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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 20, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisors Tim Stiffy, Marcus Kohan and Joe Mattace. Also present Solicitor Bogaty, Road Foreman Jim Knight and Township Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko.

**Also Present:** Paul Rankin, Country Fair

**Convene:** The Supervisor convened the regular business meeting following the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. for the request of a Liquor License Transfer for Country Fair, Inc.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tim Stiffy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions or Deletions:** Supervisor Stiffy revised motion #5-F to discussion of connecting into sewer lateral at My Brother’s Place.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes, Bill List and Payroll:**

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve the following:

 Meeting minutes of February 7, 2023

 Meeting minutes of February 20, 2023

 Bill List for February 2023

 Payroll for February 2023

Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

**Administration and Finance:**

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve the Tim Stiffy Lot Consolidation and Subdivision Preliminary Application Plan and Non0Building Waivers conditioned upon receiving the administrative or third-party permits as outlined in Gateway Engineer’s review letter dated January 27, 2023. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried with Tim Stiffy abstaining.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to adopt Ordinance #1- 2023 – Recognizing authority of the Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department to seek reimbursement for hazardous abatement material, incidents and safety and rescue response services. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to advertise the part-time Office Manager position. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve Resolution #10 – 2023 – A resolution of the Township of Springfield, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approve the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-16212 into the Township of Springfield. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Mattace to approve the quote from Eliminators Pest Control Service to have the Township Building sprayed for a total cost of $ 750.00 to be paid quarterly. Seconded by Marcus Kohan, motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed the request from My Brother Place to place a connection to their existing sewer lateral for the ice cream/medical marijuana shop next door. The fee from Grove City Borough is $ 3,300.00 per EDU. Since this is a connection to an existing sewer lateral, the township will not charge a connection fee but will charge a $175.00 inspection fee.

**Sewer and Water:**

Foremen Knight reported he has 3 old Gorman-Rupp Pumps from the sewage lift station that are of no use anymore. He would like to dispose of them and the Supervisors agreed.

We are waiting to hear if the township was awarded the COVID-19 APRA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant.

**Roads and Bridges:**

Jim Knight was approached by Wilmington Township in Lawrence County about paving they are bidding on Indian Run Road. We own approximately 350 feet and they questioned if we would be willing to pay for our share. Solicitor Bogaty stated we would need to have an Mutual Agreement with them to do so.

Supervisor Kohan reported he asked Jim and Daniel Hutchins, Fire Chief, to work on evacuation routes and designate state routes north, south, east and west. There was also discussion about working with other municipalities to use their buildings in the event of an emergency.

**Public Works Report:**

Foremen Knight reported he ordered 100 ton of salt and will wait until June to order what is left of the 60% he is required to take under the COSTARS Contract.

The logger on Creek Road is hiring a PA trucking company to haul his trees out. He is from Ohio and insurance companies in Ohio will not bond Pennsylvania roads.

Jim has made three calls to the gas company about the damaged guiderails on Old Ash Road. They are not returning his calls. Another sign was installed warning motorists of the curve and reflector tape was also installed on the sign posts.

**Reports:**

Solicitor Bogaty reported there is a prototype EMS 2 year agreement. It will be a prorated fee from whenever the agreements are signed, conceptually July 1st. Each municipality will receive a yearly report on expenses. The Supervisors will discuss at the April 17th meeting.

Supervisor Kohan reported he attended the PennVEST meeting where it was announced they would be giving out low interest loans from the federal money they received. Since Buhl Community Water and Grove City Borough received funds, Marcus is investigating why the township didn’t receive any.

Supervisor Stiffy attended the Council of Governments Meeting. Grove City Borough reported they are upgrading the water system and storm sewer system by Cooper Bessimer and Harrisville is purchasing a new police car. He has also been attending the sessions at the Penn State Ag. Building.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Marcus Kohan to adjourn into Executive Session for possible litigation and legal issues with no new business afterwards. Seconded by Joe Mattace, motion carried.

The Springfield Township Board of Supervisors Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Lucinda G. Lipko

Secretary