

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 11, 2023
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of York Area Fire and Rescue located at 50 Commons Drive, York, PA in person and by Zoom.

MEMBERS IN

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

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mark Hodgkinson, Township Manager
Charles Rausch, Solicitor
John Luciani, Township Engineer
Diana Young, Environmental Engineer
Dori Bowders, Director of Administrative Operations
Randall Heilman, Community Development Director
Todd King, Chief of Police
Daniel Hoff, YAUFRR Chief
Tim Holmes, Zoning Officer
Sue Sipe, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley announced there would not be an Executive Session this evening.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There was none.

5. ENGINEERING REPORTS

A. Environmental Engineer – Buchart Horn, Inc.

YOUNG Ms. Young indicated she had no update to her report. She offered to answer any questions.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley inquired about the accent orange color being used for the new administrative building, as to how was that color selection determined.

YOUNG Ms. Young stated she would investigate the matter and report back.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster asked what the colors are called in the Buchart-Horn logo.

YOUNG Ms. Young stated she knew the specific numbers for each color, which are Pantone colors but did not know the name of the color.

B. Civil Engineer – First Capital Engineering, Inc.

LUCIANI Mr. Luciani provided an update regarding Mt. Zion Commons, noting the developer provided the Zoning Hearing Board with a shared parking study. He reviewed the study and felt it was consistent with the ITE requirements.

Mr. Luciani also reported crossing material for Davies Drive for the railroad tracks was received and both the signal contractor and the earth moving contractor have verified the height of the crossing.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Acknowledge Receipt of January 17, 2023 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission EMA Meeting Minutes
- B. Acknowledge Receipt of January 17, 2023 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of February 21, 2023 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting Minutes
- D. Acknowledge Receipt of March 21, 2023 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting Minutes
- E. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes - April 27, 2023
- F. Regular Payables as Detailed in Payable Listing of May 11, 2023
- G. Frey Lutz Corporation - Springettsbury Township Building Renovation and Expansion Project - Change Order No. CO-10-H in an amount not to exceed \$1,948.64
- H. Frey Lutz Corporation - Springettsbury Township Building Renovation and Expansion Project - Application for Payment No. 23 in an amount not to exceed

\$20,331.67

- I. MidState Mechanical & Electrical, LLC - Springettsbury Township Building Renovation and Expansion Project - Application for Payment No. 18 in an amount not to exceed \$86,227.79
- J. East Penn Railroad, LLC - Davies Drive Crossing - Invoice No. INV3226 in an amount not to exceed \$115,000

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS A THROUGH J ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MR. WURSTER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2025 Transportation Improvement Program presentation – Mike Pritchard, Chief of Transportation Planning with the York County Planning Commission and the York Area MPO

PRITCHARD Mr. Pritchard stating they are reaching out to all 72 municipalities in York County to provide information on their programs. He provided a presentation and indicated the County Commissions created the County Planning Commission in 1959. Their mission is to guide sustainable development and preservation and to improve quality of life in York County. The team is divided into nine divisions working on everything from community development to housing along with long range planning. Mr. Pritchard indicated his 5-member team focus on transportation planning. In addition to the County Planning Commission, they also oversee the York Area Metropolitan Planning organization. He noted PennDOT chartered the MPO in 1964 and they are the decision-making body for state and federal transportation funding which flows to York County. Committees include:

- Transit Committee which is the Board of Supervisors for Rabbit Transit
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- Freight Advisory Committee
- Review Committee for TASA – Transportation Alternative Set Aside
- Technical Committee – Deals with projects that come before the MPO
- Coordinating Committee – Responsible for fiscal decisions and updating the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program)

Mr. Pritchard stated there are 23 MPO’s across the state and each produces four key documents. He noted the long-range transportation plan is a 20-year plan for the region down to the TIP which is a four-year plan and includes all projects that use the funds which flow through the MPO.

Mr. Pritchard noted other transportation planning documents they work on specifically in York County include a bicycle and pedestrian plan, as well as the County bridge plan with the County Commissioners. They also work on air quality reviews.

Mr. Pritchard stated their focus for the area municipalities is the TIP. He noted the 2023 TIP includes 116 projects throughout York County which is four years. It represents a \$192 million dollar investment in York County in transportation projects. Types of projects on the TIP include road maintenance, bridge maintenance and asset management. They also work on safety improvement at locations with a high number of crashes. They work on reducing congested intersections and corridors, as well as biking and walking infrastructure and are responsible for the oversight of funding that goes to Rabbit Transit.

Mr. Pritchard noted there are several projects in Springettsbury Township on the 2023 TIP which include a maintenance project on Mt. Zion Road near Concord Road to Route 30. There are also safety improvements planned for the intersection of Druck Valley Road and Rt. 24 – Mt. Zion Road.

Mr. Pritchard reviewed the funding programs as shown in the presentation, along with the funding categories and the estimated amounts for each category. He noted \$45 million will go to bridge maintenance, \$11 million for safety, \$23-24 million towards congestion and air quality and \$2 million towards biking and walking infrastructure. Mr. Pritchard explained \$120 million is flexible in terms of federal and state government with most of the funds for road maintenance, and a small portion available for other types of projects. He indicated in total the 2025 TIP will represent \$202 million in investment in York County, subtracting projects already planned from the 2023 TIP and carryover projects which results in approximately \$48 million over four years available for new projects.

