

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2010  
9:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Springfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on the above date in the Township Building at 1791 Perry Highway, Volant. Chairman, Don Bonner called the meeting to order with the “Pledge of Allegiance” at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Don Bonner, Judy Hassler and Gary Hartman– Supervisors, Patricia Wimer-Secretary, Barb Brown-Administrator, Jim Knight-Road Foreman Public-Works Director

**ALSO PRESENT**

Micah Swartz, Jason Patterson-Springfield Twp. VFD, Jocelyn Lewis-Miller-Glacial Sand & Gravel Co., Keith Miller, Cathy Gutowski, Mike Gutowski, Teresa Burk, Angela Andresky

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

**SPEED STUDY ON RT. 19 THROUGH LEESBURG**

Teresa Burk asked that the Supervisors request a speed limit survey be done on Rt. 19 through Leesburg. She said the speed limit goes from 35 mph to 55 mph to 45 mph to Mercer. She feels the traffic, especially trucks travel way to fast. The Supervisors agreed and asked Barb to contact PaDot to do the study and notify the State police to set up speed traps in this area.

**CONCERNS ABOUT GLACIAL SAND & GRAVEL**

Mike Gutowski and Keith Miller, residents in the area that Glacial Sand and Gravel are going to drill voiced their concerns about the water, noise road damage etc. in having a gravel pit in this area. Don Bonner stated that Glacial was just wanted to drill at this point and the road is the concern at present. It was stated that a gravel plant is a conditional use under our land ordinance so they have many hurdles to go through before it would get to that. They asked to be kept informed of anything that has to do with a plant being established.

**OLD BUSINESS**

## **ROAD AGREEMENT-GLACIAL SAND & GRAVEL**

Jocelyn Lewis-Miller from Glacial Sand & Gravel stated that they received approval from PaDot and would only need to travel 600 feet on Mill Run Rd. using the excavator (approx. 76,000 lbs). She said that Glacial felt that being responsible for up to 160 days for any damages that were a result of their equipment using our roads was unreasonable. The Supervisors all agreed they wanted to stay with the 160 days and tabled the Glacial Sand & Gravel road agreement. Motion by Don, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary: township wants Glacial to be responsible for any damages 160 days from time of use with excavator loaded off the truck and to use mats on Mill Run Rd. Motion carried, vote was unanimous.

## **ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR TOWNSHIP ROADS**

The letter from Taylor Engineering stating that they could perform engineering studies on all 38 miles of Township roads for \$3,400 was discussed. Jim said that he had spoke to PaDot and Taylor and this study would be enforceable. Jim was directed to look into steps involved and get back to the Supervisors.

## **FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE FORMS & FEES**

Barb stated that the fees needed to be established by a resolution for business and residential registering of fire alarms. Barb is to check with Michael Cafferty from DCED on creating a form and the Supervisors agreed to charge commercial a 1<sup>st</sup> time registration fee of \$50 and \$25 annually thereafter. There will be no registration or annual fee for residential alarms or for replacement of alarms.

## **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN / MITIGATION ACTION**

Barb stated that the Supervisors needed to take some action on some of the information in the mitigation plan. Don said that they would review the information and discuss at the next meeting.

## **PLANNING COMMISION**

### **FINAL DRAFT SIGNS / AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE**

Tim Dumbroski presented the final draft for changes to the Sign section and Sections 401, 808 and 810 of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance and asked to proceed with adoption. A motion was made by Judy Hassler and second by Gary Hartman to advertise the amendment for adoption. Motion carried, vote was unanimous. Barb is to try and schedule hearing before the April regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS****SEO CONFERENCE – BARB BROWN**

A motion was made by Judy Hassler and second by Gary Hartman to approve Barb attending the SEO conference in March. Motion carried, vote was unanimous.

**SPRINGFIELD TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Micah stated that the Steve Rea had said they were to draw up an agreement concerning the use of the new building between the Township and the Fire Department but the VFD felt they could not draft an agreement without legal assistance. Don suggested they put in writing what they want and they would go over it together and then the solicitor draft an agreement.

Micah and Jason discussed the storage of Fire Trucks and equipment while the new building is being constructed. Jim said he would be able to free up one bay at the garage and clear out a building in the back that they could also use.

**JIM KNIGHT / DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / ROADMASTER**

It was discussed that Ken Cower had called about a Township needing a truck due one being lost in a fire. He knew we put a truck out for bid previously that had not been sold. Jim said that we had bid a 1993 Chevy and asked the Supervisors if they wanted to sell it. The Supervisors said they would like to keep the truck on hand as a back up.

Winter maintenance/wages were discussed and Don asked for a comparison of the Township winter expense for 2010 vs. 2009. The Secretary is to prepare a report for the Supervisors.

**SPRINGFIELD TWP/FIRE DEPARTMENT BLDG.**

Barb prepared a Timeline for Borrowing & Building Project for the Supervisors. We have received one quote from First National Bank for review. We expect to have information from the other banks prior to March meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Judy Hassler to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and second Gary Hartman.