

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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December 28, 2023

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors met at the Township Administration Building (9211 Susquehanna Trail S, Seven Valleys, PA 17360) on December 28, 2023, at 9:00 AM 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 the following interested Township residents also attended the meeting at the Township Administration Building: Mr. Tom Brant & Marlin Sweitzer (Codorus Church of the Brethren); Mr. Earl Click (Jacobus Lions Ambulance); Jeff Koons, Christopher Upham, Jim Fitzgerald, Paul Miller, Darlene & Clarence Godfrey, Mason Godfrey, Mike Lohss, Jeremy Barnes, Elizabeth & Steven Ricklefs, and Eric Lehman.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 was unanimous.

MINUTES

Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023, as presented. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

2024 FINAL BUDGET

The Secretary presented the 2024 Final Budget to the Board. No changes were made to the Proposed Budget. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve the 2024 Final Budget. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

GELEST, INC

Mr. Dave Davidson reported Gelest, Inc was given their Temporary U & O. Mr. Tommy Wolfe reported work will need to be done on the cul-de-sac. There is also some patching that will need to be done in the spring due to HOP's that were obtained by Columbia Gas and York Water Company. The new fire hydrant has not yet been installed. Mr. Davidson told Mrs. Ream he will schedule a final Stormwater Inspection in the Spring.

SCANDINAVIAN FORESTRY EQUIPMENT

The Developer issued an updated time extension to April 30, 2024. Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to accept the extension. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Due to the enactment of the Emergency Services Tax, the Township will be requesting financial and call volume reporting from each of the Emergency Services. Mrs. Ream stated she revised the agreements for the Supervisors to review.

MUNICIPAL LAND USE LETTER – SOUTH BRANCH LP, LLC

A Municipal Land Use Letter was received from CS Davidson on behalf of South Branch, LP, LLC. A permit will be submitted to DEP for the construction of a bridge for an agricultural crossing of the South Branch of the Codorus near the Howard Tunnel.

ON-LOT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Kristi Flinchbaugh visited South Penn Code Consultants to discuss how SPCC manages the On-Lot Management District. Keith Hunnings made a few recommendations. He also suggested reviewing Dover Township's program.

Mr. Tommy L. Wolfe in 1986-1987 DEP required septic systems in a designated On-Lot Management (OLM) District would need to be pumped and inspected every 4 years and any new systems or repairs to a system anywhere in the Township would be added to the OLM Program.

Mr. Davidson explained that the 537 Plan created the OLM area. DEP wanted the entire Township included in the On-Lot Management District. The BOS compromised and a District was created. Any new or repaired systems were then added to the program.

Mr. Rieder suggesting reviewing our Ordinance and the 537 Plan before making changes to the program.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

Attorney Miller explained the Agricultural Security Area is reviewed every 7 years. Attorney Miller read the list of 3 residents who requested to be removed from the Agricultural Security Area and 7 who requested to be included. The Springfield Township Planning Commission and the York County Planning Commission each reviewed the list and agreed with the changes. Each parcel will be recorded so the recording could amount to a couple thousand dollars. Loganville Borough doesn't have an ASA so any Borough properties that adjoin our township are included with Springfield Township. Several residents were in attendance. The question was asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. With none being heard, Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to approve Resolution 2023-13. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

REVIEW VARIOUS FEE SCHEDULES FOR 2024

The 2024 Fee Schedule was presented to the BOS for review. The Fee Schedule will be considered at the 2024 Organization Meeting on January 2, 2024.

SPCA 2024 CONTRACT

The Secretary presented the 2024 SPCA Contract. The stated value of SPCA's services for Springfield Township is \$35,004.00. The cost of the contract is \$4,291.00. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the contract. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

STYCSA 2023 BONUS TO OFFICE MANAGER

Mr. J Patrick Rieder explained the salary agreement between STYCSA and Springfield Township. STYCSA approved a \$500 bonus to the Office Manager to be included in the next payroll. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve payment of the Bonus. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

ADDITION TO SHOP BUILDING

Mr. Davidson reported nothing new to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Secretary that she contacted Mr. Kim Erdman to advise him the Township has decided to use the PA State Dog Law Officer rather than having a Township Animal Control Officer. At that time, Mr. Erdman explained to Mrs. Ream that the PA State Dog Law Officer works Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. No Evenings, Weekends, or Holidays. If they are in a training session, they do not respond. They do not handle cats or wild animals.

COPIER LEASE

Only one updated price was received. This item will be held until later.

DIAMOND ROAD BRIDGE

Mr. Tom Brant and Mr. Marlin Sweitzer from Codorus Church of the Brethren were present to discuss the request for the church to pay a portion of the side rails for the bridge. Mr. Brant stated he has a document that discusses the side rails. Mr. Rieder explained the Township agreed to pay to put the side rails on the top of the bridge per the agreement that states “appropriate side rails” to protect people from falling off the bridge. Mr. Tommy Wolfe explained the timeline of the side rail discussion.

A discussion was held regarding fencing, road surface, maintenance of the weepholes in the bridge and signage. The fencing has been installed, the Township will maintain the roadway from the bridge to SR 214, and the Left Turn only sign has been replaced. Mr. Davidson explained where the weepholes are located.

HILLSIDE HEIGHTS STREAM RESTORATION

Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr. moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve additional groundwater monitoring until the end of February due to lack of rain. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe stated he had observed other retaining ponds in the area were full after the last rainfall, however those at DAIS were empty. Mr. Davidson stated he noticed there was water coming through School Road and the next morning the roadway was frozen. At this point, Mr. Davidson explained to the guests who were present the background of the Hillside Heights Stream Restoration.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe stated he met Mr. & Mrs. Barton and they do not want their building moved. Mr. Davidson explained the application was submitted with the intention of removing the building. He will contact LandStudies to see if there is a way to raise the building and build a bridge to it.

