

**Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Workshop
5:00 p.m. – September 14, 2022**

Persons Present:

Daniel E. Rooney, President
Tim Purcell, Commissioner
Andrew Herrold, Commissioner
Chris Toms, Engineer (C.S. Davidson)

David Detwiler, Vice President
Andrew Herrold, Commissioner
Marcy L. Krūm-Tinsley, Township Manager
Krista Gardner, CFO

I. Workshop Commencement

President Commissioner Daniel Rooney called the September 14, 2022, Board of Commissioners Workshop to order at 5:03 PM. Commissioner Gwilt was absent.

A. Public Comment

None.

B. Roadway Management Plan

Chris Toms, Engineer

1. Road Assessment

The road assessment has been completed for each road in the township and recommendations have been made for what is needed to maintain each road in good condition over approximately a 15-year period. Generally, the township's roads are in good condition. Road elevation is a looming issue and is addressed by milling down the road by approximately 6" or, in some cases, raising the curb elevation. The cost to correct the road elevation issue over the next 15 years will be around \$15 million. It is recommended that the Liquid Fuels account only goes to road construction projects.

2. Storm Sewer

If all Liquid Fuels funds are going to paving projects, a new funding stream will be needed for storm sewer work. Some of the township's metal stormwater sewers are beginning to rust out and will need replaced. First-class townships can institute a stormwater authority to generate a stormwater fee to produce revenue to cover the cost to repair the utility infrastructure as well as to deal with other stormwater issues. There is large portion of the township that does not have storm sewer which cause flooding issues.

C. 2023 Preliminary Budget

Krista Gardner, CFO and Marcy L. Krūm-Tinsley, Township Manager

1. There will be a preliminary budget for the board to review in October 2022, a final draft presented in November 2022, and budget approval at the December 2022 meeting.
2. There are a few items we would like to get a sense of direction from the board as related to the 2023 draft budget.
 - i. Two police vehicles budgeted for in 2022 will be carried over to 2023.
 - ii. The public works feasibility study has been complete. To have all of the Public Works Department located at Mt. Rose Avenue is roughly estimated to be just over \$5 million.
 - iii. The Grantly Fire Station is at end-of-life and needs to be considered.
 - iv. Mt. Rose Avenue property discussed.
 - v. In 2022 \$25,000 was allocated for the Comprehensive Plan. Those funds are to be carried forward and an additional \$50,000 in 2023 is proposed to be budgeted to get a sum of \$75,000. This is likely not enough for cover the cost of the plan, so grant funding is being researched. The last Comprehensive Plan for Spring Garden Township was completed in 2001.
 - vi. Stormwater Authority fundamentals discussed. The Board gave the Township Manager the approval to work with the solicitor to further investigate the creation of a Stormwater Authority.
 - vii. Discussed the creation of a working capital budget to plan for future large capital purchases.

II. Adjourn

President Commissioner Rooney adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy L. Krūm-Tinsley
Township Manager/ Secretary

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