

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 12, 2013  
APPROVED**

The Board of Supervisors of Springettsbury Township held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Offices of Springettsbury Township at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA.

**MEMBERS IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Bill Schenck, Chairman  
Don Bishop  
Mike Bowman  
George Dvoryak  
Julie Landis

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** John Holman, Township Manager  
Charles Rausch, Solicitor  
John Luciani, Civil Engineer  
Dennis Crabill, Environmental Engineer  
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development  
Lt. Todd King, Police Department  
Sgt. Kochansky, Police Department  
Betty Speicher, Director of Human Resources  
Dori Bowders, Manager of Administrative Operations  
Jean Abrecht, Stenographer

1. Call to Order

A. Opening Ceremony

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck called the meeting to order 7 p.m. He welcomed the attendees and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Oath of Office – Fire Police Officer Steven R. Oerman

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck asked Don Eckert of the Springettsbury Fire Police to introduce a new fire policeman.

**ECKERT** Mr. Eckert introduced Steve Oerman, the newest member of the Springettsbury Fire Police force for the Oath of Office.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck provided the Oath of Office to Mr. Oerman.

**ECKERT** Mr. Eckert presented Mr. Oerman with his official badge and stated that they were very happy to have him on the force.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck commented that the fire policemen provide a huge service for Springettsbury Township in handling some 400-plus calls a year. He thanked all of them for their service.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

A. November 20, 2013 – 9:15 p.m. – Collective Bargaining

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck announced that an Executive Session was held at 9:15 p.m. on November 20, 2013 to discuss Collective Bargaining. In addition, an Executive Session was held this date at 6:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

**ECKERT** Don Eckert, Marion Road, spoke about two issues. The first issue involved the misinformation placed on Facebook concerning the furnace issue at the Sherman Street firehouse. A new furnace unit had been ordered and installed but in the interim electric radiant heaters were put in place. Most importantly, the comments made were directed at the Fire Chief and the Township, both which have nothing to do with that particular facility. The bill was paid by the volunteers, who are responsible. The volunteers are managed with a Board of Directors. The second issue Mr. Eckert mentioned concerned additional misinformation regarding the York Area United headquarters building at the corner of the park. The building had been scheduled for demolition prior to being used by YAUFR. There were no large sums of money spent and no major renovations of that building. They have been resident there for six years, and the only repair that took place was to the air conditioner on the roof. All additional equipment such as file cabinets, desks, etc. will be moved to the new facility. Mr. Eckert suggested that the individuals who want to know information should contact the appropriate individuals before broadcasting on the Internet/Facebook.

**MITRICK** Lori Mitrick, Barwood Road, provided some positive comments. As a Professor at York College, she offered her students an opportunity to ask questions about state and local government. They asked what some of the controversial issues were. She had responded that every issue was controversial and is so for every single official because they represent every person in the township, county or state. They represent a multitude of opinions and there are differences in those complicated decisions which require courage. She mentioned Ernest Hemmingway's quote, "Courage is grace under pressure." She thanked Mike Bowman and Don Bishop for their years of service through many controversial and difficult issues where they had to do their homework to make the right decision requiring courage. She thanked them for helping to make Springettsbury Township the wonderful place that it is with a strong foundation for the future. She stated she hoped that the seated supervisors will continue to work with grace under pressure.

**CRUMLING** Larry Crumling, 108 Lorenzo Court spoke on the proposed budget. He asked why the budget documentation that he had received did not provide specific information, such as what the Police Department costs the township, or what the salary of the Chief and Lieutenants would be. He asked whether there will be money budgeted to

fix and/or purchase new vehicles and equipment. He was not able to find that information.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck responded that Mr. Crumling would not find that level of detail in the condensed presentation for public information, but that the detail does exist and he could obtain it simply by asking.

