

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 27, 2013  
APPROVED**

The Board of Supervisors of Springettsbury Township held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Offices located 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  
Seth Springer, Acting Solicitor  
John Luciani, Civil Engineer  
Dennis Crabill, Environmental Engineer  
Mark Hodgkinson, Director of Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development  
Jack Hadge, Finance Director  
Robert McCoy, YAUFRR Chief  
Lt. Greg Hadfield, Police Department  
Jean Abrecht, Stenographer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Opening Ceremony

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted that Solicitor Rausch could not be present and that Attorney Seth Springer was sitting in for him.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck announced that there had been no Executive Sessions since the last meeting, and none were planned for this date.

**3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

**SANDMEYER** Robert Sandmeyer asked for the status of progress on the Kingston Road speed bump. He emphasized that the bump is not thick enough to be effective. Motorists are not paying any attention to it and continue speeding through the neighborhood.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck responded that he was sure that it met the PennDOT design standards.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman stated that Mr. Lauer is planning to have the lines painted. In addition, a speed study will be done on either side of the hump on Kingston.

**SANDMEYER** Mr. Sandmeyer noted that the speed studies had been done before. He reiterated the seriousness of the unsafe condition in the neighborhood. He asked if the State Police could bring in the Vascar for additional help.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck responded that they would continue to work toward a solution.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis noted that Mr. Sandmeyer had continually brought the issue before the board. However, it had not been resolved. Speeding is all across the township. She asked Mr. Luciani what else could be done.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that they had worked on the problem for some time. The first attempt was a temporary speed hump to determine whether it could be useful. Then a permanent speed hump was placed. They met with Mr. Sandmeyer a number of times, and the observations beginning in early May appeared that people were observing the speed humps. Data had been collected in order to provide something more drastic, but he noted that Kingston Road is a main corridor in the township with approximately 6,000 cars a day traveling through.

**SANDMEYER** Mr. Sandmeyer noted that the neighborhood needs the board's help, and he thanked them for whatever assistance they could provide.

**DEMOPOLIS** Ms. Hillary Demopolis, a resident of Haines Acres reported a situation existing at Exit 18 and Interstate 83, Mt. Rose Avenue, a route she travels daily. There are sometimes as many as four individuals panhandling at the exits. She explained that they are at times very intrusive, and she feared for her safety. She had reported this to a Springettsbury Police Officer and was advised there was nothing that could be done. She also had spoken to a Pennsylvania State Police Officer who indicated the most they could do was give them a ticket for loitering and advised her to go to her township and request that an ordinance be written.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck responded that the board would be addressing revisions to the Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance this date and adding some strength to it regarding commercial advertising. However, he stated that it concerned him that she had been told there was nothing that could be done because an ordinance is in place which limits where the individuals can stand. They cannot be in a public right-of-way, such as the roadway; however, it is difficult to enforce if they are on private property. He noted that the Officer present in the audience was making notes on the issue. He assured her that there are tools in place. He thanked her for bringing this to their attention.

**TROTT** David Trott, 3360 Druck Valley Road, had investigated some invoices billed to YAUFR by Mr. Bishop's firm, Affinigent, Inc. for web hosting services. He questioned how Mr. Bishop, a Supervisor, as well as a member of the YAUFR Commission could be paid for those services.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop responded that he had donated the YAUFR website through his company from day one. They had built it and modified it significantly, as well as supported

and trained YAUFRR personnel how to use it. They had donated thousands of dollars for those services as their contribution toward assisting YAUFRR to begin. In addition, it had been his experience that when something is given away, it becomes valued more and used more effectively if there is an opportunity to pay for part of that service. They had been given the opportunity to have it hosted somewhere else, but the decision was made to continue with Affinigent, Inc.

**TROTT** Mr. Trott understood the donation portion. However, he thought the costs invoiced seemed to be higher than his personal website. He thought that perhaps there were people on the fire department who could run a website.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop responded that he had not heard that any of them had come forward. In addition, it was an issue for the YAUFRR Commission and not during this meeting.

**TROTT** Mr. Trott commented that he had researched the matter and had found a Public Officials and Employees Ethics Act entitled 65 of Consolidated Statutes Annotated Section 1101. "No public official, public employee or a spouse, child or any business in which he or his immediate family or associate shall enter any contract valued at \$500 or more with a governmental body with which the official or employee is associated for any subcontract valued at \$500 or more with a party that is contracted with the official or employee's governmental body unless the contract was awarded publicly with both full public notice and disclosure. In any such case the official or employee shall not have any supervisory or overall responsibility for the administration of the contract."

