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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 15, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisors Dave Swartz, Tim Stiffy, Solicitor Bogaty, Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko, Roadmaster Jim Knight and Office Manager Shawn Swartz – Joe Mattace/absent

**Also present:** Stone Helsel (Planning Commission Chair) and Marcus Kohan (Township Constable)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dave Swartz followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions or Deletions:** Fire Department apparatus discussion

**Public Comment:** None

**Administration and Finance:**

- a. Discussion of grant opportunities received by Jim Narat (Gateway Engineers) was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors
- b. Motion made by Dave Swartz and seconded by Tim Stiffy to adopt Resolution #12-2021 – amendment to Employee Policies & Procedures Manual adding Section 6.10 providing for additional compensation for volunteer retiring employees. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to approve the return of project funds in the amount of \$22,990.64 for payment of the Series B Note interest, that a check be written from Township and deposited into the EDA Zions Trustee accounts. The monies will then be paid out of the EDA Trustee Accounts to Farmers Bank at the time the interest payment is due. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. There was discussion with fire department members Daniel Hutchins (Chief) and Richard Kyle (Captain) regarding the replacement of the inoperative ladder truck. The fire department asked that the Board of Supervisors to consider the 2000 Pierce Dash 100' apparatus priced at \$94,000.00. Dave Swartz agrees that the 2000 Pierce Dash 100' would be the best option should parts need replaced. Administrator Lucinda Lipko and Dave Swartz discussed the balance in the fire department accounts that the township holds. There is an available amount of \$45,000.00 from a dedicated fire department fund (previously known as the Truck Fund). Tim Stiffy states that the township should only meet what the fire department is able to obtain. Jason Patterson (Assistant Chief) did speak with the USDA concerning financing at a 2.25% rate. The fire department did have a fire call during the

meeting that they did respond to. The fire department members did return after the meeting was adjourned for further discussion.

**Zoning and Land Development:** Office Manager Shawn Swartz reported that the Holiday Inn Express will be getting a new roof and the three subdivisions that are scheduled for March 22, 2021 Planning Commission.

**Sewer and Water:** None

**Roads and Bridges:**

- a. Jim Knight presented with an estimate from Sonntag Excavating & Paving Inc. for installation of five cross pipes on Cannery Road. The estimate is in the amount of \$9,900.00 and does not including the cross pipes or stone. This would be purchased by the township (at the COG price) in the estimate amount of \$4,376.20. An estimate in the amount of \$88,545.26 was given for the paving of Cannery Road. The estimated total for the project is \$102,821.46. The budgeted amount is \$32,500.00. The Board of Supervisors would like to meet and discuss the project.
- b. Jim Knight reports that if the Board of Supervisors approve the Cannery Road Paving Project he would like to do daylighting on this road to preserve the improvements. He states this is a separate job/budget line.
- c. Jim Knight states that he met with Shawn Hedglin from the Mercer County Conservation Office last week. They did drive around the township to assess the storm water issues. Shawn would like to have his supervisors come out and look at Creek Road. Shawn thinks he could possibly get funds for a project Creek Road.
- d. Jim Knight reports that he may have to take the pick-up truck out of the fleet. He states that it has a miss, the tires are bald and it is just not running correctly. There has been no word from McCandless Ford on the new truck.

**Public Works:** Jim Knight reports that Rich Lukas will not be available for work until after May 9, 2021 unless there is an urgent need he could possibly make it in.

**Solicitor Report:**

- a. Solicitor Bogaty reports that he has been in communication with Levi from Taylor Engineering concerning a residential Sewer Maintenance Agreement. Levi contacted DEP inquiring the number of inspections required the first year of placement. Levi validated DEP's requirement of one inspection a year to Solicitor Bogaty. Solicitor Bogaty is asking the Board of Supervisors if this would be satisfactory to the township as opposed to the Maintenance agreement stating two. Dave Swartz and Tim Stiffy agreed that this is acceptable.
- b. Solicitor Bogaty asked now that Ordinance #1-2021 Zoning Amendment and Ordinance #2-2021 SALDO have been completed if he should proceed with the Ordinance of the items not covered in Ordinance #1-2021 and #2-2021. The Board did ask him to move forward on this.
- c. Solicitor Bogaty reports that he did send a letter to Bryan Rhodes Libations Winery stating we are still in need of the "as-built" drawings. Bryan has been in contact with Jim Naret from Gateway Engineers.

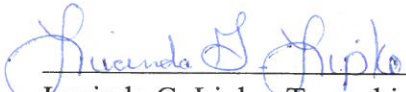
**Supervisors Report:**

- a. Tim Stiffy reports that he the owner of BroBike and Run met with the owners of the mall.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** Markus Kohan stated that this township is in dire need of critical infrastructure. He states that the township needs key resources for the fire department and road maintenance crew. Markus did ask the Board if the township received any money from the Covid Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act. He was told that we did not receive any. It was explained to him that when we receive the money this time it will come in two phases and it will come with stipulations on how the money is to be spent.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Dave Swartz to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

  
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Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Secretary