

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2016  
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Springettsbury Township located at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA.

**MEMBERS IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Swomley, Chairman  
George Dvoryak  
Bill Schenck  
Kathleen Phan  
Blanda Nace

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Kristen Denne, Township Manager  
Christopher King, Solicitor  
John Luciani, Civil Engineer  
Dennis Crabill, Environmental Engineer  
Mark Hodgkinson, Director of Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Dori Bowders, Manager of Administrative Operations  
Barbara Lindeman, Director of Finance  
Dan Stump, Chief, Police Department  
Dan Hoff, Battalion Chief, YAUFRR  
Jean Abrecht, Stenographer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Opening Ceremony

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Recognition of Retirement – Betty J. Speicher

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley stated that it was his privilege and pleasure to present Betty Speicher with recognition of her retirement following 48-1/2 years of employment in Springettsbury Township. He read a Resolution, adopted this date, expressing the township's gratitude and appreciation for her years of dedication and faithful public service. He congratulated her on her retirement and wished Betty and her husband, DeHaven, much happiness and good health.

**DENNE** Ms. Denne presented Ms. Speicher with a gift and a dozen red roses. She congratulated her as well and commented that she would be known as an institution of the history of Springettsbury. Ms. Denne stated that they would be reaching out to her for help with special events, such as managing the tent for tickets for Saturday in the Park. She noted when someone of this caliber leaves the township, it is very difficult to fill those shoes.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck stated that he met Ms. Speicher when the Creative Playground was built, and it was her enthusiasm that caused him to get involved in the township. He noted that she had been at all the events when she didn't need to be and had been a supporter of Springettsbury for years. Her enthusiasm for the community was the real connection that he had made in the township.

**SPEICHER** David Speicher stated that he was the luckiest son in the world. Those in the township know Betty as co-worker, friend or have a special relationship with her, but he knows her as mother. He and his sister had been raised in Springettsbury Township, which he still calls home. He recalled great memories growing up and participating in township activities. He was happy for her retirement and looked forward to spending more time with his mother.

**SPEICHER** Betty responded that her employment in the township had been an awesome experience that she never considered a job but more of a passion. She noted that, although she had not gone to college, all the years working in the township had provided her with a better education than most who have two and three degrees. She indicated that Springettsbury is one of the finest communities in which to live, work and play. She had created many friendships and memories and she was grateful to the township. She especially thanked each member of the board for their service and was glad the township had been blessed with so many good people.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

- A. January 28, 2016 – 7:30 p.m. – Personnel
- B. February 2, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. - Personnel

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley announced that there had been two Executive Sessions since the last meeting. One was held on January 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. regarding personnel, and one was held February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. also regarding personnel. One additional Executive Session will be held this date following adjournment to discuss legalities surrounding potential litigation regarding the Pleasant Valley Tract.

**3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

**WURSTER** Charles Wurster, 418 Grant Drive congratulated Betty Speicher on her retirement and for her years of service. He brought forward the matter of the timeline, the obstacles and when the obstacles will be overcome with regard to the dedication of Grant Drive as a township road. He cited the lack of plowing during the recent snowstorm and the jeopardy to public safety for the residents. He asked what they could do to overcome the obstacles to the dedication of the street.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded with the process and the status. S&A Homes is a building development company out of State College, PA. When the final few homes are built, the roads are offered for dedication to the township. The roads are constructed and inspected by the township with a very formal checklist to be completed including a

legal description, as built and the Public Works, Manager and Sewer authorities sign off. The bulk of the work has been done, and the township holds bonding money until the final checks are completed by the developer. He will contact S&A Homes to react more quickly to doing the plowing and move forward for final dedication.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley questioned the amount of the remaining bond and whether the township has any recourse to finish the work with money they have set aside.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that he could easily find the value of their bond.

**SMITH** Lance Smith, 401 Grant Drive, reported that S&A was not performing as it should. They had not been on site in over five years. He heard there was supposed to be street lights, but they had not been advised of that when they purchased the properties. He noted that he and his fellow residents are paying their taxes, and they want the township to make S&A perform under their agreement.

**BREIER** Ronald Breier, 437 Grant Drive, stated that he had been a resident for 10 years and three months. He had been fighting this same situation for that amount of time. He commented that during the recent blizzard he had been outside shoveling and noted a pickup truck with a snowplow, as well as a fire truck that got stuck. He questioned how emergency equipment could respond to the residents of Grant Drive.

