

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**Present:**  Supervisors Tim Stiffy, Marcus Kohan, Joe Mattace. Also present was Road Foreman Jim Knight and Township Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko. Via conference call, Jim Naret, Gateway Engineers.

**Also Present:**  Carolyn Moore, Amanda Knight, Richard Dillaman, Bruce Hague,

Lorrie Hague, Justin Miller, Glenn Kline Jr., Bernice Fisher, Frank Younker, Judy Hines, John Ayers, Michael Miller, Karen Miller, Daniel Hutchins, and Terri Young.

**Call to Order**:  The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Tim Stiffy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions or Deletions**:  None

**Public Comment**:  None

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief Hutchins reported they responded to 241 calls in 2023 with a total of 1628 man hours and 1,417 hours of training. In January 2024 they had twenty calls with a total of 90-man hours and 108 hours of training and an average of five people per call.

Administration and Finance:

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve the Fire Police using the meeting room on March 16th and 17th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for a class entitled “Advanced Fire Police”. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Planning Commission for a term of 4 years ending January 2029. The motion was seconded by Joe Mattace. After discussion and asking if anyone in the audience was interested, we just needed a letter of interest. A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to table this motion. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve the quote from Cummins for general maintenance on the generator, not to exceed $ 1,591.43. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to approve the Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers for the Route 208 Multimodal Trail - Phase 3, not to exceed $ 25,000.00. Jim Naret reminded the Supervisors this would be covered under the grant. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to approve the recommendation of Gateway Engineers to reject the bid of J & T Paving, Inc. in the amount of $ 609,439.00 for the Creek Road Culvert Replacement Project as the bid is considered nonconforming and unbalanced. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve Resolution #07 - 2024 - 2024 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve Resolution #08 - 2024 - Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Administrator be appointed to sign all agreements for the Route 208 Multimodal Trail - Phase II Project. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to hire Emily Kristyak as the part-time Office Manager at $18.45 per hour contingent upon passing a drug test. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to advertise a Conditional Use hearing for February 19, 2024, at 6 p.m. for Charles Gerbe requesting approval for outdoor entertainment. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

Supervisor Mattace reported he has received calls about the use of jake brakes going north on Route 19 causing windows to rattle and the excessive speed. Road Foremen Jim Knight called PennDOT, and they said that if the speed is below 55 mph that no jake brake signage can be installed.

Supervisor Mattace reported there is excessive trash around a trailer and house on Rt. 19 and it is getting worse. Once he gets the addresses of the property, the Township Administrator was directed to send them a letter.

The Supervisors discussed the request to host a glass recycling event at the township the week of July 6th to 11th or August 31st to September 5th. The Supervisors moved this to the next agenda for action.

Supervisor Kohan stated they received a quote of $82,000.00 for an early warning system. They are going to keep looking into getting other quotes. They are also going to look and see if there are any grants available.

**Zoning and Land Development:**

One building permit and one occupancy permit were issued in January 2024.

**Sewer and Water**:

Jim Knight reported the electrical system at the pump station is in good shape. He and the engineers will be looking at the controls next to determine if any upgrades or repairs are needed.’

**Roads and Bridges:**

Jim Knight is going to meet with the contractor and discuss raising Spring Road at the end.

**Engineers Report:**

Jim Naret reported on the following:

* Schepp Holdings Taekwondo Studio submitted Conditional Use and Land Development applications in the Agricultural Zoning District to the Planning Commission. They also submitted Conditional Use Application to the Zoning Hearing Board for several variances. The Planning Commission tabled their applications until the Zoning Hearing Board rendered a decision.
* PennDOT opened bids for the Route 208 Multimodal Trail with the lowest bidder being CHD Enterprises for $ 613,332.91. The grant was only for $ 574,920.00. PennDOT was able to add an additional $ 40,000.00 to the project with the notice to proceed expected by March 4, 2024.
* The lowest bid for the Creek Road Culvert Project came in at $ 609,439.00 from J&T Paving. Gateway Engineers did not recommend this for an award as it was far over the engineer’s estimate.
* Bids for the ARLE Grant signal Design are to be opened on February 8, 2024, and an award at the mid-month meeting of the Supervisors.
* The electrical components inside the pump station and the lift station to develop the project scope for the ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant.
* Gateway will start preparing the Construction and Bidding Documents for Phase 3 of the Rt. 208 Multimodal Trail once they receive approval from the township. This will take the trail up to the township building, which we already have grant funding for to cover engineering, construction, and inspections.
* Gateway reviewed the calculations for the township’s share of the Pine Township pump station operational costs for 2023 and distributed the annual waste load management questionnaire to Grove City Borough.

**Public Works Report:**

Jim Knight has been getting calls about the potholes on Bottlehill Road West deadened. Last time this was discussed he was directed to not put any aggregate on the road. Jim asked how the Supervisors wanted him to proceed and it was decided that he would put gravel in to fill the holes.

**Reports:**

Supervisor Kohan reported that a National Neighborhood Watch is being formed in Mercer County. The Western Pa Cert Team, the Sherrif’s Office, and the Constable Association will all be meeting, with the approval of Homeland Security, in Grove City on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, to discuss getting the program started.

**Correspondence:**

The Fire Police were requested for traffic c on troll on June 22, 2024, for the Sharpsville 150th Parade and for traffic/parking control on January 27, 2024, for the Clark VFD Night at The Races.

**Public Comment:**

Rick Dillaman asked if the local government was considering any mitigation to amend the Zoning Ordinance since 3 Rivers Aggregate was here. He is asking that the Supervisors to a text amendment removing “mineral extraction” since it is already in the Industrial District. Supervisor Kohan feels it could be an issue on existing leases even though they would be grandfathered, and he would seek guidance from our solicitor. Rick reminded the Supervisors that solicitors only give an opinion, the Supervisors make the decision.

Mr. Ayers stated that the whole area is on board to get this changed.

Mr. Younker stated a prohibition on sand and gravel, not all minerals, is what could be done.

Ms. Young thanked the Supervisors for listening to them and asked that they consider looking into the amendment.

Mr. Dillaman Sr. Asked why no one went to the meetings about the landfill to try and stop it. Why he is not allowed to have a solar farm on his property and said there would be hazardous waste coming through Springfield Township. He would like the Supervisors to attend the landfill meetings. He stated if a company buys a building by his house, they will not be able to put solar panels on their roof.

Bob Pebbles, Supervisor from Liberty Township, requested Springfield Township donate to Liberty to pay for fighting the landfill. They are going to take Tri-County Industries to Commonwealth Court since the judges there are not controlled. He claims that there is going to be toxic and radioactive waste and there is no way to clean it up.

Frank Younker from 249 North Spring Road would like to have a meeting with the Springfield Township Supervisors, the Findlay Township Supervisors, and their solicitors to get the issue of which township his home is located in settled.

Executive Session:  None

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Lucinda G. Lipko

Township Administrator