

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

September 10, 2024

IN-PERSON MEETING

BOS WORK SESSION

Supervisors Present: Bill Ryker, Pete Kade, Jim Hopkins, Dave Long and Lorna Yearwood.

Also present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager/Public Works Director), Lisa Gerhart (Secretary) & Scott MacNair Esq. (Township Solicitor).

Mr. Ryker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ryker advised there will be an executive session held after the meeting to discuss personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Ordinance 208 – Imposition of Attorney Fees – Solicitor MacNair discussed this draft ordinance is related to municipal liens on taxes and services. The draft ordinance would allow the imposition of Attorney's fees in connection with the collection of delinquent municipal claims and accounts. Mr. Kade asked if the Springtown Water authority would benefit from this and Solicitor MacNair stated yes. Mr. Ryker advised he would like Tax Collector Yerger in the loop and notified in these situations. Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance #208– Authorizing the imposition of Attorney's fees in connection with the collection of delinquent municipal claims and accounts.

Cut Off Rd, Kellers Rd, Passer Rd and Springfield St Discussion/Update - Due to the results of the Springfield Township Police Department speed studies and LTAP Speed Studies, Kellers Road and Springfield Street will be 25 miles per hour speed limit via resolution. A draft ordinance will be done to post Cut Off Road at 35 miles per hour and Passer Road at 40 miles per hour. Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to work on draft ordinance for speed limit signs for Cut Off Road and Passer Road.

Review of Event Venues and Special Events from Planning Commission – The Planning Commission forwarded the Event Venue and Special Events definitions and documents to the Board to review. Mr. Kade stated the ordinance is not ready to go yet as he would like churches and non-profit organizations to be exempt from these requirements. All supervisors agreed. Solicitor MacNair stated it can be permissible that all non-profits are permitted by right. Mr. Frank Hollenbach, Rocky Valley Road, who is involved with Passer Community Center stated he is thankful as that would help the community center out. Mr. Ryker stated he feels this ordinance would be taxing the residents unnecessarily. Ms. Yearwood stated she feels that it isn't to profit from but to regulate the use. Ms. Yearwood said she feels two accessory events per week seems to be too much in her opinion. Ms. Yearwood had other comments and parts of the ordinance she wasn't in favor of, such as restricting amplified music. Ms. Yearwood felt the Special Event Ordinance part wasn't necessary since the application was implemented for use of Public Park or Township property. The Board discussed and was not in favor of allowing the Special Event Ordinance to be approved by Conditional Use and to change that to a Special Event license that goes through the Township approval process that is listed in the draft information. Due to time constraints, scheduling of the hearings and how long the actual

hearings take, it would be fruitless to get some of these approved before the event date. Mr. Ryker said he feels we are making it harder to get together as a community. Ms. Yearwood stated some of the language about approval by first responders regarding fire extinguishers, CO2 detectors etc. wouldn't be able to be done as the Fire Company doesn't do that. Solicitor MacNair stated since the Township hasn't adopted the International Fire Code, the applicant would just have to show they satisfactorily have smoke alarms, extinguishers, etc. Mr. James Nilsen, Pleasant View, stated he works with companies who put on big events and some of these things are not common sense and thought about by the average person. Ms. Gerhart will revise some of the drafts and add Ms. Yearwood's comments to the end to discuss further at a future meeting.

Purchase of Tablets – Updated quote from Systems Net including security package, warranty and larger memory for the proposed tablets. Ms. Yearwood stated she doesn't want one as she has her own tablet. Other members stated they do too, but they have difficulty receiving documents from her sometime and having everyone on the same system will help. Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to authorize the purchase of (5) Apple iPads with cases through Systems Net for a total not to exceed \$4,200.00, this motion shall replace the motion made at our 8/27/24 meeting.

Approval of ARPA Expenses – Manager Pursell provided an update on the reimbursable bills from the ARPA fund from November 2023 to now. As of today, the ARPA fund has \$185,435.76 remaining in the account. Motion made by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously approved the authorization to transfer \$73,431.02 from the ARPA Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Request for Fire Police – Riegelsville Borough – Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously approved to authorize the use of the Springtown Fire Company Fire Police (Palisades Regional Fire Company) at the Annual Riegelsville Recreation Board Fall Roll-Out Car Show to be held at the Riegelsville Borough Park on Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 7am to approximately 2pm.

Discussion on Possible Grants – Two possible grants pulled off the Millenium grant website: PDE Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation fund & DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant. The Board discussed pursuing the DCED grant for police vehicle funding. Manager Pursell will work with Chief McDonald in gathering information.

Joint Meeting with PLPB – Parks and Land Preservation Board will attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 8, 2024, as a joint meeting. An open discussion can be had on anything related to PLPB at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hopkins stated he attended last evening's Park and Land Preservation Board meeting. He stated tomorrow is the BCATO meeting and he expects the intern grant to be approved then. He will also advise BCATO that Springfield Township intends to pursue the intern grant program again next year. Mr. Ryker advised there was a business burglarized on 309 recently and urges residents to be vigilant. Ms. Yearwood stated she is still pursuing the AGU – Thriving Earth Exchange grant. She stated she watched the Act 167 meetings online and saw Springfield didn't get any projects prioritized for further study but Durham Township did. She mentioned training for the ABCs and being linked to pay. Perhaps they can attend one class a year and then receive payment for their time on the council/commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Gerhart
Secretary