**CRUMLING** Mr. Crumling asked about the Capital Improvement Fund. He commented that in 2010 the board had changed the Occupational Privilege Tax from \$10 a year and made it a Local Service Tax of \$52 a year. He understood that the Local Services Tax was supposed to go into the Capital Fund Project Fund.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop responded that he was not sure that there was any kind of requirement or agreement going forward whenever any tax was changed that it be designed for a specific use. The Board of Supervisors can decide how tax money is spent but would not want to make a binding decision on an item for a future year.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck noted that all the information including salaries is public information and the board was not attempting to hide anything.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman stated that anyone who requests the detail of the budget, it is available to be printed, including requests for the salaries for 2012 and 2013.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis asked whether the full-scale budget could be put on line for the public to review.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman responded that the adopted budget can be placed on the website. He added that the 2013 budget was posted on the website as well.

#### **4. ENGINEERING REPORTS**

##### **A. Environmental Engineer**

**CRABILL** Mr. Crabill had provided a written report and stated he had no alterations. He offered to respond to questions, but there were none.

##### **B. Civil Engineer – First Capital Engineering, Inc.**

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani stated that he had provided a monthly report. He had two updates:

- MS4 Community – Springettsbury is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Community. The township is required by DEP to inventory and monitor all storm water discharges in the community and is mandated to have a formal work session. December 16, 2013 at 7 p.m. is the scheduled date.
- Liquid Fuels – Springettsbury Township is reimbursed for every mile of roadway in the township. When a developer builds a development and comes to the end

of the building, they want to turn the road over to the township. The developer of Orchard Hills, Phases III and IV is nearing completion and the roads will be offered to the township during the month of January for a takeover to begin plowing them.

**BOWMAN** Mr. Bowman asked about traffic heading south on Northern way. He had asked several times through the years about having a left turn on yield. He noted that First Capital Federal Credit Union planned a facility at the corner of Eastern Boulevard and Northern Way and indicated it would be an appropriate time to make a change with that signal.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that the last time the intersection was re-evaluated formally was in 1971. They are working through some issues with drive-through lanes, one-way movements, and the Land Development Plan will not come to the board until late winter or early spring of 2014. They are working with First Capital to do some upgrades. Weaver Eye had placed a monetary contribution for that specific signal.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Acknowledge Receipt of October 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report.
- B. Acknowledge Receipt of October 15, 2013 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting Minutes.
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of November 7, 2013 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission Special Meeting Minutes.
- D. Board of Supervisors Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2013.
- E. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2013.
- F. Lobar, Inc. – Springettsbury Fire Building Project – Application for Payment No. 4 in an amount not to exceed \$216,620.73.
- G. Shannon A. Smith, Inc. – Fire Building Project – Application for Payment No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$40,303.80
- H. Silvertip, Inc. – Springettsbury Fire Building Project – Application for Payment No. 4 in an amount not to exceed \$29,304.
- I. Garden Spot Mechanical – Fire Building Project – Application for Payment No. 1 in an amount not to exceed \$52,650.
- J. Regular Payables as Detailed in the Payable Listing of December 12, 2013.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH J. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

- A. Authorization to Enter into Animal Control Service Agreement with Allegiant Animal Care for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ALLEGIANT ANIMAL CARE FOR THE**

**PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014. MOTION  
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- B. Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Air Cleaning Systems, Inc. for Purchase and Installation of PLYMOVENT Magnetic Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System in an amount not to exceed \$99,800.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AIR CLEANING SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLYMOVENT MAGNETIC VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,800.00. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- C. Motion to Confirm Online Auction (MuniciBid) Results for Township Vehicles and Equipment.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO CONFIRM THE ONLINE AUCTION MUNICIBID RESULTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**7. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

- A. SD-13-01 – Firehouse Square – Plan Expires 3/10/14 (Action)

**LANG** Patricia Lang reported that the subdivision plan is proposed in conjunction with the Firehouse Square Land Development Plan that would create two lots out of the existing property. Following the subdivision, a Land Development Plan will be proposed for an Auto Zone and Strip Commercial Property or Retail Center.

