. Don Robertson asked about the concern with Verizon coverage and asked if they would install repeaters.

Mr. Don Roberston reported the Izaak Walton League will be holding the 37th Annual Youth Field Day on June 1, 2024, and requested the Board consider a donation to help cover expenses for the event.

Congratulations to Jeff Koons for winning the Municipal Election for Supervisor. He will be assuming the position being vacated by the retirement of Mr. Tommy L Wolfe.

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.

GENERAL FUND

		<u>CHECK #</u>
C S Davidson	\$2,373.81	29149
Gordon L Brown & Associates	\$1,080.00	29150
Lauer Construction	\$111,821.20	29151
MPL Law Firm LLP	\$9,026.98	29152
Staples	\$258.19	29153
Apple Ford	\$46,818.48	29154
C S Davidson	\$535.23	29155
Payroll #21	\$10,613.18	9385-9393
CPU-United Rentals	\$515.32	29156
D S Cleaning Services	\$260.00	29157
DOCEO	\$117.96	29158
Media One	\$586.00	29159
Met-Ed	\$380.79	29160
Cardmember Service	\$563.84	29161
Highmark Blue Shield	\$63.57	29162
AFLAC	\$353.40	ACH
Verizon Wireless	\$40.01	ACH
Delta Dental	\$371.63	ACH
Principal	\$814.04	ACH
Capital Blue Cross	\$11,480.81	ACH
IRS	\$3,360.37	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$428.04	ACH
Payroll #22	\$11,062.71	9394-9402
Associated Products	\$120.00	29163

BILLS-(cont'd)

Columbia Gas	\$66.34	29164
H A Thomson Co	\$3,030.00	29165
John Reeve	\$200.00	29166
Pitney Bowes Global Finance	\$104.53	29167
Rudacille's Lawn & Landscaping	\$262.50	29168
Verizon	\$200.28	29169
York Materials Group	\$2,840.88	29170
C S Davidson, Inc.	\$2,454.63	29171
Crystal Springs	\$56.97	29172
Jacobus Borough	\$4,587.00	29173
Kim E Erdman, Animal Control	\$275.00	29174
MPL Law Firm LLP	\$3,447.16	29175
PA One Call	\$15.54	29176
South Penn Code Consultants	\$5,135.84	29177
The York Water Company	\$104.57	29178
Triscari	\$85.00	29179
U S Municipal Supply Inc	\$172.99	29180
V L Tracey Sales	\$102.96	29181
Yoe Auto Parks & Equipment	\$38.00	29182
York Materials Group	<u>\$2,546.55</u>	29183
TOTAL	\$238,772.30	

STREET LIGHTING FUND

Met-Ed	<u>\$112.70</u>	<u>CHECK #</u> 483
TOTAL	\$112.70	

FIRE HYDRANT FUND

The York Water Company	<u>\$1,672.56</u>	<u>CHECK #</u> 482
TOTAL	\$1,672.56	

BUILDING CODES FUND

Code Administrators, Inc	\$1,950.00	<u>CHECK #</u> 1269
Code Administrators, Inc	<u>\$4,700.00</u>	1270
	\$6,650.00	

MERP

Jeffrey Beshore	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>CHECK #</u> 1496
TOTAL	\$130.00	

HIGHWAY AID FUND

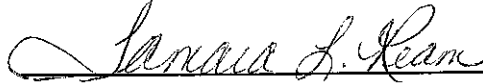
Automotive of York, Inc	\$2,283.20	<u>CHECK #</u> 11596
Daniel B Krieg, Inc	\$472.50	11597
Douglas Equipment & Supply	\$10.86	11598
Penn-Air	\$141.97	11599
Stephenson Equipment	\$2,314.82	11600
Wex Bank	<u>\$591.96</u>	11601
TOTAL	\$5,815.31	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the November 13, 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. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM and to meet again on December 4, 2023, for the regular meeting. The vote of the Board members present was unanimous.



Tamara L Ream, Township Secretary



John Patrick Rieder, Chairman

12/4/23

Date