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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

December 28, 2020

5:00 pm

Present: Supervisors Tim Stiffy, Dave Swartz, Township Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko, and Office Manager Shawn Swartz. Supervisor Joe Mattace-Absent

Present via Conference Call: Solicitor Bogaty and Monica Pryts (Allied News)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. by Supervisor Tim Stiffy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions or Deletions: None

Public Comment: None

Administration and Finance:

- a. A motion was made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve Resolution #20-2020, Adopting the 2021 Budget and fixing the Tax Rate for 2021. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve the Township employee wages for 2021 with a 1% increase, effective January 1, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to approve UPMC Health Plan Gold EPO MCA as the Township Employee Medical Insurance Plan. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Dave Swartz will continue to hold the seat on the Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Municipal Authority for Springfield Township. Appointment will take place on January 4, 2021 Agenda.
- e. Solicitor Bogaty discussed the assessment issue with Best Western. He stated that Best Western filed for an appeal with the Common Pleas Court. The School District filed an appearance by their attorney. Solicitor Bogaty is to enter his appearance on behalf of Springfield Township at the Real Estate Tax Appeal Conference scheduled January 21, 2021 for Best Western. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to authorize Solicitor Bogaty to enter his appearance on behalf of the Springfield Township at the Real Estate Tax Appeal Conference scheduled January 21, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning and Land Development: None

Sewer and Water: A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to approve Pay Application Request No. 1 in the amount of \$80,548.00 to State Pipe Services, Inc. per the recommendation of Gateway Engineers. All in favor, motion carried.

Road and Bridges: None

Public Works Report: None

Solicitor Reports:

- a. Solicitor Bogaty reported that Mr. Ratvasky filed an appeal to the courts. A conference is scheduled with Judge Amrhein on January 21, 2021 which Mr. Ratvasky and Solicitor Bogaty will attend.
- b. Solicitor Bogaty is reviewing the Saldo and Zoning Ordinances. He reports that they should be set for advertisement of the Public Hearing in March 2021.
- c. Solicitor Bogaty is finalizing the codification of ordinances and he hopes to set the advertising for the adoption in February or March 2021.

Supervisor Reports:

- a. Dave Swartz asked Solicitor Bogaty for clarification of his opinion to set the Economic Development Authority administrative fee to \$50,000. He states that nothing has changed since it was set at \$50,000. Solicitor Bogaty is in favor of this.
- b. Tim Stiffy reported that there was an Executive Meeting on December 21, 2020 to discuss personnel and a work session with the Engineers.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence:

- a. Shawn Swartz asked the Supervisors to consider a non-refundable application charge due to applications being cancelled or not being picked up. This would be to cover/offset the fee from the building inspector and zoning officer.
- b. Shawn Swartz also discussed with the Supervisors to consider authorization her to review and approve zoning applications, if they are straightforward.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to adjourn at 5:19 pm.



Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Secretary