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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**JANUARY 6, 2025**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Supervisors Marcus Kohan, Tim Stiffy, and Dave Swartz. Also present was Township Administrator Lucinda Lipko. Jim Naret (Gateway Engineers) was present via conference call.

**Also Present:** Mitch McFeely (NexTier Bank) , Fire Chief Dan Hutchins and Mike Keiser (Fire

Department).

**Absent:** Jim Knight Road Foreman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions or Deletions:** None

**Public Comment – *Agenda Items*** ***Only:*** None

**Public Comment:** Mitch McFeely from NexTier Bank stated that he has been in the Grove City office for almost a year. They are located beside Saxony House Furniture and would like to offer their services to us.

**Fire Department Report:**

* It was reported that there were 21 calls in December.
* In house training is now being held from 6 to 9.
* Three people are currently attending the Jackson Center EMT class.
* There have been a lot of fire fighters responding.
* They have purchased a Tahoe in West Mifflin and a pickup truck in Mercer for emergency response.
* Zane Grimm is the EMS Captain for Springfield.
* They would like to sit down with the Township and talk about funding
* They applied for grant money through the county and were denied.

**Administration and Finance:**

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to advertise vacancies on the following committees:

Zoning Hearing Board

Economic Development Authority

Vacancy Board

Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to advertise a Public Hearing for Ordinance #2 – 2025 – AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS IN ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 425-88, AND AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 301 (ORDINANCE 1-2021) AND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 441 (ORDINANCE 1-2021) FOR NEW USES BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT (LARGE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS) AND FOR NEW USES BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS (SMALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS).

Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to approve the first quarter Work Authorization for Gateway Engineers for General Engineering Services not to exceed $ 5,922.50. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Swartz to approve the 2025 Work Authorization for Engineer’s Retainer not to exceed $ 8,092.00. Seconded by Tim Stiffy, motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to approve the agreement with T. W. McCosby, LLC as a third-party Building Inspector and Code Enforcement. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to approve Tim Stiffy attending the 2025 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show May 4 – 7, 2025 plus travel and lodging. Seconded by Dave Swartz, motion carried.

**Zoning and Land Development:**

1 building permit, 1 zoning permit, and 1 demolition permit were issued in December 2024.

**Sewer and Water**

Jim Knight reported that: Palco will be out on Thursday, January 9 to diagnose the township generator. On Monday, December 30, Trumbold Equipment was out and did the electronics upgrade inside the Lift Station. Steve Garlecki will be in contact with Horizon construction to schedule the wet well rehab.

**Roads and Bridges**

Jim Knight reported that they have been treating roads as needed.

**Engineer’s Report**

Jim Naret of Gateway Engineers reported:

**ARLE Grant Design –** Bruce and Merrilees are anticipating having the physical installation of signal equipment completed in the following week(s). It is anticipated that the work will be complete and ready for a final inspection with PennDOT in mid to late January.

**ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Update –** State Pipe Services is currently performing the sewer repairs and Horizon and Steve Garlicki of Trumbold are scheduled to begin the Lift Station Repairs.

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

**Discharge at Precision Finishing (Former Wendell August) –** Gateway continues to evaluate with Jim Knight, the discharge to the Township sanitary sewer. Jim Knight is testing the discharge and communicating with Grove City and the Township on the results. The discharge from operation is elements from water that is purified for use in the operations. We are yet to see those test results or a response from Grove City.

**Public Works Report:**

Jim Knight reported that this past Saturday, January 4 we had break issues on a 2014 Peterbilt. Micah Swartz assisted him in getting the truck back on the road. Jim told Micah to go ahead and order the parts to repair the truck. Picked up the 2022 F250 at Bill McCandless Ford. They still cannot find anything that is causing the vibrations. The 2024 Peterbilt broke another belt, so it is going to be taken to SEI in Eau Claire to figure out why we are going through belts.

**Reports –** Supervisors:

Tim Stiffy attended the memorial service for Joe Mattace.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment –** Items *not* on Agenda: None

**Executive Session** – Possible Litigation – Unregistered Cars

**Adjournment:**

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

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Lucinda G. Lipko, Secretary