#### **4. ENGINEERING REPORTS**

A. Environmental Engineer – Buchart Horn, Inc.

**CRABILL** Dennis Crabill had provided a written report for which he had no changes. He offered to respond to any questions.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck asked about the study on the grease trap project. He questioned whether there would be a presentation.

**CRABILL** Mr. Crabill responded that the information would be provided to Mr. Hodgkinson first for his comments and following that there could be a board presentation.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck stated that, although he did not want to speak for the board, he had a strong interest in the project and was really interested in their study results.

B. Civil Engineering – First Capital Engineering, Inc.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani had provided his written report and had one update. He reported that during the next Planning Commission meeting, he will provide a 10-slide PowerPoint of the mini-Comprehensive Plan surrounding Mt. Zion Road to Market Street eastward. He will show the map, current conditions, what the Town Center allows and does not allow. Following that presentation the Planning Commission will provide feedback, which may involve a work session.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2016

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- B. Regular Payables as Detailed in Payable Listing of February 11, 2016
- C. LD-14-05 – Reapproval – York Christian Church

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak pulled item B from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

**MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A AND C.  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak commented that there had been an item concerning some legal fees that had something to do with a lawsuit involving the insurance carrier. He was not sure that historically the township paid legal fees when the insurance carrier defended something.

**DENNE** Ms. Denne responded that what was being paid was for a certain percentage of the deductible under the previous insurer.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak asked whether this deductible was different than it had been in past years.

**DENNE** Ms. Denne responded that she would have to pull the records but that it would be according to the year in which the coverage of the incident happened and not according to coverage year.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF ITEM B ON THE CONSENT  
AGENDA. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**6. BIDS, PROPOSALS, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**

- A. Authorization to Execute Sewer Utility Easement Agreement for Property Located at 1820 East Market Street (Marcin)
- B. Authorization to Execute Supplemental Agreement for Property Located at 1820 East Market Street.

**MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SEWER UTILITY EASEMENT  
AGREEMENT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 1820 EAST MARKET STREET. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- C. Authorization to Execute Professional Services Agreement with Q-Dot Engineering, LLC to Render Third Party Plan Review and Inspection Services for the PA Uniform Construction Code.

**MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH Q-  
DOT ENGINEERING FOR THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES. MOTION  
CARRIED 4/1. MR. NACE ABSTAINED DUE TO POTENTIAL CONFLICT.**

- D. Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Understanding between Springettsbury Township and the County of York on Behalf of the York County District Attorney’s Office for the Use of One Full-Time Police Officer to Work with the York County Drug Task Force for the period December 2, 2015 through December 1, 2018.

**MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNTY OF YORK FOR THE USE OF ONE FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE DRUG TASK FORCE. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- E. Authorization to Purchase 2013 Ford Taurus AWD Vehicle from Keller Brothers Ford in an amount not to exceed \$18,500 (Police Chief's Vehicle)

**MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE 2013 FORD TAURUS AWD VEHICLE FROM KELLER BROTHERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,500. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**7. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

There were none for action.

**8. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISORS**

There were no Supervisor communications.

**9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**KING** Solicitor Christopher King stated he had no additions to the memorandum that was provided by Charles Rausch. He offered to take any questions back to Solicitor Rausch.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley asked for clarification on an item in his report, No. 5.

**KING** Solicitor King responded that he would bring the matter to Solicitor Rausch's attention. Additional information will be provided regarding the matter as soon as possible, if not before the next meeting.

**PHAN** Ms. Phan asked about the status of the Shawan Lane/Century Woods stormwater issue.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that he thought it had been resolved. The issues had been completed for two of the impacted properties. The third home for sale is in transition, and that is the only place where the stream channel had not been retrofitted to the design plan leaving one outstanding.

**PHAN** Ms. Phan asked if that was the property that is bank owned.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that she was correct. There is a fence and a shed in the stormwater right of way that has not been resolved. A letter was sent to the owner, and a response was received back from a firm in Philadelphia. He offered to review and respond on the subject at the next meeting.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley requested that Mr. Luciani asked Solicitor Rausch to follow up on that issue as well. He commented that if a letter came back from a Philadelphia firm, that means that someone is pushing back. He asked if there was some way to

put a note or lien on that property to force the issues to be satisfied prior to going through a sale.

