

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION – MS4**

**MAY 9, 2019
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Work Session for MS4 on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. at the offices of Springettsbury Township located at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: George Dvoryak, Vice Chairman
Charles Wurster, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Justin Tomevi
Robert Cox

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Swomley, Chairman

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Benjamin Marchant, Township Manager
Charles Rausch, Solicitor
Dori Bowders, Manager, Administrative Services
Jessica Fieldhouse, Director of Community Development
Raphael Caloia, Planning Assistant
Andy Hinkle, Manager, Information Systems
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

DVORYAK Vice Chairman George Dvoryak called the meeting to order. He advised that Chairman Swomley was battling flight delays and likely would not be present for this Work Session or the Regular meeting this date.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Storm Water Management (MS4)

FIELDHOUSE Jessica Fieldhouse introduced the subject for discussion and indicated she would attempt to provide an update as to where the township stands with regard to the MS4 program, the RFP review, the fee establishment and the next steps. She itemized the first steps:

- Publish an RFP for B&P Construction Services to meet the Pollution Reduction Plan for the Chesapeake Bay in the NPDES permit requirements.
- Televis the area to establish conditions for stormwater lines in Penn Oaks.
- Aerial photography of the township flown at 8,000 feet allowing a near-infrared analysis using the GIS program.

Ms. Fieldhouse noted that a draft budget was created as to what the stormwater program could cost the township. In addition, they created some implementation steps to review with the board.

An RFP had been issued from which they selected two viable candidates: AKRF and RES. These differed vastly in their approach and overall bottom line. Staff conducted interviews with both firms and meet numerous times internally. The two firms had different models, and ultimately staff felt that AKRF had justified their numbers, which was \$2.71 per pound of sediment removal for a total project cost of almost \$1.9 million. RES came in at \$7.60 per pound and a project cost of almost \$5.3 million. Additionally, DEP concurred with AKRF's approach and numbers.

The board asked a number of questions; answers are summarized:

- AKRF had a number of diverse project experience demonstrated throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and West Virginia; in business over 20 years; financials indicate no major issues.
- The timeframe would be accomplished within the NPDES Permit Cycle.
- The AKRF proposal was surprising in the details, which contradicted the current understanding. By gathering data foot-by-foot along both sides of the stream they gathered actual numbers rather than estimates.
- RES will be providing sediment removal projects within Springettsbury Township, and the township will receive a sharing of credits.
- A contract document will be created with all the fine details including the \$2.71 per pound of sediment and milestones for payments; could take between 60 to 90 days to finalize. Prevailing wage would be used. No bonding will be required.
- Timing of implementation; NPDES Permit to be received; five years of monitoring.
- Future NPDES Permit Cycle requirements will change over time.

Consensus of the board was to hear a presentation by AKRF at an upcoming meeting, May 23, 2019.

FIELDHOUSE Ms. Fieldhouse stated that the analysis done through the aerial photography was completed by flying at a lower altitude. This provided additional information needed for Mr. Caloia to use the ARRC GIS software through ESRI. Data was imbedded in the aerial photos that Mr. Caloia used to create maps, which revealed the distribution of impervious coverage of the township.

Following is a summary of discussion points:

- Township proposes a fee based on impervious coverage/area (\$50 per ERU per year). 70% of the township's impervious comes from non-residential users. Potential for credits for stormwater management above DEP requirements. An appeals process will be in place.
- Approximately 3,000 square feet of impervious equals an ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit).
- Process continues in order to discern pervious area, tree cover with grass.
- Fee to be levied on government entities such as a school or a county park, non-profits, etc. for this purpose.
- Township will be creating a utility; fee will not be a tax.
- Resolution will establish the stormwater program and the fee.
- Policies and procedures will administer the fee and the program. Credit will be given up to a maximum of 45 percent of the fee if the property owner institutes a BMP.
- Budget (\$1.783 million) has been reviewed by staff; Includes wages and benefits for two full-time employees, one MS4 Coordinator and one full-time Finance Clerk. Will include some adjustments and fine tuning. \$500,000 included for maintenance and repair. Funding matters to be further reviewed with monies for the Consortium.
- Consortium accomplishments are unclear. Springettsbury's leadership in sediment reduction will be notable and able to provide guidance.
- Public education will be made available for understanding.
- Investigation made into funneling this through the township or an authority.

FIELDHOUSE Ms. Fieldhouse stated that for this meeting, this date, staff was looking for permission to establish an ad hoc committee to review all the documentation and analyses. It is hoped to build a level of understanding as much as possible in dealing with the upfront concerns of the committee. She indicated they would meet with the committee three times over the summer in June, July and August and then move forward with public hearings in September and October with implementation of the program and the fee in October. In that way Finance can move forward with invoice testing.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant commented that the ad hoc committee would include key community stakeholders from churches, schools, Harley-Davidson, the mall. It will include a group of individuals who will be affected the most. This is a mandate coming from DEP and EPA, and the township is following the law and doing what is necessary.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- STUHRE** Charles Stuhre, Trout Run Road provided a few comments. He suggested the following:
- A ratio reduction for large lots with meadow, a house and a garage so that the rate would be lower than a R10 property with a lot of house and a little bit of meadow.
 - Credit to be issued where there is more dissipation of water and no runoff.
 - Provide an ad hoc person to be available with information as it is a very complex matter for the average homeowner. Could be a volunteer from the retirement community. This could eliminate time by staff in answering questions.
- DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak stated that he approved of everything he heard and that it was very well done. He congratulated the group that worked on it as it had been a lot of work but it was very well put together. He thanked them all for the time that they had spent.
- TOMEVI** Mr. Tomevi agreed as well.
- WURSTER** Mr. Wurster added his appreciation for the hard work that is moving in the right direction

Consensus of the board was to move forward to the next step.

4. ADJOURNMENT

DVORYAK Vice Chairman Dvoryak adjourned the Work Session at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders
Secretary

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