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop asked him to clarify the definition of a contract.

**TROTT** Mr. Trott responded that he did not know if it was applicable but that it gave the appearance of an impropriety. He added that, according to Mr. Holman, Chief Hyers indicated he has an obligation to report items that are discussed here and forward them to the appropriate authorities. He noted he was going to turn this over to the police department for review.

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

A. Environmental Engineer – Buchart Horn, Inc.

**CRABILL** Dennis Crabill stated he had provided his written report and offered to respond to any questions the board might have. There were none.

B. Civil Engineer – First Capital Engineering, Inc.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani stated that he had submitted a written report. He noted that the plan for the Rail Trail had been provided for recording.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman commented that the plan needed to be re-signed as there had been a special re-approval for the Rail Trail. They finally received the last two signatures.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck questioned the repair work done on Ridgewood and Deininger Road.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that the repair work was done as a temporary patch. Mr. Lauer will be replacing new pipe in that area due to the age and failure of the old pipe.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop asked about the status of the York Container project.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that York Container had done a warehouse expansion and after that one of their requirements from the department was they had to put in a left turn lane to get into the site, warranted because of the 60,000 square foot expansion. Following that they asked whether they could cut an access in the back because they were using the warehouse to their west. They submitted a stormwater plan, and it kept a lot of traffic off the road, so they were given permission. They felt that they reduced the number of trips going in and out of their driveway. They then went back to PennDOT to request whether all the improvements were still warranted; they may not need to put in the left-turn lane. The next challenge they had was the cost of the sidewalk out along Mt. Zion Road. The agreement was that it not be in the right-of-way and avoid much of the PennDOT concerns. They want to reconfigure their sidewalks in order to minimize their interaction with PennDOT.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Acknowledge Receipt of April 16, 2013 York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting Minutes.
- B. Acknowledge Receipt of May 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report
- C. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2013
- D. AM-Liner East, Inc. – Yorklyn Sewer Lining Project – Request for Payment No. 1 in an amount not to exceed \$66,732.30.
- E. AM-Liner East, Inc. – Yorklyn Sewer Lining Project – Request for Payment No. 2 in an amount not to exceed \$145,262.70
- F. Regular Payables as Detailed in the Payable Listing of June 27, 2013
- G. LD-09-03 – Rail Trail Phase II (Reapproval)

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck requested that item C be removed for further action.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH G MINUS ITEM C. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- C. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2013

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck requested that a discussion item in the minutes concerning two projects, B-Way and Stonewood Park Walking Trail, be separated and adjusted for clarity.

**MR. BISHOP MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 23 MEETING AS AMENDED. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**6. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**A. SD-13-02 – Tanzola SD – 07/17/2013 (Action)**

**LANG** Patricia Lang presented SD-13-02 – Tanzola SD, which was documented in a memorandum dated June 27, 2013. The plan proposed a reverse subdivision of two parcels of land in the RR zoning district to create a single lot. She provided an aerial photograph of the site and noted that there is no plan to build on the lot. They will provide the plan in Mylar and PDF format for township files. She added that the plan was very straightforward.

**FISHER** Patty Fisher, James Holly & Associates, stated the board had been provided a recent copy with all the conditions met. In addition, she provided a Mylar copy and had sent a PDF copy as well.

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED WITH REFERENCE TO SUBDIVISION PLAN 13-02 TANZOLA SUBDIVISION TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAN WITH ONE WAIVER AND TWO CONDITIONS AS LISTED ON THE PLAN SUMMARY. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**B. LD-13-01 – Springettsbury Fire Station (Commons Drive) – 07/09/2013**

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani presented LD-13-01 known as the Springettsbury Fire Station. Background information was provided in a memorandum dated May 16, 2013. He noted that the fire station would be constructed on Commons Drive. The plan had moved through the Planning Commission to construct a 12,090 square foot firehouse with 39 parking spaces. He presented PowerPoint photographs showing a narrative of the plan, aerial view, site plan with add on lots. He noted previous planning that had been done by Tim Pasch which had townhouses with rear parking with a lot paved by about 80% along with a restaurant and storage units. There was no need to do a traffic study for the fire station because a restaurant and a storage unit would have created additional traffic. The project for the restaurant and storage units had been abandoned. Additional discussion is summarized:

