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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Supervisors Tim Stiffy, Marcus Kohan, and Dave Swartz. Also present was Gateway Engineer Jim Naret, Road Foreman Jim Knight, and Township Administrator Lucinda Lipko.

**Also Present:** Tax Collector Christi Cratty, Chuck Gerbe, and Fire Chief Daniel Hutchins.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions or Deletions:** None

**Invited Guest:** Christi Cratty, Tax Collector reported that a total of $469,938.62 in taxes was collected in 2024, up 1% from 2023. The total of uncollected in 2024 is $15,071.97. Mercury Lodging, Slack Water and Springfield Suites still have not paid their taxes.

**Public Comment*:*** None

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Daniel Hutchins reported that there were 15 calls in January, and a total of 234-man hours. The fire call on Spring Road was the addition at a house and 15 members showed up. The call on Route 258 was a battery pack on a solar system malfunctioned in the basement. 14 people showed up at the fire call at the outlets that turned out to be an electrical issue that lasted 4 hours. The food court has a repeater, which no one knew about, and it killed all their communications. Volant also showed up. The Chief feels that Penn Power is at fault.

**Administration and Finance:**

* A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to approve unpaid vacation for Dawson Kerr the week of July 14 – 18, 2025. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.
* A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to approve Resolution #8 – 2025 – to adopt the 2025 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.
* A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to approve paying Jim Knight for 3.5 days of unused PTO for 2024. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.
* A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to approve the quote from Hunter Truck to install a differential locker to the Peterbilt 548 in the amount of $ 6,067.37. Contingent upon receiving a new part warranty guarantee if they have to install a reconditioned differential. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.
* Discussion of the State Pipe quote for Rt. 258 – Jim Naret stated when the HOP permit was applied for through PennDOT, they should have told us it was steel casing if it was documented at PennDOT. The Repairs will require a long term closure.
* A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to approve the overage amount of $ 31,239.00 for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project. Paid from Sewer Capital. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.
* Discussion of Trumbold invoice – We are still waiting on delivery of 2 ebarra pumps. Upgrades inside the building have been completed.
* A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to approve the payment to Trumbold Equipment Company in the amount of $ 150,024.00. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

**Zoning and Land Development:** There were 2 building permits issued in January 2025.

**Sewer and Water:** Already discussed.

**Roads and Bridges:**

List of roads for seal coating:

* Veterans, Old Ash to Brent
* Old Mercer Veterans to Brent
* Number 2 mine – Old Mercer to Brent and Brent to Township line.
* Pennsy – Township line to Route 19
* Alternates are portions of White Oak and Wrays Drive

Jim Knight reported that he is estimating sealcoating at $1.50 for 2025. The cost to seal coat is $76,065.00. They ordered 100 tons of salt and let anti-skid run down in case we build the new salt shed. The generator is fixed and the bill from Pasco is $2,715.37 to fix the generator.

**Engineers Report –** Jim Naret reported:

*ARLE Grant Signal Design* – Bruce and Merrilees (B&M) have completed the physical installation of signal equipment for the project with the exception of waiting for power supply at the flasher at Old Ash Road. Gateway is coordinating with B&M regarding pay application #2 which will include 2 radar units to maintain the detection zones that were in operation ahead of this project at Outlets Road. The original contract included 18 radar units; however, the Contractor has installed 20 to provide the necessary detection zones. This will be handled as a quantity change and does not necessitate a change order to the contract. Gateway will coordinate the second pay application with the Township upon completion with B&M. It is anticipated that the work will be ready for a final inspection with PennDOT in February, weather permitting.

*ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Update* – State Pipe Services is currently performing the sewer repairs and Horizon Construction is Scheduled to perform the repairs on the Wet Well. Steve Garlicki of Trumbold have completed the electrical upgrades in the Lift Station.

*Route 208 Multimodal Trail Phase 3* – Grant funding reallocation is currently being discussed with DCED/CFA.

*Chapter 94 Sewer Report* – We are preparing the information to submit to Grove City for the Chapter 94 Report which is the annual report on operation of the Township’s sanitary sewer system.

*Iron Bridge Pump Station – NCWJMA Planning Module –* The on-lot system at the Iron Bridge will be removed, and a pump station will be installed to pump the sewage from the Iron Bridge and Rachels Roadhouse to the NCWJMA gravity system north of Interstate 80. There is no action required by the Township at this time.

**Reports:**

Supervisor Kohan reported that 200 proposed assisted living units were discussed at Planning Commission. They would have to apply as a conditional use as they are in the C-1 district should they move forward.

Supervisor Swartz reported there are PSAT seminars for office and code enforcement for the Office Manager.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:**None

**Executive Session –** *Personnel – Possible Litigation:*

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to adjourn into executive session for possible litigation with no new business afterwards. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Lucinda G. Lipko, Secretary