

DECEMBER 10, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Culp, Janiczek, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, as well as Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Dr. Janiczek and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of November 12 and 19, 2013 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

CONDITIONAL USE

674 Baltimore Pike &
637 E. Leamy Avenue

Dr. Janiczek moved to approve a Conditional Use Application, subject to comments made by the Planning Commission for Bob's Discount Furniture, 674 Baltimore Pike & 637 E. Leamy Avenue to have two businesses, on one property subject to the applicant's submission that the smaller property will be retail and not a restaurant, and that the use will be complimentary to Bob's Furniture, and to approve the request to remove the rear 20 parking spaces and keep them in reserve should they be needed for future use of the property. The Planning Commission reviewed the application of December 5, 2013 and recommended its approval. The Board of Commissioners held a special hearing this evening at 7:30 p.m. to review the application. Verbatim testimony was taken by Court Reporter, Lori DiFabio. The motion for approval was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Byrne announced that the Township and the Springfield Ambulance Corps have an agreement in place and requested that a Resolution concerning the agreement be added as an agenda item.

Dr. Janiczek moved authorizing the Resolution approving the agreement be added to this evening's agenda. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Dr. Janiczek read a Resolution authorizing the appropriate officers of the Township to execute an agreement between the Township and Ambulance Corps. The Ambulance Corps is to remain as its primary emergency service delegate for one year following the execution of the agreement. The Township shall not execute a contract with Crozer-Keystone Health System provided that Springfield Ambulance Corps meet and maintain certain standards of service specified in the agreement. The Board of Commissioners shall assign a Commissioner liaison to the Springfield Ambulance Corps.

RESOLUTION #19-13
Ambulance Corps
Agreement

The following offered their comments on the agreement reached by the Township and Ambulance Corps.

Betsy Gibson, 66 Mansion Road
Ray Peppel, 230 Ridgewood Road
Mike Denny, 449 Larchwood Road
Bill Heider, 200 E. Thomson Avenue
John Jerzak, 417 E. Springfield Road
Kevin Carney, 123 Wyndmoor Road
Jason Thomson, 81 W. Sproul Road

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #19-13, seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Culp announced that on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m., the Library will be holding a Christmas Special for the whole family. *Marvin's Christmas Wish*, is a heartwarming tale of Christmas magic. He also thanked the residents who have given a donation towards the Library Fund Drive.

Library

Planning

Mrs. Sage reported the Planning Commission met on December 5, 2013 and recommended approval of the Conditional Use Application for the Bob's Discount Furniture, 674 Baltimore Pike and 637 E. Leamy Avenue, with conditions set forth in the Township Engineer's review letter. They also recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision/Land Development Application of Bob's Discount Furniture, contingent upon the recommendations of the Township Engineer.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported on December 19th, the Zoning Hearing Board will convene to hear continued testimony regarding "off-premises signs." The Board will also be hearing three other applications that evening.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek reported that the Township received \$60 per ton for recycled paper, revenue for the month of November was \$5,580.00. Total tons of commingled amounted to 73 tons. The current rate is \$18.09 per ton and the Township has collected \$1,320.57 in revenue. The leaf collection schedule was completed on December 6th. The entire schedule will be repeated. Due to Christmas and New Year's Day, there will be no trash or recycling collection on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1st. Bulk items will also not be collected on both holidays

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported that during the month of November, total rounds were 1,523, bringing the year-to-date total to 29,062 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$54,314, bringing the year-to-date total to \$1,038,659. The irrigation system was drained to prevent ice damage.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported this past Friday, December 7th, the Ice Rink had over 150 skaters for the evening session. This is one of the largest skating crowds in years. The ice rink is available between Christmas and New Years for parties.

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance for the month of November. The Parks crew has completed leaf removal for the season, winterized the irrigation systems at Church Road, Netherwood and Memorial Parks.

Parks

Mr. Rudolph stated that during the holiday season, many residents will be making on-line purchases that will be delivered to their homes. Packages sitting by the front door are a target for theft. He encouraged residents to track their deliveries on-line and try to arrange for a family member or neighbor to pick up the package. He also noted the Police Department urges all residents to drink responsibly over the holiday season.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reported during November, the Fire Company responded to 9 fires, 39 non-fires, 23 mutual aid, 10 drills/work sessions. Total man hours was 2011 hours.

Fire

Dr. Janiczek moved that all bills approved for payment by the appropriate chairperson be paid. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Culp, seconded by Mr. Sage, the Treasurer's Report for November 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Resolution #20-13 providing for a 2% discount on a 2014 sewer rent bill paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #20-13
Sewer Rent Discount

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #21-13 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2014 at 5%. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

RESOLUTION #21-13
Police Pension
Contribution

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AWARD OF SERVICE
CONTRACT

Mr. Wechsler reported that three Request for Proposals for the Automated Red Light Camera Project was received. After considerable review, the Board selected Redflex Traffic Systems at the discounted price of \$4,000/camera per month when eight or more cameras are ordered. Mr. Wechsler moved to authorize the acceptance of the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

SUBDIVISION PLAN
TABLED

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the agenda item concerning Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan of 674 Baltimore Pike & 637 E. Leamy Avenue was tabled. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

SUBDIVISION PLAN
501 Yale Avenue

Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 501 Yale Avenue, contingent upon meeting the Township Engineer and Planning Commission's comments. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

GOLF ADVISORY
BOARD

Mr. Lanciano moved to appoint Rick Megaro, 344 Lester Road, to a vacancy on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Miller 311 Alliston Road, questioned the funding for the red light cameras.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:10 p.m.)

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.