- Waivers are needed for driveway width for fire apparatus circulation, plan scale, six-inch curb height for safety, access driveways.
- Approvals had been received for Erosion Control, Sewage Planning.
- Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.
- Roadway elevation was raised by three feet due to rock issues; will connect with Eastern Boulevard. Box culvert to be re-evaluated by DEP.
- Stream issue being worked out by developer with DEP; no impact for fire station layout.
- Commons Drive is bonded with no risk to the township.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED WITH REFERENCE TO LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 13-01, SPRINGETTSBURY FIREHOUSE, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAN WITH THE THREE WAIVERS AND MODIFICATIONS WRITTEN IN THE SUMMARY, AS WELL AS THE ONE CONDITION. MOTION CARRIED 4/1. MESSRS. DVORYAK, BOWMAN, BISHOP AND SCHENCK VOTED IN FAVOR; MS. LANDIS VOTED OPPOSED.**

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

- A. Authorization to Award Small Collection System Projects for Raleigh Drive, Mt. Zion Road and Circle Drive to Mazzuca Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$302,135.

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD SMALL COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECTS FOR RALEIGH DRIVE, MT. ZION ROAD AND CIRCLE DRIVE TO MAZZUCA ENTERPRISES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$302,135. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- B. Authorization to Award Bids for 2013 Road Materials and Resurfacing Project as recommended in the June 17, 2013 memorandum from the Director of Public Works.

**MS. LANDIS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE BIDS FOR 2013 ROAD MATERIALS AND RESURFACING PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED IN THE JUNE 17, 2013 MEMORANDUM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- C. Authorization to Renew Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for Winter Road Maintenance Services in 2013-14.

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PENNDOT FOR WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN 2013-14. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- D. Authorization to Amend Fire Building Engineering Contract with Buchart Horn, Inc. to include Part-Time Representative Services, HVAC Redesign and Cancellation of Geothermal System and Design for a total revised contract amount of \$437,145.

**MR. BISHOP MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDED FIRE BUILDING ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH BUCHART-HORN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437,145. MOTION CARRIED 4/1. MESSRS. SCHENCK, BISHOP, BOWMAN AND DVORYAK VOTED IN FAVOR; MS. LANDIS VOTED OPPOSED.**

**8. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISORS**

- LANDIS** Ms. Landis commented on the Tanzola Subdivision Plan and compared it with the Carter Subdivision Plan, which seemed to be very similar. Both properties were owned by the same individuals, and they were simply looking to change a property line. She asked why it would take one plan to move through the process in a short time while the other took an extensive period of time and a lot of money.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that the Tanzola property had a single home on a large lot; real estate was added to it. All zoning requirements were met. The minor subdivision rule was enacted and it went through fairly simply. The Carter property posed a number of challenges. There were three homes on one parcel, which is not permitted by zoning. Initially Mr. Carter could not meet the criteria and had to appear before the Zoning Hearing Board for relief for that and then created frontage lots. In addition, Mr. Carter had some residual land.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis stated that the three homes had been there for a very long period of time. She concluded that if there were two or three homes on one property versus having one home, and the owner wants to change a property line, that makes the difference.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that she was correct, and it would make no difference if the homes had been in place for 100 years. Where individuals have four or five homes on one property that is not properly subdivided, there is no title-free tract that conforms to zoning. A mortgage cannot be obtained in that case because they cannot meet zoning requirements.

**BOWMAN** Mr. Bowman brought forward a matter concerning the intersection of Northern Way and Eastern Boulevard. He commented that the red light at that intersection remains red for a very long time and it seemed like traffic could be moving more efficiently in that area.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that the left-turn lane is outdated with a single red, yellow and green light. That intersection will be part of a traffic study by a First Capital Credit Union plan and will be evaluated at that time.

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

**SPRINGER** Acting Solicitor Seth Springer stated that Solicitor Rausch had provided a written report. He stated that a partial summary judgment had been received in the Doudrick matter as to liability. Further pending litigation cases had been referred to the township's insurance company.

