

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 26, 2017
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 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, Vice Chairman
Kathleen Phan, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Blanda Nace
Bill Schenck

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Benjamin Marchant, Township Manager
Charles Rausch, Solicitor
John Luciani, Civil Engineer
Dennis Crabill, Environmental Engineer
Dori Bowders, Manager of Administrative Operations
Jessica Fieldhouse, Director of Community Development
Mark Hodgkinson, Director of Public Works/WWT
Barbara Lindeman, Director of Finance
Nitza Sanchez-Bowser, Director of Human Resources
Colin Lacey, Director, Parks and Recreation
Dan Stump, Chief, Police Department
Dan Hoff, 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.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley announced that no Executive Sessions had been held since the last meeting.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. ENGINEERING REPORTS

A. Environmental Engineer – Buchart Horn, Inc.

CRABILL Dennis Crabill reported that he had submitted his monthly report. He had no updates. He offered to respond to questions but there were none.

B. Civil Engineer – First Capital Engineering, Inc.

LUCIANI John Luciani reported he had submitted his monthly report. He updated the progress on the Quattro Development at Concord and Mt. Zion Road. They have prepared some traffic simulations. A video was created some time ago for the traffic movements at Mt. Zion and Market Street. Mr. Luciani will provide the video for the board, the manager and for the website.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley asked for an update on the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan project.

LUCIANI Mr. Luciani responded and summarized the following:

- The cost remains unknown but may be available in April or May.
- The deadline has not changed - September 17, 2017.
- The new EPA Director indicated the pollution reduction is a success; uncertainty as to future direction.
- Pennsylvania will continue efforts to reduce pollutants into the streams.
- Agreement with York County was signed; however, an opt out is available.

FIELDHOUSE Ms. Fieldhouse added the Resolution was signed to participate up to and including development of the pollutant reduction plan. The opt out was for the implementation.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley responded that the township needed to be working in parallel.

FIELDHOUSE Ms. Fieldhouse stated that, in discussions with other municipalities that do not have the benefit of a regional task force like York County put together, they wanted to emulate what York County did. One specific municipality indicated they anticipated spending \$100,000 plus for their Pollutant Reduction Plan. Everything she learned indicated the township should participate in pulling together the regional plan.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant added that there is a practical advantage to participation in the regional plan. Springettsbury will submit a number of projects for the plan. He met with Mr. Luciani and Ms. Fieldhouse and they had been able to use

Spring Garden's per lineal foot estimates for another project application to Springettsbury's project and come up with some of that cost. A dual track can be followed in working with the county.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley suggested that the township should not sit back and wait for anything to be delivered and then have no time at all to make a decision whether to opt out or not.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant added that the township would be an anxiously engaged participant member of the county's program.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak commented that, while no decisions have been made to date, there is a possibility of some private funding coming forth for the regional study.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Acknowledge Receipt of December 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report
- B. Board of Supervisors Joint Work Session Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2017
- C. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2017
- D. Regular Payables as Detailed in Payable Listing of January 26, 2017
- E. SD-07-06 – Time Extension – Triplet Springs (New Plan Date 9/15/17)

MS. PHAN MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH E. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for East York Interceptor Project

MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE EAST YORK INTERCEPTOR PROJECT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

There was none for discussion.

8. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISORS

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck reported that he had received a letter from Al Sykes, who stated his concern on the entry to Camp Security Park from Eastern Boulevard. There is a medial strip there, and a motorist cannot turn into the park coming from certain directions.

Mr. Schenck questioned whether the Traffic Meeting was still operating within the township. This type of issue would be addressed there.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson responded that the Traffic Meetings had not been held for some time; however, it is a goal for 2017 to begin again.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

RAUSCH Solicitor Rausch stated he had submitted his monthly report but had nothing further for this date.

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck questioned the status of the signal improvements at York Container.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson responded that the signal contractor purchased and installed the louvers in the northbound side on Mt. Zion Road and the right hand most signal. He installed them on the red, yellow and green. He is waiting for PennDOT to indicate that was what they intended before he installs them the rest of the way across all the signals northbound.

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck questioned York Container's payment of their fair share.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson responded that a letter had been received from them confirming their monetary commitment.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley added that the township agreed to pay up to a certain amount and they were going to pay the rest.

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck requested the status on the property for YAUFRR. He noted that Don Eckert was present and asked whether there was anything that was needed from the township or from the fire company.

RAUSCH Solicitor Rausch indicated that he would suggest Mr. Marchant and Mr. Eckert meet to discuss it and make sure everything is covered in the agreement. It would then be brought back to the board for discussion.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley asked about the Route 30 adaptive signal system. He thought there were several places, Route 30, Market Street, Mt. Zion Road between Route 30 and Market. He asked for information.