**MR. BISHOP MOVED WITH REFERENCE TO SUBDIVISION SD-13-01 TO APPROVE THE FINAL SUBDIVISION WITH THE THREE WAIVERS AS LISTED ON THE BRIEFING MEMORANDUM THIS DATE; AND FURTHER MOVE WITH REFERENCE TO THE SAME PLAN TO APPROVE THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN WITH THE THREE CONDITIONS AS LISTED ON THE MEMORANDUM. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- B. LD-12-08 – Firehouse Square – Plan Expires 2/19/14 (Action)

**LANG** Ms. Lang noted that the property is located in the C-H zoning district as well as within the Town Center Overlay. Documentation was presented in the board's Briefing memorandum dated December 12, 2013. She noted that there were a number of items listed, which had been divided in the Administrative and Non-Administrative, in order not to be overwhelmed by the number on the list. There are some complications with this type of development with shared lighting, storm water, parking and shared landscaping. They will be addressing how to put the items together in the agreements. Many of the issues are administrative in nature.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck asked how the applicant felt about all the conditions.

**RAFFENSBERGER** Ken Raffensberger from Johnson & Associates responded that he was comfortable with the conditions.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop asked for clarification of the Non-Administrative Item #2. He noted it seemed to indicate that Ms. Lang wanted more detail but that she trusted them essentially.

**LANG** Ms. Lang responded that the Zoning Ordinance is very specific about the level of detail and the level of improvements, the architectural details of the buildings. She stated that they are putting information in writing as to what they are going to build.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop asked whether she expected to get anything different from them.

**LANG** Ms. Lang responded that she did not. There were two items that may need a minor bit of detail in order to get the plan recorded: the orientation of the access to the Auto Zone building, and to be sure the drawings and building permit application are consistent; and secondly with regard to the drive up window design. Ms. Lang anticipated agreement with what is going to be built, and at the permitting stage they will get all the information needed.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis asked for more information concerning the public access sidewalk.

**LANG** Ms. Lang responded that the Ordinance is specific and anticipates that the buildings are going to be at the street and facing the street. Instead, this faces the inside of the parking lot. When they discussed the public access from the public sidewalk to the front of the buildings, it was difficult to find the location for that. What was shown on the plan was steps up to the building and it crosses the drive-through lane. They had some concern about the safety of that. They discussed the design of a raised crosswalk, which would alert drivers to the fact that there is a potential for pedestrians crossing.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis stated that she assumed a raised crosswalk would be accessible for handicapped and standard to Code.

**LANG** Ms. Lang responded that it does because it creates it level with the curb. Instead of needing a ramp down, it raises the pavement to the level of the curb.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis asked whether there was no other access for a sidewalk. She noted it did not seem safe.

**LANG** Ms. Lang noted it had much to do with the building orientation. They felt it was the best they could get, and if there would be something better that meets the intent of the ordinance, they would be happy to hear it.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop questioned with respect to the order in which plans are recorded. He asked if there was something she would want the board to do to make sure that happens. He noted it did not sound like a usual condition of a plan.

**LANG** Ms. Lang responded that the easiest way to insure it is if there is a requirement that the Land Development Plan note the recording information of the Subdivision Plan. That way there is a recorded book and page number and note that is on the Land Development Plan.

**RAFFENSBERGER** Mr. Raffensberger commented that they had already made provision for that on Sheet 1 of the Land Development Plan.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani read from the General Plan Note #23, referring to Johnston & Associates Drawing #2012-04S for Subdivision Plans creating Lots 1 and 2 recorded in York County Planning Book. He added that they would typically record the Subdivision prior to recording Land Development so that number will be available.

**MR. BISHOP MOVED WITH REFERENCE TO FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN LD-12-08, FIREHOUSE SQUARE, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAN WITH THE TWO WAIVERS AS LISTED ON THE BRIEFING MEMORANDUM OF THIS DATE; WITH REFERENCE TO THE SAME PLAN, MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAN WITH THE CONDITIONS AS LISTED ON THE MEMORANDUM IDENTIFIED AS ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11 AND NON-ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4. MOTION CARRIED 4/1. MESSRS. BISHOP, BOWMAN, SCHENCK AND DVORYAK VOTED IN FAVOR; MS. LANDIS VOTED OPPOSED.**

C. SD-13-03 – Bensinger/Stoll – Plan Expires 1/22/14 (Action)

**LANG** Ms. Lang provided the background information which was documented in the briefing memorandum dated December 12, 2013. She stated that it is a simple reconfiguration of property. She provided a PowerPoint overview of the property