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

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman brought forward two items that were not included in his report. A recommended improvement for North Hills Road had been received. He needed board approval for changing the striping, for which a HOP permit will be needed as it is a state road. The improvements are minimal in an attempt to make the area safer.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that in addition to the striping, there will be some indentations. Mr. Snyder's complaint is that cars remain in the striped lane and should not be there. This will be an attempt to discourage motorists from going

straight through, which Mr. Snyder perceives as a danger. A plan will be prepared and submitted to PennDOT.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman noted that there is a question as to whether the township could use Public Works staff. He intended to contact Representative Gillespie for a determination. He just needed the board's approval for submitting the HOP permit.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck stated that he was in favor of applying for the permit. However, it was important to monitor the cost if the township was required to do the work. He had attended all the meetings where the discussions took place between Representative Gillespie's office and PennDOT, and the impression was that PennDOT was going to do the work.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop asked what the cost would be for the HOP permit.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded it would be several thousand dollars. He agreed with Chairman Schenck's opinion that PennDOT was going to handle it.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis commented that during the LCBC construction, the issues had been brought up and passed as far as the safety concerns. Mr. Snyder noticed the issues then, and she did not understand why it would be necessary to go back and restripe, redesign and put more money into it.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that LCBC was the applicant for all the changes and the striping on North Hills Road. Their obligation was to get all the property owners to sign off, but Mr. Snyder would not. In that case LCBC had to indemnify Mr. Snyder from PennDOT. Mr. Snyder has a legal claim, but he cannot sue PennDOT. He has to sue the church because they are the ones who changed it. It won't be changed that much; just made safer. Mr. Snyder did not like the plan in the beginning, but LCBC implemented a plan to get traffic in and out.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop commented that the plan had been approved by PennDOT.

**LUCIANI** Mr. Luciani responded that he was correct, and the permit was closed. Essentially the permit would have to be reopened to make any changes.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck commented that the problems are not on Sunday when church is in session; it is basically Monday through Friday.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop stated that this is a situation in general where the township does not have a say in what PennDOT approves or does not approve, but in the end the township is locally on the ground responsible for public safety. PennDOT did what they said they would do and considered it complete.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck noted that he would approve making application for the permit. However, he would not authorize any work until all the costs are known and whether the township would have to pay.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman indicated they will be talking to the church about costs and work.

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AN HOP PERMIT FOR NORTH HILLS ROAD. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman reported that the audit had been completed, and he would like to schedule the audit exit conference with the auditor. He requested a board member who would be able to attend. The meeting normally takes place during the workday and lasts about one hour.

**BOWMAN** Mr. Bowman agreed to participate.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak added that, as he read through the report, it had been refreshing to see that Standard & Poors had reviewed the township finances and had affirmed its A+ rating. Their management assessment had improved the township rating from standard to good. He thought that the information should be promoted and advertised to the citizens, as those are the kinds of things that provide confidence in the township finances. An endorsement from an independent agency such as Standard & Poors is an important way to promote that.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop commented that it really should be publicized.

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck had read the same documentation and expanded further on Mr. Dvoryak's comments. He read a quote from the Standard & Poors report: "In our opinion financial performance has been strong, characterized by what we regard as conservative budgeting and a historical strong general fund balances;" "The township has a history of budgeting conservatively and not using appropriated fund balances." He noted additional comments in the report concerning the low carrying costs of debt, responsibility with debt and an overall stable outlook with the township's record of strong financial performance and available fund balances. Chairman Schenck asked Mr. Hadge to make additional comments.

**HADGE** Mr. Hadge reported that in 2010 the township had a large Bond issue for the Wastewater Plan for \$27 million. Two years later Standard & Poors came back and reviewed the financial status of the community since that Bond issue. In another two years they will come back for an additional review, which they do customarily. They had a conference call with the financial advisor, Concord Financial Management Associates and him. During that call a series of questions were asked concerning the fund balance, plans, the firehouse, the new fire station, and additional characteristics that had taken place since 2010. The fund balance policy that the board adopted in March, 2012 for that financial management assessment was extremely important.

**DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak asked Mr. Hadge if this Standard & Poors report would help in terms of future borrowings and lowering borrowing costs.

