

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners
6:30 p.m. – August 29, 2023

Persons Present:

Daniel E. Rooney, President Commissioner (Teleconference)	
David Detwiler, Vice President Commissioner	Marcy L. Krūm-Tinsley, Township Manager
Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner	Dawn Hansen, Zoning Officer
Andrew Herrold, Commissioner	Steve Hovis, Solicitor (Stock & Leader)

I. Call to Order / Reconvene / Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Commissioner Detwiler reconvened the August 9, 2023 meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance at 3:30 PM and announced an executive session held on 08/09/2023 to address personnel issues.

A. Public Comment

Raeann Walterdorf of 1558 Hollywood Parkway suggested broadcasting the meeting through Zoom for those unable to attend the meeting in person.

B. Administration and Operations

- Rathton Road – Advertisement to Bid
 - The receipt of a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Grant in the amount of \$774,924 announced.
 - Township Engineer explained the current Rathton Road project funding plan and how acceptance of the PennDOT Multimodal Grant would affect project length, scope, and funding. Additionally, the engineer explained the additional PennDOT requirements that need to be met if the grant is accepted.
 - It was reported that the current condition of the bridge would allow prolonging the replacement project for the time needed to utilize the PennDOT grant funds with minimal repairs.
 - An extension request should be made for the Keystone Grant as its expiration date is 06/2025. This grant would be used for early soft-costs and the construction of the box culvert.
- **Motion** (Herrold/Gwilt) to authorize for Engineer to inspect improvements for release of security for 350 North Sherman Street. Public comment: none. Motion carried 4/0.
- **Motion** (Herrold/Gwilt) to approve Resolution 2023-21, Police Policies providing General Orders for the recognition of police authority and limits of that authority, and guidelines for prisoner detention. Public comment: Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmont Road asked for details of the changes. Commissioner Herrold indicated that generally police policies are internal operating procedures, are sensitive in nature, and relate to public safety. Motion carried 4/0.
- WellSpan Land Development Plan, York Hospital
Motion (Herrold/Gwilt) to approve presenting the City of York Planning Commission with comments related to the WellSpan York Critical Care Tower to include concerns regarding impacts related to increase number of employees, traffic, and other general matters per President Commissioner Rooney's draft comments. Public comment: none. Motion carried 4/0.
- York Suburban School District Renovation
Motion (Rooney/Gwilt) to share concerns with the school board informing residents about their plan. Public comment: none. Motion failed 2/2 with Commissioner Herrold and Vice President Detwiler voting nay.
- Appointment to fill Ward 3 vacancy through end of 2023 term:
 - Vice President Commissioner Detwiler indicated he was very impressed with the number of candidates willing to assume the role for the next four months and with the four candidates. They are all very well respected and are active and involved members of the community. He indicated that all of the voting commissioners have resumes of the candidates and have had time to review them.
 - **Motion** (Herrold/)to appoint Patrick Casey. Motion dies: did not receive a second.
 - **Motion** (Rooney/Gwilt) to appoint Brian Ports to fill the vacancy through December 2023. Public comment: Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmont Road asked for a little more background for Brian Ports. Discussion: Vice President Commissioner Detwiler and President Commissioner Rooney responded with notable community involvement of Brian Ports. Motion carried 4/0.
- **Motion** (Herrold/Rooney) to authorize Township Manager to sign the PennDOT Grant Award letter. Public Comment: none. Motion carries 4/0.

II. Adjourn

Vice President Commissioner Detwiler announced that the board would be proceeding into executive session for personnel reasons and adjourned the meeting at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy L. Krūm-Tinsley
Township Manager/Secretary
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