

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 23, 2020  
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7 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  
Charles Wurster, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Don Bishop  
Robert Cox

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Benjamin Marchant, Township Manager  
Charles Rausch, Solicitor  
Dennis Crabill, Environmental Engineer  
Jacob Dortch, MS, PE, Civil Engineer  
Dori Bowders, Manager, Administrative Operations  
Todd King, Chief of Police  
Mark Hodgkinson, Director of Public Works/WWT  
Teresa Hummel, Finance Director  
Nitza Sanchez-Bowser, Director of Human Resources  
Colin Lacey, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Abigail Gibb, Communications Manager  
Dan Hoff, Chief, YAUFRR  
Andy Hinkle, Manager, Information Systems

Jean Abreght, Stenographer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Opening Ceremony**

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

**B. Oath of Office – Patrolman Brett Strickler**

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley led Patrolman Brett Strickler in the Oath of Office and congratulated him.

**KING** Chief King welcomed Patrolman Strickler to the department, and provided the ceremony of the Springettsbury Badge.

**C. Recognition of Justin Tomevi**

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley recognized Justin Tomevi, who had spent valuable time recently on the Board of Supervisors. He presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

**TOMEVI** Mr. Tomevi thanked the board and stated it had been a pleasure working with everyone on the board and staff through different projects. He noted Springettsbury Township is “just great top to bottom.”

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley announced that there had not been any Executive Sessions since the last meeting; however, he requested a brief Executive Session following adjournment this date.

**3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

There were no citizen comments.

**4. ENGINEERING REPORTS**

A. Environmental Engineer – Buchart Horn, Inc.

**CRABILL** Dennis Crabill had provided a monthly report and had no changes to his report. He added that a Change Order is being processed for the East York Interceptor. This is to be returned to him signed by the contractor. He expects that it will be on the next agenda.

B. Civil Engineer – First Capital Engineering, Inc.

**DORTCH** Jacob Dortch of First Capital Engineering noted that Mr. Luciani was out of town. He had presented his report, and there were no additions or changes. He offered to respond to questions, but there were none.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Acknowledge Receipt of December 31, 2019 Treasurer’s Report

B. Regular Payables as Detailed in Payable Listing of January 23, 2020

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A AND B. MR. WURSTER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

There were none for action.

**7. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

There were none for action.

**8. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISORS**

There were no Supervisor comments.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

**10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**RAUSCH** Solicitor Rausch indicated he had nothing to report.

**11. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant had issued his monthly report, to which he had nothing to add.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak noted that the board had discussed outstanding sewer bills and a plan to collect on them. He asked for the status.

**HUMMEL** Ms. Hummel responded that it is still a work in progress. They are attempting to work with the York Water Company for collections; however, they typically do not do water shutoffs during the winter months. April 1<sup>st</sup> would be the first opportunity.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak requested that the item be added to on-going reports.

**WURSTER** Mr. Wurster requested a Grants pipeline, one-page report showing the status of Grants. He noted this had been discussed in a Work Session.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that a spreadsheet draft is being circulated. They will review it to make it more presentable. During the review they will determine how much is too much information versus a summary.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley commented that they shouldn't work too hard on it; just create a list, and the board will let them know if they need more.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop questioned Mr. Marchant's note in his report with a link to the new

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that it is a mockup of the new website. It was simply to keep the board informed of progress being made. He stated that the next stage is developing the infrastructure the site and then migrating the existing site into the new format.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley brought forward an escalating matter concerning flags and banner signs all over the township. He had discussed the issues with Solicitor Rausch. He noted another municipality had issued a Citation with a hefty fine of \$600 for a first offense for a violation of posted signs. The court upheld the violation. Chairman Swomley suggested taking a harder stance against the proliferation of the signs appearing in the township. He suggested a notice in the newspaper that Springettsbury Township will be issuing fines up to \$500 a day for any signs that remain.

**WURSTER** Mr. Wurster questioned the signs that are in violation of the sign ordinance. He asked whether enforcement can be placed against flags.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant noted that flags would not fall under the sign ordinance.

**RAUSCH** Solicitor Rausch indicated he would have to double check the ordinance. He thought they could get a permit for 30 days. If there is a gap, then it can be closed.

**WURSTER** Mr. Wurster would not want to punish a good business that could use this as an advertising mechanism to have a flag of this type for 30 days.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley noted a business that had permits but went beyond the 30 days. The township asked them to take them down, and they did so. He just wanted there to be more control over the issues.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop commented that it is an enforcement issue, and the township just needed to be more proactive.