**HADGE** Mr. Hadge responded that there would be no question about it. That is the objective. He noted that Mr. Holman had this planned for 2015 when the township goes back into the market for that \$3.5 million note that was borrowed from Fulton Bank last November for the firehouse and Capital Improvements.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis noted that there are a series of reviews as entities borrow. In 2015 when the township moves toward paying off the Fulton Bank note and potentially looking to borrow a \$12 million Bond, there will be another Standard & Poors review. The rating that is provided will consistently be changing depending on where the township stands with respect of debt to income ratio. She asked if her understanding was correct.

**HADGE** Mr. Hadge responded that she had simplified it, but she basically was correct. However, there are other variables.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis agreed but indicated that additional borrowing could result in a different rating at that point in time.

**HADGE** Mr. Hadge responded that he would respond with confidence and with his judgment. In his opinion the rating that the township received had put into place an excellent opportunity in 2015 for the township to pay off the \$3.5 million and whatever additional debt will be incurred. Mr. Hadge added he was enthusiastic over the review rating, and the objective will be an AA- at that time.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis thanked him for his opinion.

## **11. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

A. Ordinance No. 2013-01 – Amending the Code of Ordinances – Chapter 220, Peddling and Soliciting.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis commented because of the resident’s comments earlier during the meeting and noted that she did not see the word, “panhandler” listed in the ordinance.

**HOLMAN** Mr. Holman questioned Solicitor Springer if the word, “panhandler” would be a minor change to the ordinance. His comment was toward making it clear for the officers enforcing the ordinance.

**SPRINGER** Acting Solicitor Springer responded that he thought it would be minor because, in his opinion it is already contemplated. The wording could be stated, “For subscriptions, contributions or panhandling.”

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2013-01, AS AMENDED. MR. BISHOP WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- B. Resolution No. 2013-31 – Declaring August 6, 2013 National Night Out in Accordance with the National Night Out Program

**MS. LANDIS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-31. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- C. Resolution No. 2013-32 – Urging the General Assembly to Free Our Taxpayers from the Undue Fiscal Burden Placed on Them by the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of 1961.

**MS. LANDIS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2013-32. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- D. Resolution No. 2013-33 – Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of \$200,000 to the General Fund and Increasing Transfer to Capital Fund from \$315,000 to \$515,000 (New Fire House – Commons Drive).
- E. Resolution No. 2013-34 – Authorizing Supplemental Appropriations and Revenues in the Capital Fund in the amount of \$950,000 (New Fire House – Commons Drive)
- F. Resolution No. 2013-35 – Authorizing Revision of the Capital Fund Budget for 2013 Decreasing the Funds for Administration/Professional Services by \$650,000 and Increasing the Fire Services Account by \$650,000 (New Fire House – Commons Drive)

**MR. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS NO. 2013-33, 2013-34 AND 2013-35 REVISING THE CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis questioned why, in Resolution 33, \$200,000 is being moved from surplus into the General Fund and then shifted into Capital Reserves and whether that was done to conform to the policy.

**HADGE** Mr. Hadge responded that she was correct. The \$200,000 will be used just for the firehouse.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis commented that the debt service payment, Davies Drive and sidewalk payment will come out of that.

**HADGE** Mr. Hadge responded that she was correct.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis questioned in Resolution 34, the supplemental appropriation revenues from the Capital Fund of \$950,000. She noted numbers were discussed during the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting that did not make sense to her. She stated that the Volunteer Fire Association stated that they are giving over \$1 million. She asked Mr. Eckert for his comment. A summary follows:

- Volunteer Fire Service operated by Board of Directors; Don Eckert, President.
- The total amount is close to \$1.4 million.
- A portion (\$600,000) had already been spent for the land purchase, currently owned by the Volunteers.

- \$550,000 and \$200,000 from the Relief Association will be for building construction and certain sections of the building plus \$200,000 from General Fund surplus equaling \$950,000.
- Relief funds are derived from state fire insurance revenue.
- Volunteers took funds out of investments and purchased the land. When Springettsbury fire station is sold, funds will be reimbursed toward \$300,000 loan.
- Volunteers will pay for the alerting system of \$30,000 to \$35,000.
- Grant will be applied for toward the alerting system.
- Current fire station – Building is under contract with \$30,000 in escrow.
- If sale falls through, building will be remarketed; economic climate is improving. Not an issue.
- Sales agreement has eight, three-month extensions.
- Current firehouse does not comply with present requirements. Engineering studies confirmed.