**PHAN** Ms. Phan agreed and noted that the residents had come before the board several times.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley added that he thought all the issues should be explored because the residents there really do deserve to have closure.

**10. MANAGER’S REPORT**

**DENNE** Ms. Denne had provided her monthly report. She reminded the board of the workshop meeting with Chief Stump for Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck brought forward an item concerning Yorklyn Gate. A resident had contacted him from that neighborhood to report the car carriers are parked on that road along with school buses. The residents are complaining that it is becoming a parking lot again. They have visibility issues which are even more difficult with the snow trying to navigate the neighborhood with the big vehicles parked there.

**PHAN** Ms. Phan added that the big rigs drive through there, which angers the residents.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck noted that they had been directed away from there before, but their GPS still takes them through Yorklyn.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani noted that the signs prohibit trucks over so many tons from going through there. He asked whether the parking issue is a zoning or a motor vehicle issue.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck responded that it is both.

**PHAN** Ms. Phan noted that the car carrier that is parked there now was plowed in with the snow.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani stated that he will handle the zoning issue and would speak with the enforcement people.

**NACE** Mr. Nace recalled that there was an issue with the way it was posted with no trucks, local delivery only. There was a ruling that because they’re going to a local business that it was considered a local delivery.

**SCHENCK** Mr. Schenck thought his statement was accurate; however, the parking definitely is not permitted.

**PHAN** Ms. Phan added that she thought there was a weight sign as well.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that they had done a Traffic and Engineering Study with some adjustments being made that appeared to be successful in keeping some of the trucks off those roadways. Again, he will approach it with the zoning issues.

**11. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

A. Resolution No. 2016-30 – Recognition of Betty J. Speicher

**MS. PHAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-30 FOR BETTY SPEICHER’S RETIREMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

B. Resolution No. 2016-31 – Authorizing Line Item Transfer from Recreation Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 to District 5.

**MS. PHAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31, LINE ITEM TRANSFER FOR RECREATION DISTRICTS. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

C. Authorization to Advertise Ordinance – Emergency Management Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the process and the plan to provide regional coverage for emergency situations. The discussion is summarized:

- Municipalities are required to appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator and have an Emergency Management Plan.
- Former Emergency Management Coordinator retired a year ago; YAUFRR Chief McCoy was the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and continues to operate in that capacity.
- Recommending a joint plan with one Coordinator and one Emergency Management Plan for Springettsbury, Spring Garden and Manchester Township.
- Having a plan in place is necessary to receive reimbursements from the federal and state government. If the incident is in one particular township, the money will be reimbursed to that specific township and not to the region. It is a coordination of resources.
- A storm emergency would require mostly Public Works; a terrorist act would be more of a police incident activated through the EMC; follows the NIMS Command.
- Emergency Management Coordinator is named by YAUFRR but appointed by the Governor and remains until the individual resigns or retires.

**MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Recreation/Creative Playground

**PHAN** Ms. Phan requested a discussion surrounding the Creative Playground, the budget and any donations received toward the Creative Playground. Clear direction is needed for the Manager to give to the Rec Board. A lengthy discussion took place, which is summarized.

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- Money raised for the original Creative Playground was to be raised by a committee; township then budgeted the remaining amount to get the final product.
- Amounts for a new Creative Playground range from \$300,000 to \$750,000. Total price with flooring is \$750,000. Additional costs may include demolition costs, land development costs, engineering costs.
- Corporate donation made for \$200,000 along with a DCNR Grant of \$125,000. Additional potential DCED grant not yet received. Great opportunity for other corporations to participate.
- Fundraising may include the Supervisors and the Park and Rec Board as a special committee.
- Potential to refinance and combine firehouse, fire truck and playground together.
- Suggest a presentation of what is being purchased; provide options for selection; landscape architect scheduled to be at Park and Rec Board meeting Wednesday, 2/17/16. Mr. Nace will attend; Ms. Phan and Mr. Swomley will try to re-arrange their schedules; Mr. Schenck will be out of town.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley stated that there will be an additional discussion during the next board meeting.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders  
Secretary

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