Attorney Miller explained that a Right of Way can be condemned for Stormwater.

Mr. J Patrick Rieder plans to attend the York County Stormwater Consortium Management Committee Meeting on January 24, 2024, to answer any questions the committee may have concerning the project.

LOG ROAD

Mr. Davidson is not sure if the permit applications have been submitted to DEP for 2024 construction of the replacement bridge.

TOM'S RETIREMENT

Mr. J Patrick Rieder presented Mr. Tommy L Wolfe with a Certificate of Service from PSATS recognizing Tom's 48 years of service with the Township.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe addressed the group that it has been a real pleasure to serve the Township. If there is a township to serve, it would be this one. He has worked with a lot of other good supervisors and others. He is proud that the township is still not in debt to anyone. During his tenure, the township was reassessed, and the tax base was able to be lowered in the 90's. In the 2000's taxes were increased back to where they originally were. Then about 7 years ago the taxes were raised. Thank you to everyone.

Attorney Miller presented Resolution 2023-14 Thanking and Honoring Mr. Tommy L Wolfe which Mr. J Patrick Rieder read. Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. J Patrick Rieder seconded to approve Resolution 2023-14. The vote of the Board members was unanimous, of course, Mr. Tommy L Wolfe abstained.

VERIZON

Mr. John Patrick Rieder stated he made contact with Verizon, but they are no closer to a plan of resolution. Verizon stated something was installed on the tower near Freedom Armory and were surprised that it wasn't making service better in some areas.

Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey stated their AT&T cell phone service is better than their landline but still not good. Their line can go dead up to 6 times during one call. There are only certain places in their home where they can use their phone. Their service has been pathetic since the 5G update.

Mr. Rick Lehman has great AT&T cell phone service. He cancelled his landline because the underground wires were deteriorated, and they were not going to be replaced.

WEST ROAD

Attorney Miller stated he sent a demand letter to the Bond Company for the DECK Performance Bond. They have been strangely silent. If the Bond Company had sent a cancellation letter, he thinks they would have informed the township by now. An estimate to complete the road work on West Road could cost as much as \$300,000.00.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe moved, and Mr. Curtis L Ferree, Jr seconded to authorize Attorney Miller to send a summons to collect on the Performance Bond. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.

2024 ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Reminder, the Organization meeting for the Board of Supervisors will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The Organization meeting for the Board of Auditors will be held Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 7:30 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Springfield Township Administration Building. Agendas will be posted for both meetings.

Mr. Tommy L Wolfe recognized Mr. Jeff Koons as the incoming Supervisor.

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

		<u>CHECK #</u>
IRS	\$3,365.23	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$843.34	ACH
Payroll #24	\$11,057.94	9420-9427
Brown's Court Reporting	\$190.00	29210
Columbia Gas	\$190.52	29211
Crystal Springs	\$17.00	29212
Douglas Equip & Supply	\$2,749.37	29213
Numbers Made Easy	\$2,500.00	29214
Security Fende Co Inc	\$3,435.00	29215
Seven Valleys Borough	\$2,756.00	29216
The York Water Company	\$106.54	29217
Vulcan Construction Materials	\$1,140.37	29218
Yoe Parts & Equipment	\$278.02	29219
Cardmember Services	\$2,625.55	29220
Media One PA	\$342.00	29221
Pitney Bowes Global Finance	\$133.62	29222
South Penn Code Consultants	\$1,757.17	29223
Wellspan Occupational	\$125.00	29224
AFLAC	\$530.10	ACH
Capital Blue	\$11,480.81	ACH
Delta Dental	\$371.63	ACH
Highmark	\$63.57	ACH
IRS	\$3,646.75	ACH
PA Department of Revenue	\$474.22	ACH
PA Unemployment	\$67.64	ACH
Principal	\$805.79	ACH
PSATS UC	\$0.95	ACH
Verizon Wireless	\$40.01	ACH
York Adams Tax Bureau	\$973.37	ACH
Payroll #26	\$12334.23	9428-9439
C S Davidson Inc	\$32,716.63	29225
D S Cleaning Services	\$260.00	29226
Daniel B Krieg Inc	\$219.48	29227
Goodwill Fire Co #1 of Jacobus	\$5,000.00	29228
Johnson Controls	\$1,863.08	29229
Kim E Erdman Animal Control	\$275.00	29230
Kirchner Mobile Repair	\$483.24	29231
Kristi Flinchbaugh	\$157.86	29232
Loganville Fire Company	\$5,000.00	29233

BILLS – (cont'd)

Met-Ed	\$488.00	29234
Pitney Bowes Reserve	\$750.00	29235
Stephenson Equipment	\$814.40	29236
V L Tracey Sales	<u>\$117.90</u>	29237
TOTAL	\$112,547.33	

FIRE HYDRANT FUND

The York Water Company	<u>\$1,672.56</u>	<u>CHECK #</u> 484
TOTAL	\$1,672.56	

BUILDING CODES FUND

Code Administrators Inc	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>CHECK #</u> 1271
TOTAL	\$4,000.00	

MERP

Kristi Flinchbaugh	<u>\$5.00</u>	1498
TOTAL	\$5.00	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Curtis Ferree, Jr moved, and Mr. Tommy L Wolfe seconded to approve the December 28, 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 10:53 AM and to meet again on January 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM for the Organization meeting. The vote of the Board members was unanimous.



Tamara L Ream, Township Secretary



John Patrick Rieder, Chairman

2/12/24

Date