

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2016
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Work Session on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:30 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 (Arrived 6:40 p.m.)
Blanda Nace

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Kristen Denne, Township Manager
Charles Rausch, Solicitor
John Luciani, Civil Engineer
Dennis Crabill, Environmental Engineer
Chris Gibbons, Concord Public Finance
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley called the Work Session to order at 6:36 p.m. The purpose of the work session was to explore potential financing alternatives.

2. DISCUSSION OF INTERIM AND PERMANENT FINANCING ALTERNATIVES

DENNE Ms. Denne reported that she had invited Mr. Chris Gibbons, Financial Consultant from Concord Public Financial Advisors, Inc. to the meeting this date as they had some preliminary discussions concerning financing that is coming due in June. She noted that some decisions need to be made with regard to that financing and whether to take on additional debt. In addition, there is an option to roll the current financing with consideration to some statutory regulations regarding advertising and RFP's for refinancing. Three major projects had been earmarked during the budget sessions, which included the Creative Playground, Trout Run Road, and the Gas Boy.

- Creative Playground –Total cost to date is \$716,800.
- Trout Run Road – Repaving/resurfacing had been estimated at \$500,000.
- Gas Boy upgrade was estimated at \$150,000.

Discussions surrounding the Creative Playground included the fact that the pavers and the mister station had been eliminated. Costs to remove the existing playground would be handled by township personnel.

GIBBONS Chris Gibbons was pleased to be able to work with the board on this financing program. His comments included:

- In 2012 a Note was issued for \$3.5 million, which matured in 2015. At that time the township borrowed an additional amount to raise that amount to \$3.75 million, which note matures in June, 2016.
- The global question is whether the board would want to roll it over for another year or two or take it out as a permanent financing. A question would be whether it would be advantageous to do a short term or take advantage of long-term low rates, fixed for 20 to 25 years.
- The economy at this time is an advantage with the current interest rates.
- He prepared a short-term option of just rolling over or permanently financing the \$3.75 million.
- An option worth an additional \$2 million would mean a total borrowing of \$5.75 million.
- All borrowing would include an issuance cost.
- A decision would be needed by the March 10th board meeting.

Additional discussion ensued covering a variety of subjects:

- Preliminary planning, design and facility upgrades for the administration and police building.
- Replacing 3.7 acres of land under a DCNR conversion. Original grant was given through the Federal Waterways. An audit is taking place of Federal grants and it was confirmed that 3.7 acres are not being used as conservation land. It will have to be replaced with yellow book, best market value, a new acquisition.

3. ADJOURNMENT

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders
Secretary

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