**MR. BISHOP MOVED WITH REFERENCE TO SUBDIVISION SD-13-03 TO APPROVE THE FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN WITH THE TWO MODIFICATIONS LISTED ON THE BRIEFING MEMORANDUM OF THIS DATE. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## **8. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISORS**

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop commented on an item that had been brought up during Citizen Comments by Mr. Crumling. He prefaced his remarks by indicating that they were not personal toward Mr. Crumling. He took issue with the math as it had been

presented for Operation Take Back Springettsbury Township, which had concluded that 72 percent of the voters in the township wanted to see change and were in favor of the Operation Take Back agenda. Mr. Bishop reported that there were 16,058 registered voters in the township of which 4,587 actually voted in that election. Reviewing the number of actual voters for Operation Take Back of Springettsbury candidates, the number was 2,336 versus the 5,000 some that Mr. Crumling referenced. On a percentage basis, the number of people who voted for Operation Take Back Springettsbury candidates amounted to more like 20 percent rather than the 70 percent that was presented. Mr. Bishop simply wanted to correct the math now that there had been an opportunity to actually look at the numbers.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak acknowledged and thanked both Mr. Bishop and Mr. Bowman for their years of service to the township. He stated that, having come in as a new board member several years ago, he had been provided a great learning experience under their leadership to watch how things were done. On behalf of all the citizens of the township, he thanked them for their years of service.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck also congratulated Mr. Bishop and Mr. Bowman for their dedicated service to the township., Mr. Bowman had served 12 years and Mr. Bishop for 20 years. He reported the progress that had been made over the years which is summarized:

- Consolidated two separate finance systems between Wastewater and the township saving money.
- Combined the Collections personnel into the Public Works Department for further efficiency.
- Built Springettsbury Park and strategically completed the purchase of land as available to square out the park through fair negotiations with property owner and no legal eminent domain action.
- Considerable effort and time spent in evaluating the need for a dog park; conclusion was that it did not fit the available land use.
- Creatively solved a sewer capacity problem at the plant by implementing the transfer pump station to send excess flow to York City saving tens of millions of dollars. Lobbyist was enlisted in Washington which proved successful and nearly paid for the entire project.
- Extended Eastern Boulevard at least twice.
- Created the first Flexible Development Zone, which created an environment for redeveloping the Caterpillar property.
- A Development Authority was created and used. Springettsbury is probably the only township with its own Development Authority.
- Initiated Saturday in the Park celebration.
- Comprehensive Plan was redone at least twice, possibly three or four times.
- Completed the Concord Road Extension which involved a lot of planning and decisions.
- Trick or Treat proclamation made to always be held on Halloween.
- Consolidated refuse contract was implemented.

- Extended Sewer Service to the Druck Valley area.
- Built the township municipal building.
- Created York Area United Fire and Rescue, the first professional regional fire department in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Fourth of July Fireworks were implemented.
- Upgraded Parks and Recreation Program to include all ages and interests.
- Proactively upgraded the Wastewater Treatment Plant bringing the township ahead of the mandated significant regulations
- Initiated the tradition of the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in the park.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck noted that over a 12 and 20-year span of activity, much important work was done. He noted he was very grateful thinking back of the visionary thinking and the amounts of money saved by some of the strategic decisions. He thanked them both for their public service.

#### **9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

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

#### **10. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman commented that if Mr. Crumling would go to the website he would find the 2013 Adopted Budget. It is the Budget Book that is provided to the Board of Supervisors. In addition, if he would like additional detail, he would be more than happy to put that information together.

Mr. Holman expressed his thanks to Mr. Bishop and Mr. Bowman for their service. When he and his family had first moved here, they had helped his family become familiar with the community, Springettsbury Township and the staff. They, including Chairman Schenck, Nick Gurreri and Lori Mitrick were a great help. He thanked them for their service to his family and the township.

#### **11. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

A. Ordinance No. 2013-02 – Amending York Area United Fire and Rescue Charter Agreement.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED FOR TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2013-02. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

B. Resolution No. 2013-46 – Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for General Funds in the amount of \$100,000 (Camp Security Land Acquisition).

