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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 17, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Dave Swartz, Tim Stiffy, Joe Mattace, Solicitor Ray Bogaty, Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko, Jim Naret (Gateway Engineers) and Office Manager Shawn Swartz

Also present via phone call: Roadmaster Jim Knight

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: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Administration and Finance:

- a. A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to approve the April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes, the April 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes, the bill list for April 2021 and the payroll for April 2021. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to approve Resolution #14-2021 appointing Richardson Inspection Services as Code Enforcement for Springfield Township. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning and Land Development: None

Roads and Bridges: Jim Knight discussed a potential project on Creek Road with the Conservation District. Shawn Hedglin (Conservation Resource Specialist) met with Jim Naret (Gateway Engineers) to discuss replacing the culvert on Creek Road (around 769 Creek Road). There are numerous requirements necessary for this project with permits and environmental analyses. The cost for the township will be significantly greater without the assistance of the Conservation District. Jim Knight and Jim Naret will work together to get more concrete numbers for this project.

Public Works: Jim Knight reports that he is still waiting for easements from the residents on Cannery Road for the replacement of culverts. Jim asked the Board of Supervisors if he could move forward without the easements. Solicitor Bogaty asked that Jim Knight get a note signed by the resident if possible (if no easement was received). He was asked to make his best effort to stay within the right-of ways.

Solicitor Report:

- a. Solicitor Bogaty reports he has been working with Jim Knight (Roadmaster) on easements for the Cannery Road culvert project and he has been working on the zoning appeal from the Leesburg property.

Supervisors Report:

- a. Dave Swartz provided the 2020 Audit Report for the Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Municipal Authority to be filed with the township.

Building Permits:

- a. Office Manager Shawn Swartz reviewed the April and May zoning and building permits.
- b. Shawn explained that when she does a Zoning Review and it is approved by Richardson Inspection Services, the township is not charged a fee. She is asking for the fees to be adjusted so the charges are indifferent across the board for all zoning reviews.

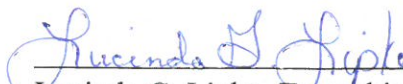
Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

- a. Mr. and Mrs. Menke presented with questions about letters they are receiving concerning their outdoor wood burner which was installed in 2016. There was discussion on the requirements and recommendations. Mr. Menke reports that no changes have been made to the wood burner since it has been installed. Mrs. Menke left a copy of her paperwork received from Richardson Inspection Service and the Department of Environmental Protection for Solicitor Bogaty to review. Solicitor Bogaty or Township Administrator Lucinda Lipko will contact Mr. or Mrs. Menke with information regarding their questions.
- b. Mr. William Rendos presented asking what the status of his complaint about the noise from his neighbor's house. He was informed that a letter had been sent and that the Board of Supervisors will discuss this and will respond to Mr. Rendos at the June 1, 2021 or June 22, 2021 meeting.

Executive Session: The Board of Supervisors, Township Administrator Lucinda Lipko and Solicitor Bogaty went into executive session 7:46 p.m. for personnel, outstanding sewage bills and potential litigation.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Joe Mattace and seconded by Tim Stiffy to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Motion carried.



Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Secretary