

JANUARY 14, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Culp, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Dr. Janiczek was absent. Also present were Mr. Fulton and Mrs. Warner, as well as James Halligan, Esq., of McNichol, Byrne & Matlawski.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Wylie Johnson of Springfield Baptist Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Sage read a Resolution wishing a Happy 100th Birthday to Helen Rochford. Mrs. Sage stated she will be presenting the Resolution and flowers to Mrs. Rochford at her home tomorrow on her actual birthday.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Culp, the minutes of December 10 and 17, 2013 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Golf Course

Mr. Culp reported that during the month of December, total rounds were 500, bringing the year-to-date total to 29,562 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$52,031, bringing the year-to-date total to \$1,090,000. The golf course was opened 17 days during the month.

Park Board

Mr. Culp read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of December. The majority of the time has been spent on completing leaf and snow removal in all Parks.

Mrs. Sage reported the Zoning Hearing Board will convene on January 23rd to hear an application requesting dimensional variances for the construction of an addition on a property in an “E” Business District at 19 E. Woodland Avenue. The Board will also continue to hear testimony regarding “off-premises signs.”

Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported the number of library users in 2013 was 182,888; 100,700 adults and 82,791 children. A total of 18,447 children and caregivers attended 534 library programs. The Winter 1 Session of all youth programs takes place from January 6 to February 14. Residents who contributed to the Library’s Annual Fund Drive were thanked.

Library

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission had no meeting in January. At their February 6th meeting, they will be reviewing the Preliminary/Final Land Development plan submission for the Chipotle Restaurant at 801 Baltimore Pike. This project was previously approved by the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Wechsler stated the final plans have been submitted and in accordance with the Municipalities Code a decision on this Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan application must be made by the Board of Commissioners on or before May 7, 2014, unless an extension is granted. The Township Engineer has requested the Planning Commission review and render their recommendation at their February 6th meeting.

Planning

Mr. Layden reported the Ice Rink experienced the biggest public skating crowds during the holidays over the last 10 years. Most sessions had over 100 skaters with 60% of them renting skates. There will be special skating sessions on Martin Luther King Day and Presidents’ Day.

Ice Rink

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents that during periods of snowfall that vehicles must be removed from all streets designated as “Snow Emergency Routes” after one hour of continuous snowfall. Failure to do so may result in towing of vehicles.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents not to place snow in the roadway while removing it from your property. This is a violation of township ordinance and may result in a fine. Snow and ice from your vehicle must be cleared. Snow or ice that falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle, pedestrian or property constitutes a violation of PA law and may result in a fine. Mr. Rudolph asked residents, especially the elderly, to be cautious of unexpected visitors to their homes. Thieves in Springfield and other area towns have been targeting elderly residents for home burglaries.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph read a fire safety tip on electrical fires. Extra care must be taken when dealing with an electrical fire due to the threat of shock or electrocution. In light of the recent severe cold temperatures, some people may experience burst pipes. He urged that if you see water running out of your home to dial 911. An emergency responder will come to assess the situation.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Wechsler moved that all bills approved for payment by the appropriate chairperson be paid. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On motion of Mr. Layden, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, the Treasurer's Report for December 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
No Parking Zone

Mr. Culp read a proposed ordinance creating a "No Parking" zone on the south side of the 200 block of Brock Road, extending 68' in an eastwardly direction from Powell Road. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #1-14
Bank Deposits

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-14 authorizing the proper officers establish and maintain federally insured investment accounts with commercial banks or savings institutions chartered by the Commonwealth of PA or the United States. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #2-14 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a one year Mowing Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-14
Mowing Agreement

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #3-14 appointing Pennoni Associates as the Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer. This is in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

RESOLUTION #3-14
Sewer Enforcement
Officer

Mr. Lanciano moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Plan of Bob's Discount Furniture, 674 Baltimore Pike & 637 E. Leamy Avenue, subject to the comments of the Springfield Planning Commission and Township Engineer's letter of December 4, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT
Bob's Furniture

Mr. Culp moved authorizing the Civil Service Commission to make the necessary preparations to give a patrolman exam. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

CIVIL SERVICE
EXAM

Mr. Wechsler moved to appoint two alternate police towing service companies, McGarrigle's Towing and Bill's Auto Body for the year 2014. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

POLICE TOWING
SERVICES

Mr. Layden moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to attend, expenses paid, the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Delaware County Association of Township Commissioners and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Convention and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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APPOINTMENTS

Civil Service
Commission

Mrs. Sage moved for the reappointment of Mrs. Judy Wright, 308 S. Bishop Avenue, to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Golf Advisory Board

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Mr. Samuel Adolph, 257 W. Leamy Avenue, to a four year term on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Library Board

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, Mrs. Lynn Lanciano, 632 Cheyney Road, was reappointed to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Mr. Robert Wilson, 249 Franklin Avenue, to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Muckinipates Sewer
Authority

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Mr. Charles Hopkins, 447 Kerr Lane, was reappointed to another four year term as the Township's representative on the Muckinipates Sewer Authority. Seconded by Mr. Culp carried.

DCJA

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Mr. Daniel Kelly, 1054 West Avenue, was reappointed to a five year term as the Township's representative on the Darby Creek Joint Authority. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

DEP CIVIL PENALTY

Mr. Lanciano moved to authorize the proper officer pay a negotiated assessment to DEP, a civil penalty, in the amount of \$3,463.00. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:29 p.m.)

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