**MR. BISHOP MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2013-46 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL FUNDS. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

C. Resolution No. 2013-47 – 2014 Budget Adoption

**MR. BISHOP MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2013-47, THE 2014 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 3/2. MESSRS. BISHOP, BOWMAN AND SCHENCK VOTED IN FAVOR; MR. DVORYAK AND MS. LANDIS VOTED OPPOSED.**

D. Resolution No. 2013-48 – 2014 Tax Levy

**MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2013-48, THE 2014 TAX LEVY. MOTION CARRIED 3/2. MESSRS. BISHOP, BOWMAN AND SCHENCK VOTED IN FAVOR; MR. DVORYAK AND MS. LANDIS VOTED OPPOSED.**

E. Resolution No. 2013-49 – Approval of 2014 YAUFRR Budget.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-49. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

F. Authorization to Advertise Amendment to Ordinance to Increase Membership of the Township's Historic Preservation Committee from Seven to a Maximum of Nine Members.

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FROM SEVEN TO A MAXIMUM OF NINE MEMBERS. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for action.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Approve Tax Refund Request for Tax Year 2013 – Robert Gordon (Parcel #46-K1-113-CO) in the amount of \$73.75.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE APPROVING THE TAX REFUND REQUEST FOR 2013 TO ROBERT GORDON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73.75. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

B. Acknowledge Receipt of Mary Ellen Monson's Resignation from the Historic Preservation Committee.

**MR. BISHOP MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE, WITH REGRET, MICKEY MONSON'S RESIGNATION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- C. Motion to Set Regular Meeting Dates for January 2014 Board of Supervisors Meetings  
(January 9 & 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.)

**MS. LANDIS MOVED TO SET THE REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR JANUARY, 2014 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING TO JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> OF 2014 AT 7 P.M. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- D. Discussion on Lease Purchase of York Area United Fire and Rescue Pumper.

**MR. BISHOP MOVED TO AUTHORIZE YAUFR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BUILDER OF THE PUMPER TO PLACE THE ORDER FOR THE PUMPER TO BE PAID FOR IN 2015. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- E. Mike Bowman

**BOWMAN** Mr. Bowman stated that he had some comments with regard to his time as a Supervisor. His comments are summarized:

- Elected to the Springettsbury Board of Supervisors 12 years ago; completing second six-year term.
- Previous association with township had been as business owner and homeowner for 25 years.
- Spent entire professional career employed in the township; family first purchased commercial property in the township in 1949, which they still own.
- Elected to the board to represent constituents in the best and most honest way possible, which was what he had done.
- During his first term:
  - Board hired Mr. Holman, a new Township Manager out of 65 applicants for the position. His hiring was done through interviewing the finalists and with the assistance of the former Solicitor. Mr. Holman had considerably more experience and knowledge of the job responsibilities than any of the other top applicants.
- During his second term:
  - Board interviewed and hired a new Chief of Police, Thomas Hyers. He was very enthusiastic and came with many years of experience in police work, many credentials and advanced training degrees achieved over his years of work.
- Credit rating of Springettsbury Township was upgraded to A+, made possible by good management of the board and township Finance Department personnel.
- Parks were upgraded and the township purchased valuable historic sites for future generations even though no taxes had been raised for 10 years.
- York Area United Fire and Rescue was established with Spring Garden Township, a first in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This took countless hours to accomplish with board members Bill Schenck and Don Bishop.

- Township offers many valuable assets for residents such as two very good school districts and a mix of manufacturing and retail shopping, restaurants, etc. It is a good place to live, work and play.
- Mr. Bowman stated he had no experience in public service when he came on the board. He thanked the then board members for their patience and support. He indicated his high respect for Bill Schenck and Don Bishop for all the hours they worked for the betterment of the township, as well as the knowledge they have in many aspects involved in the daily operation of Springettsbury Township. It had been his pleasure to have served with them.

Mr. Bowman concluded his remarks by stating that he had served on other boards as well as the Church Council over the years and had been active in the community since he started working in the Township in 1971. Over all those years he had never experienced until recently the constant bad mouthing and verbal insults directed toward the township, department heads and members of the board. The township is not perfect, but the board does the best it can as representatives of the people. He felt badly that a few people feel it is their responsibility to continually trash the township on the Internet, newspaper or any other means they can. He stated it had been an honor to serve with the dedicated people over the last 12 years.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Holman  
Secretary

ja