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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 4, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Supervisors Tim Stiffy, Dave Swartz and Joe Mattace, Township Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko, Solicitor Ray Bogaty, Gateway Engineer James Naret and Office Manager Shawn Swartz

Also Present: See sign in sheet

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m. by Supervisor Tim Stiffy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions or Deletions: Correction of Parcel # 2-216-65 to 29-216-065 and 29-216-82 to 29-216-082 under Zoning and Land Development C.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes, Bill List and Payroll

- a. A motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Joe Mattace to approve January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. A motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Joe Mattace to approve January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve Payroll for January 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve Bill List for January 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report

- a. Fire Chief - Daniel Hutchins presented with Fire Department Report for December 2019 and January 2020.
- b. Fire Chief - Daniel Hutchins reported that they are working on cleaning out the shed behind the township building.

Administration and Finance:

- a. A motion made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to authorize recurring EFT payments from the Township General Fund to Mid-Atlantic Trust Company for payment of the employee and employer contributions for the Township Money Purchase Pension Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning and Land Development:

- a. Motion by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to accept the resignation of Ron Donlon from the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried. Stone Helsel, Chair of the Planning Commission, was present and acknowledged the resignation of Ron Donlon with regret.
- b. Motion by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to appoint Alan “Pete” Dickson Jr. to fulfill the term of Ron Donlon on the Planning Commission Board ending January 2024. All in favor, motion carried. Stone Helsel, Chair of the Planning Commission, was present and acknowledged the letter of interest and welcomed the addition of Alan “Pete” Dickson Jr. to the Planning Commission Board.
- c. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy (with discussion) to adopt Ordinance #1-2020 – to amend the zoning classification of Parcels No. 29-216-059 and 29-216-060 North of Route 208 only from A-Agricultural to CR-2 – Commercial-Residential, and Parcel No. 29-216-061, 29-216-064, 29-216-065, 29-216-082, 29-216-080, 29-216-081, 29-216-083, 29-216-062 from V-R. Village-Residential to CR-2 – Commercial-Residential, All of said parcels being in the Township of Springfield, Mercer County, PA.
 - a. Supervisor Stiffy reports concerns of changing Village Residential to Commercial and residents being upset.
 - b. Supervisor Swartz states that this is a continuation of growth for our township along the commercial pathway. Mr. Byler is a large employer in our area of both; English and Amish. He is fiscally responsible. Mr. Byler has a large-scale business serving several different regions. The Planning Commission has given a recommendation and the Mercer County Planning Commission has also given a recommendation. Mr. Swartz feels that it is his due diligence to support commercial growth in the township.
- d. Motion made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to approve full release of the financial security for Sheetz Store #229 Remodel in the amount of \$367,708.00 contingent upon the township receiving two copies of an as-built drawing, prepared by a licensed engineer and an 18-month maintenance bond for 15% of the construction cost (\$50,142.00). All in favor, motion carried.

Sewer and Water:

- a. Motion made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to approve pay application request #2 from Rudzik excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$92,678.02 for work completed on the Gravity Sewer Line Replacement Project between December 31, 2019 and January 24, 2020 per Gateway’s recommendation letter dated January 27, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Joe Mattace to appoint Tim Stiffy to the Economic Development Authority to fulfil the term of Scott Wise ending January 2022.

Road and Bridges/ Public Works Report:

- a. Motion made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to adopt Resolution #08-2020 – To adopt the 2020 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program. All in favor, motion carried. Noted: Jim Knight is the Delegate and Tim Stiffy is the Alternate for Joint Seal Coat Bid Program.
- b. Jim Knight gave Public Works and Roadmaster reports.

Engineer’s Report:

- a. Jim Naret updated the board on projects.

Solicitor Reports:

- a. Mr. Bogaty stated that the Zoning Map needs to be revised due to the adoption of 01-2020 Ordinance.
 - 1. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to authorize Gateway to revise the zoning map with the new zones. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Ten sewer liens will be filed February 5, 2020.
- c. Lawsuit has been filed to appeal the Ratvasky - deemed approved.
- d. Supervisor Stiffy had to resign the Buhl Membership Agreement.
- e. The property at 1763 Perry Highway has been fined and the properties 1779 and 1775 Perry Highway are filed and waiting for a hearing date.
- f. Supervisor Stiffy suggested having an Executive Session at the next Board of Supervisor’s Meeting to determine the next steps with the sewer lien accounts.

Supervisor Reports: None

Correspondence:

- a. Motion made by Joe Mattace and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve the use of the Township Municipal Building by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) in the amount of \$130.00 on Friday, August 21, 2020 for the following classes:
 - Township Role in Emergency Management – 9:00 am – 11:30 am
 - NIMS Class – 1:00 pm – 3:30 pmThere was discussion of allowing use with no charge; however, the fee must be reinforced as it is a standard fee agreement.

Public Comment: Jim Randolph presented along with Ken Holsopple with Eckles Services and Andy Holsopple with Wallace Pancher Group. Jim Randolph states that he has a property at 1342 Perry Highway (1354 Perry Highway) and that Richardson Inspection Services will not authorize him to have an occupancy permit due to not having a Stormwater Management Plan. Ken and Andy discussed and supported this statement stating the structure is smaller than 2500 sq. feet. In Richardson Inspection Service’s 2020 Fee Schedule it states that if it is over 2500 feet it must have

the Stormwater Management Plan. This will be researched, and we will be in contact with Richardson Inspection Service to try and resolve this matter.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Secretary