**WURSTER** Mr. Wurster questioned how the conversation had been going with AKRF.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that things have been evolving. It is too early to raise any concern with the board; however, they have had some heartburn over the fact that the guarantee received from DEP in writing from the higher authorities, now the lower echelon had moved the goalpost again. They are working through that as they change the criteria, which may add some cost to the \$2.73/lb.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley questioned why it would add cost if DEP provided a guarantee.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that they are working it out with AKRF and DEP.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley questioned whether they might need the support of Solicitor Rausch.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that he would bring it to his attention. He also brought it up with other area managers in York County to discuss that they continue to move the goalpost and that it would behoove everyone to send a delegation to the Governor's Office about holding DEP accountable to their standards. They can't have standards that are fluctuating as it is not fair to anyone.

**SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley encouraged the board members to review the information that Mr. Luciani had sent about the Susquehanna and the Governor of Maryland's threat of suing Pennsylvania.

## **12. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

There were none for action.

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Revised Employee Handbook (Tabled on December 12, 2019)

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant had a brief overview to share from the Human Resources Director regarding the changes to the Employee Handbook. He noted that it is a live document which can be revised and updated in partnership with Labor Counsel, Pat Harvey, Esq. Counsel had reviewed the updates.

**MR. WURSTER MOVED TO ADOPT THE REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AS PRESENTED. MR. DVORYAK WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

B. Traffic Calming – Tenth Avenue, Eleventh Avenue and Whiteford Road – Temporary Speed Bumps to be Installed in Spring 2020

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant had provided the board with documentation prepared by Ms. Fieldhouse. This included the policy the board had established in 2011 under which the application at 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> would not meet the standard of the current policy in place in order to set temporary speed humps. He asked Mr. Hodgkinson for input as to accommodate temporary speedhumps on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He noted he believed the neighbors seemed very willing to have them.

**HODGKINSON** Mr. Hodgkinson responded that the board could deviate from the policy. However, he suggested that it be worked through with the township engineer in order to cover everything and work with a collective effort.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Hodgkinson if he had any concerns knowing the neighborhood and what can be done. He asked whether he would be concerned about using speedhumps knowing the neighborhood.

**HODGKINSON** Mr. Hodgkinson responded that, for most cases, no. They had been in place in that particular neighborhood years ago during the first time the state replaced Eberts bridge. He thought that was the reason the township bought the temporary speed humps.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak noted that it would be important to distinguish between temporary and permanent. He did not believe that most residents in Springettsbury Township want to travel the township on roads filled with speedbumps.

**WURSTER** Mr. Wurster questioned the staff's recommendation with regard to the issue.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that it would need the recommendation of the township engineer to come up with a proposal to put before the board.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop noted that it would be a proposal that addresses this particular issue and not a change to the policy.

**MARCHANT** Mr. Marchant responded that he was correct.

- COX** Mr. Cox asked whether it would be possible to have a police presence there.
- KING** Chief King indicated it is effective to an extent. There is a police detail there to enforce especially at rush hour. A review of the numbers indicated that very few cars are going over the speed limit; however, they are aware of the few that are over the limit. They are setting the speed display boards up, which is the same board used for the speed surveys. They will continue with enforcement.
- WURSTER** Mr. Wurster commented that they had discussed putting in the temporary speedhumps after the winter season. The board needs to come to some direction or give temporary exemption from the policy to allow something to be done. He noted the board owes it to the neighborhood to do something.
- SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley noted that the board is doing what we said would be done in the meantime.
- BISHOP** Mr. Bishop commented that communication with the neighborhood residents is important.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Summer Park Program Registration Fee**

- LACEY** Mr. Lacey reported that the Parks and Rec Board's recommendation was that to do a gradual increase to supplement what is currently in place. He was referring to the fee and not the wages. He provided that fees that had been in place:

2016 – \$25/30

2018 – \$25/30

2019 – \$30/60

2020 – \$45/95 Proposed \$45 for residents; \$95 for non-resident

**MR. WURSTER MOVED TO, AS SET TODAY, THE SUMMER PARK PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROGRAM IS \$45.00 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$90.00 FOR NON-RESIDENTS. MR. COX WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

- SWOMLEY** Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Doreen K. Bowders

Secretary

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