Mr. Pritchard stated TIP projects coming from the municipality using state or federal funding, the timeline will be longer, and the cost may be higher. TIP projects tend to be larger projects which a municipality does not have the funds to accomplish on their own and need the assistance of the MPO.

Mr. Pritchard pointed out the TIP is updated every two years. By the end of 2023 they will have a draft TIP which will be financially constrained. At the beginning of 2024, his staff runs additional analysis of those projects with a formal comment period in April-May and then in June they will approve their local TIPs to be shared with PennDOT for the state-wide TIP.

Mr. Pritchard indicated to prepare the municipality should take inventory of their assets – roads and bridges and their conditions. Identify areas of concern for

safety and congestion as well as areas needing new sidewalks and trails. Prioritize and recording those decisions and projects in planning documents and connect and share those ideas with his team, as well as the YCPC and the MPO.

Mr. Pritchard provided contact information for him and his staff.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster asked what was needed from the Township to identify a project.

PRITCHARD Mr. Pritchard stated they are looking to communicate with staff and understand the needs from the Supervisors.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak asked if the intersection of Druck Valley Road and Rt. 24 was on the list.

PRITCHARD Mr. Pritchard indicated PennDOT is doing preliminary engineering on that project, and they do not have a design yet.

Mr. Pritchard indicated after the initial outreach to the municipalities any projects on the TIP, PennDOT and his staff will be reaching out to municipalities to have PennDOT Connects where the PennDOT engineers will discuss the specific projects and other municipal concerns at that location.

8. BIDS, PROPOSALS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none.

9. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

There were none.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISORS

COX Mr. Cox indicated he did research regarding the Mount Zion Commons project relating to the shared parking concept with statistics from the National Apartment Association Developers. They concluded there are a certain percentage of apartment dwellers that will use public transportation and not own cars, with a certain percentage only having one car, as well as a percentage having two cars, which is how they arrived with the number of 1.5 parking spaces. He noted the Association is supportive of the idea that the requirements are dropping dramatically from 2 cars for every apartment to around 1.5 currently.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

12. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

RAUSCH Solicitor Rausch stated he had nothing to add to his report.

BISHOP Mr. Bishop asked about the YAUFRR fire code process.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated they initiated discussions with Township Staff to continue the process which Spring Garden and Manchester Townships have already adopted. They are anticipating continuing to work on the process. He noted they will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in the form of an ordinance. He indicated the fire code identifies inconsistencies and assures compliance.

13. MANAGER’S REPORT

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson had nothing to add to his report, but indicated he is seeking guidance on the previous discussion of the orange Soffit on the township building. He noted when the original Soffit was delivered it was the orange color. When it was installed, it was discovered all panels were damaged in manufacturing. The Soffit was reordered with a 13-week lead time which would be for delivery sometime in June. He was not sure where it currently is in the manufacturing process and if the possibility exists to change colors.

The Supervisors discussed the issue and recommended Mr. Hodgkinson contact the manufacturer and determine if the colors could be changed on the Soffit and what the options may be.

In discussing color selections, Mr. Hodgkinson requested the new color selection be made by the Supervisors.

14. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 2023-01 – Amending Code of ordinances Chapter 105 “Animals” to Add a New Article IV “Beekeeping”

MR. WURSTER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01 – AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 105 “ANIMALS” TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IV “BEEKEEPING” . MR. COX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 3-1 (WURSTER, COX AND BISHOP, AYE – DVORYAK, NAY).

15. OLD BUSINESS

A. Springettsbury/Spring Garden Potential Trail Discussion

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson referred to the previous discussion regarding a prospective meeting between Spring Garden and Springettsbury to discuss installing an extension of the rail trail. He indicated he contacted Spring Garden Township's manager with two of their commission members who would like to participate in the discussion. Mr. Hodgkinson suggested one or two members from this Board participate as well.

Mr. Hodgkinson stated the location of the bike/walking path would be behind the Victory Fire Company following Mill Creek up to and connecting to the Heritage Rail Trail parking lot on Loucks Mill Road. He noted the majority of trail would occur in Springettsbury Township since the pathway would be in the right-of-way that follows the sewer line in that path. He attended a meeting with PennDOT to determine if they would be amenable to this proposal and they felt there was merit with the project. Mr. Hodgkinson stated he could envision an issue with the area behind GMC with obtaining access over the railroad tracks.

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of the project and it was determined to proceed with a preliminary meeting for discussion with Spring Garden. Mr. Wurster, Mr. Cox and Chairman Swomley volunteered to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hodgkinson stated he would contact Spring Garden and set up the meeting.

B. Traffic Calming - Tenth Avenue, Eleventh Avenue and Whiteford Road

HODGKINSON Mr. Hodgkinson stated they are purchasing additional speed humps. He will meet with Solicitor Rausch to create an ordinance for the signage for it to be enforceable.

C. Sidewalks - Eleventh Avenue and Whiteford Road

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley recommended the sidewalks as well as the stormwater issues in that area be added to the TIF list.

D. American Rescue Plan – no report.

E. York Area United Fire and Rescue Governance – no report

F. Springettsbury Township 2022-2026 Strategic Plan- no report

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16. ADJOURNMENT

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders
Secretary

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