

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION – STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**MARCH 24, 2021
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Strategic Planning Work Session on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the offices of Springettsbury Township located at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA in person and by Zoom technology.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Mark Swomley, Chairman
George Dvoryak, Vice Chairman
Charles Wurster, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Don Bishop
Robert Cox

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mark Hodgkinson, Township Manager
Abby Gibb, Communications Manager
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Strategic Planning

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley called the Strategic Planning meeting to order. He requested that Mr. Hodgkinson facilitate the discussions surrounding several of the initial eight bullet point list for focus.

2. NEW BUSINESS

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson introduced the list of eight points for Strategic Planning. The first item the board intended to discuss related to the Transportation System Improvements.

COX Mr. Cox brought forward a previously-created Transportation Plan with some action starting with Memory Lane/Industrial Highway, Davies Drive Extension and related grants for potential funding.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster indicated that there could be a four-year Strategic Plan window, which calls for first-step priorities, identifying funding, developing a competency in grant funding, implementation of targets, strategies. Goals could include a mix of the short and the long-term projects to cover progress in the 2022-2026 timeframe. Mr. Wurster noted that the Davies Drive project is underway, which had been identified as one of the highest priority early targets in the township.

COX Mr. Cox noted that the Memory Lane/Industrial Highway Corridor had been considered one of the higher priorities as well. Goals are to improve safety and traffic flow; increase access to open spaces, increase bicycle and pedestrian mobility, foster connectivity and enhance streetscapes. Some additional streets are identified with a long-term, mid-term goals and costing in relative dollars.

Additional goals identified were to address traffic flow, increase bike paths, hiking trails and sidewalks in front of Central High School.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak requested that when the Strategic Planning sessions are scheduled, he would appreciate having all the materials needed for discussion found within the Novus Agenda. His added comment related to determining the board’s role and the staff’s role in the planning and implementation.

BISHOP Mr. Bishop noted that everything in the plan can’t be implemented but the board will prioritize the plan.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley noted that the board does need to prioritize what is important to happen in the township. It was suggested that the staff reviews the projects and puts together planning and timing, there will be a much better view of Strategic Planning for the next few years.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson brought up the first item.

Memory Lane/Industrial Highway Intersection.

The board discussed the following points, which are summarized:

- ARLE Grant received – First Capital authorized to begin the design; underway
- Davies Drive; underway
- Mt. Zion Road/Druck Valley Road; traffic bottlenecks
- Memory Lane; previous study completed but not implemented; traffic backups
- York County Planning identified Memory Lane/Industrial Corridor one of the top congested intersections in the county; evaluation underway
- Kronheim Realty - Property off Memory Lane onto Industrial Highway; consider for Eminent Domain.
- Eastern Market – One of the main contributors to the congestion
- Bridge Culvert on Memory Lane – Consultant evaluation underway
- Mt. Zion Rd/Route 30 interchange; safety of bicycle and pedestrian mobility
- Work Release pedestrian traffic; specific walkways; signal controls on ramps
- Potential funding from Casino for Whiteford/Mt. Zion mall area

Olde East York – Market Street/Vernon

- Traffic Signal: Left turns off Market onto Vernon creates bottleneck on Market St.; safety concerns; solutions not popular – lane for left turns only; widen lane; Eminent Domain necessary; signal needs upgrade
- Lack of sidewalk continuity
- Divider in the median not practical

Casino Revenue

- Revenue currently unknown
- Create plan restricting a portion of the revenue to be used for Capital Improvement Projects

Transportation Study

- Deliberate follow up for review/update once a month/quarter by Township Manager

Sanitary Sewer Collection Plan

- Current plan implemented; Capital Improvement Program used
- Some neighborhoods have more significant pipe problems than others
- Self-funded through sewer rates
- Budget 2021 \$100,000 earmarked for Biosolids Handling Study for the Waste Treatment Plant
- Increased Municipal Cooperation
- Important to evaluate and improve township capabilities; increase size
- Potential to remove township from York City system
- Investigate municipalities' sewage Springettsbury could handle
- Land is available to expand if needed
- New ownership/new negotiated prices

Intermunicipal Cooperation/Traffic

- Strong connection with municipalities; coordinate action with traffic, stormwater, sewer, MS4
- Pedestrian traffic-Market Street to York City; Mt. Rose
- Focus on YAUFRR governance; Strategic Planning; meetings planned
- Consortium – better communication, understanding and appreciation
- Connection with York County; relationships; partnerships

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak brought up the decision on the borrowing currently underway. He specifically commented on the assessment taking place; however, he had reservations concerning financing office furniture and other short-lived assets for 30 years where the township could internally finance furniture and fixtures with very short life.

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson responded that the thought process involved many unknowns, such as the RCAP Grant for \$5 million. Whether or not the township receives that or some amount should be known in October. If the township receives the Multi-Modal Grant for Davies Drive, there won't be the need for as much money, and any money not used would go into fund some of the items discussed this date.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders
Secretary

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