

MERCER COUNTY
SPRINGFIELD
TOWNSHIP, EST 1805

406 Old Ash Road, Mercer, PA 16137
Ph. 724-748-4999 Fax 724-748-3859

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Stone Helsel

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: Addition to Roads and Bridges-discussion of Cannery Road

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes, Bill List and Payroll:

- a. A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to approve the meeting minutes of September 7, 2021 and September 20, 2021, the bill list for September 2021 and payroll for September 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report:

- a. Chief Hutchinson, Assistant Chief Patterson and Lieutenant Kieser presented with the financials for August 2021 and September 2021.
- b. Assistant Chief Patterson distributed a copy of the Fire Department Agreement for the 2002 Pierce Dash 100' Ladder stating monies borrowed from the Truck Savings Account will be reimbursed at \$1,000.00 a month for sixty (60) months from the Fire Department START Account (back to the Truck Savings Account).

Administration and Finance:

- a. Discussion of the Pennsylvania Municipal Service and changing the sewage accounts back in-house for billing with the following requirements:
 1. Bills will be payable by check, money order or exact cash.
 2. Accounts will be in property owner name(s) only.
 3. The property owner is responsible for payment.
 4. Failure to receive bills will not be an excuse of nonpayment and shall not result in an extension of time to pay.

5. Every property owner shall consent to rules and regulations set by the township, rates in the fee resolution and all modifications thereof and to all new rules, regulations or rates duly adopted.
6. All bills will be due on the fifteenth of each month.
7. Bills not paid in full withing ten days after the due date will be considered delinquent.
8. Customer failing to pay their bill in full within ten days after due date shall be subject to a penalty.
9. Checks returned for any reason will be charged a \$25 fee by the township as well as the fee charged by the bank.
10. The township will not entertain requests for delays or waiver of payment.
11. A repayment agreement will be reviewed or drawn up by Solicitor Bogaty for existing delinquent accounts.

Sewer and Water: Jim Knight's report states that Insight Pipe completed the sewer line jetting.

Roads, Bridges and Public works: Dave Swartz states that he does not believe the work done on Cannery Road is acceptable. Jim Knight reported to Administrator Lucinda Lipko prior to this meeting that Hawbaker will be returning to repair issues.

Engineer's Report:

- a. Jim Naret reported on the status of the Route 208 Multimodal Trail. Jim states that hopefully PennDOT will convey approval of the application/grant soon.
- b. Jim Naret reports that the Solicitor can perform the easement acquisitions and negotiations with the impacted property owners provided the PennDOT procedures (Pub. 740) are followed.
- c. Jim Naret reports that PennDOT will arrange the Virtual Meetings concerning the 208 Multimodal Trail phase III with the Board of Supervisors and public.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Bogaty reports that the Ratvasky Case will be going to the Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg on October 21, 2021.

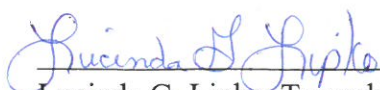
Supervisors Report: None

Building Permits Report: Office Manager Shawn Swartz reported September 8 – October 4, 2021 permits and applications.

Correspondence: Office Manager Shawn Swartz updated the Board of Supervisors on the property line in question for Libations Winery and the Amish Peddler. Jim Naret and Jonathan Garczewski from Gateway Engineers are looking into this.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tim Stiffy and seconded by Joe Mattace to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm to executive session for personnel – 2022 General/Sewer Fund Budgets with no business afterward. All in favor, motion carried.



Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Secretary