**LANDIS** Ms. Landis noted that costs for the new fire building concern her with an estimated almost \$4 million. She thought the current location with some renovations would have served its purpose to house equipment and insure the safety of homes. She added that the \$200,000 being moved over was previously intended for engineering studies and soft costs for renovations in the township building and the police station and is now being used for the fire building. She had wanted to clarify the \$1.3 million and assets toward the project, which she had not previously understood during the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BISHOP** Mr. Bishop commented that Don Eckert and the Volunteer Fire Department had done amazing work to get the project to this point. He had been involved in the fire service for a long time and could recall times when it would have been impossible to foresee the current status. The Volunteer Fire group was to be commended for an amazing job.

**ECKERT** Mr. Eckert clarified that the fire house not only houses equipment, it houses a human fire service where individuals live 24 hours a day. The board had done the taxpayers a favor because renovations, etc. would have been putting good money after bad. He had been around this fire service for 59 years and had seen much change taking place. The new building had originally been suggested at 16,000 square feet, and that had been cut considerably in order to provide the necessary fire service to protect the residents and properties in the township. This building will be operated by individuals who will provide the service to the taxpayers for the next 40 years.

**MOTION CARRIED 4/1. MESSRS. BISHOP, BOWMAN, SCHENCK AND DVORYAK VOTED IN FAVOR; MS. LANDIS VOTED OPPOSED.**

G. Resolution No. 2013-36 – Appointment of Patricia Lang as Zoning Officer and Angela Liddick and the firm First Capital Engineering, Inc., as Deputy Zoning Officers(s).

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-36. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Authorization to Approve Tax Refund Request for Tax Year 2013 for Scott and Jeanine Lineberry (Parcel #46-40-41) in the amount of \$41.40

**MS. LANDIS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF TAX REFUND REQUEST FOR THE TAX YEAR 2013 FOR SCOTT AND JEANINE LINEBERRY (PARCEL #46-40-41) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41.40. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- B. MA/PA Rail Trail

**CLARK** Wil Clark, Chief of Transportation Planning for the York County Planning Commission came before the board, not officially for county business, but as a proponent of the rail trail. He is the Transportation Planner with the PennDOT project at Exit 18. He presented a proposition for a very long-term rail trail plan for the future. A summary follows:

- Feasibility study undertaken in 2008 by municipalities from Felton Borough to Spring Garden Township. Study completed in 2010 for MA/PA Greenway beginning in Felton Borough and traveling along the old railroad line.
- Opportunities identified in feasibility study had surfaced during design process and development of Exit 18 project.
- Proponents of the study meet with York Area MPO for awareness. PennDOT engineers need to make design element changes for the trail.
- Southern half of the trail in York Township/Red Lion Borough area has construction dollars; none in the northern end.
- Trail concept needed so PennDOT and Federal Highway can make a ruling on the trail during the design process of Exit 18.
- Trail originally was to go through York Township and Spring Garden but had to be shifted to the Springettsbury side underneath the southbound ramp.
- Requesting Springettsbury's consideration to enter into a Rail Trail Occupancy Permit with PennDOT through the right-of-way. Without that consideration there would be no reason for other townships to enter into an engineering process as other municipalities will be able to participate as well.
- Soliciting Springettsbury's interest in the development of a shared service agreement and/or be a lead agency.
- Wilson Consulting Group provided an estimated cost of about \$21,000. Application for funds could be made to the Marcellus Shale Fund, County Act 30 and Act 13.

- Future trail management; county does not want to be responsible. Agreement will cover maintenance of the trail long-term.
- MA/PA Rail Trail won't happen for at least 10 to 12 years.
- PennDOT and Federal Highway engineers seriously involved at this time; work done now would be in place when actual trail is built in 10 or so years.
- All costs to be shared with other municipalities.
- Rights-of-way do not exist.
- Trail would end at Spring Garden Township recreational property on Mt. Rose Avenue. Intention would be to continue on further at that point.
- York Township would like decisions from PennDOT and Federal Highway. If it not a possibility then they will relocate the trail concept further down and use a different crossing of I-83; perhaps Springwood Road. They own a small portion of property at the Mill Creek Preserve.
- Connection in Springettsbury at southwest boundary, underneath Mt. Rose Avenue to the York Water Company property.
- Springettsbury could apply for Act 13 funds.
- Sample agreement to be drafted.

**Consensus of the board was not an absolute no to the project.**

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**SCHENCK** Chairman Schenck adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Holman  
Secretary

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