NACE Mr. Nace understood that Mt. Zion had a modified, but not quite the updated technology that is adaptive.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson responded that Market Street and Route 30 is almost ready to implement. Concerning Market Street, PennDOT currently is working on those plans but they are running into some issues with Met Ed because fiber optic cables need to be mounted to the utility poles and Met Ed is having some issues with that. Concerning Mt. Zion Road, they gave the township an option, which he and Mr. Marchant discussed, related to the upgrade of all the cabinets and hardware that made the traffic system responsive. The option was doing the adaptive system on Route 24 or making improvements to

Industrial Drive and Mt. Zion Road, which would include mast arms and other physical improvements. He and Mr. Marchant determined that it was best to take the option versus the adaptive because they have no experience with the adaptive technology. If the adaptive technology is installed and traffic becomes worse, there is a lost opportunity to physically improve one intersection.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley commented that he had received many complaints from motorists sitting at that left turn going onto Mt. Zion Road that sat through three, four and five light cycles. He indicated he did not think it could get much worse.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson stated that the way the adaptive technology works, its premise is to move traffic on the main route, and side streets will sit longer.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley questioned whether there was anything that could be done about the timing to move traffic as it is a major contributory at Concord and Mt. Zion.

PHAN Ms. Phan noted that intersection had been like that ever since it was installed. It depended upon what time an individual goes through there.

NACE Mr. Nace noted that he had received a complaint about that, which was followed by a thanks for getting it fixed.

PHAN Ms. Phan questioned a traditional left turning lane. She asked why the left lanes go at the same time facing each other, where at the Market Street light it is clearly opposite.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson responded that it had been changed because of dual lefts. The tractor-trailers are supposed to be in the outside turning lane and when that intersection, which is not as big or as wide, they alternate the left turn so the tractor-trailers do not impact each other.

PHAN Ms. Phan thanked him for the insight as she had been asked about that.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant stated that he had nothing to add to his report. However, he indicated that he had found a house in Springettsbury and is hoping to close on it soon. He and his family are looking forward to being settled. He reported that the budget had been placed on line, and a publication of the budget is available in the lobby.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak noted that a meeting had been scheduled with Congressman Scott Perry's office. He asked whether any assistance was needed for that meeting.

NACE Mr. Nace responded that they would be meeting with Bob Riley of Congressman Perry's office. The Congressman's schedule is not open until the end of February/first of March. They determined it would be more beneficial to get his staff advised first and then approach it with Congressman Perry.

11. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There was none for action.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Land and Water Conservation Fund 1979 Grant

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant reiterated that the meeting would be held with Bob Riley on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley commented on Mr. Marchant's lengthy reporting. He asked if the board had any questions about it.

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck responded that he had been studying the report; however, he had not come to any conclusion to date.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley indicated he agreed with Mr. Schenck.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant responded that the issue is very complicated. He did not think there was an obvious choice in any direction. It is an ugly, complicated situation that has any way but out.

NACE Mr. Nace reiterated that he thought the argument should be made for the small land swap. There is a provision in the manual that allows for a small swap if it is less than a certain number of acres, that it can be considered a small swap, which has a lot more favorable procedure to it. He thought it had been tried before in a discussion with DCNR and they just said no.

RAUSCH Solicitor Rausch responded that with the small swap, it had to be adjacent land, and if it is not adjacent or adjacent to the park, the small swap could not be done.

NACE Mr. Nace noted that adjacent land had since been purchased. He thought that would be where the negotiation could be made.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant indicated two things: One, that they said it cannot be pre-existing open space. New open space has to be created. Secondly, it had been presented to the National Park Service, and they said no.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley commented that he is leery of another person presenting on his behalf.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant responded that it had been a third party, and he did not know what kind of argument was made.

RAUSCH Solicitor Rausch responded that the small swap had been discussed with the gentleman from DCNR because they are very familiar with the terrain around this park. He indicated that the farmland across Pleasant Valley would qualify.

NACE Mr. Nace commented that the farmland is adjacent.

RAUSCH Solicitor Rausch noted he had mentioned that there is a road there, and the gentleman from DCNR indicated it was close enough.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley indicated they would have to convince the gentleman who owns the land.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Timber Harvest Services on Township Property

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson brought forward the subject of harvesting timber on township property. He had provided the board with a report of the subject. There are two parcels surrounding the Wastewater Treatment Plant and several parcels at the new Camp Security property. A summary of the discussion follows:

- Mr. Hodgkinson and Forester Jeff Gossert had walked the parcels, which determined there is marketable timber available.
- Harvesting timber is common for the health of the forest including felling non-desirable trees.
- Potential may exist for special tax provisions because it does a lot for the forest.
- Value for the project would not be known until an agreement would be authorized at which time Mr. Gossert would size each tree, determine board feet and a guestimate of X dollars.
- Timber market and sales, 15% commission. Timber may fluctuate in price – good or bad market.
- Benefits might be provided through state programs.
- Grant money may have been involved in the purchase of some of the lands, such as Camp Security and the sewer plant.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson noted that Mr. Gossert would be very willing to meet with the board for further discussion in the future.

Consensus of the board was to check on the grants issue, the best harvest time and identifying the benefits.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders
Secretary

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