

JANUARY 8, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2012 in the Township Building.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of November 27, December 11 & 18, 2012 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Wechsler read the applications that will be presented to the Zoning Hearing Board on January 24, 2013. The Zoning Hearing Board will hear the following applications: (1) Delaware County Outdoor – challenging the Validity of the Township Zoning Ordinance for a billboard at 1420 Baltimore Pike, (2) Bartkowski Investment Group challenging the Validity of the Township Zoning Ordinance for billboards at six locations on Baltimore Pike, (3) Accessory use variance to permit the parking of a commercial vehicle on a residential property at 430 Blair Road, and, (4) Variances to permit a new development of property as a medical center at 417 Baltimore Pike, currently known as the Springfield Inn.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek reminded residents that “Snow Emergency Routes” are posted and anyone who is parked on an emergency snow route during a snowstorm may have their vehicle towed if parked along the route. He advised residents living in a cul-de-sac that there are over 50 cul-de-sacs in the community. There is only one type of snowplow to get into the cul-de-sacs and as a result, he asked for residents’ patience. He also stated there are over 66 square miles of highway in Springfield and asked residents to be mindful of the fact that if a snow plow covers their sidewalk while plowing they will have to understand the fact that the roadway needs to be opened.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of December. The Parks crew completed all leaf clean-up in the parks for the year, removed fallen trees in Crowell and Thomson Parks and began winter maintenance on their equipment.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Rink opened its 2013 season with a great weekend of public skating as over 250 skaters enjoyed the facility. The Rink will have a special afternoon session on Martin Luther King Day, January 21st.

Police

Mr. Rudolph also advised residents that during periods of snowfall vehicles must be removed from all Township streets posted as “Snow Emergency Routes. Failure to do so may result in the towing of vehicles.” He also noted that snow may not be placed into the roadway. This is a violation of Township ordinance and may result in a fine. He recommended residents to clear all snow and ice from their vehicle before driving. Snow or ice that falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian constitute violations of PA law and may result in a fine. Mr. Rudolph stated that Springfield has seen elderly residents targeted for home burglaries and thefts. Many of the offenders pose as contractors, utility workers, etc. and coax the homeowner outside the residence while an accomplice enters the home and steals property. He reminded all residents to be cautious of unexpected visitors to their home.

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Mr. Rudolph read a list of fire safety tips in helping to reduce the chance for a fire to start in your home. The tips included avoiding unattended candles, unattended stoves while cooking food, placing items too close to a heater. He reminded residents to have a home escape plan.

Mr. Culp moved that all bills approved for payment by the appropriate chairperson be paid. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Culp, the Treasurer's Report for December 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1532 amending Chapter 130, "Telecommunication Facilities" with the addition of a new Article VI entitled, "Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Within and Outside Rights-of-Way." Mr. Wechsler explained the intent of this ordinance is to provide standards and requirements addressing the installation and maintenance of wireless facilities in Township Rights-of-Way, recover costs from services provided and remain in compliance with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1533 updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1534, amending the refuse fee to \$215 per residential dwelling unit. Persons qualifying under the PA Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program (PA-1000) may request a rebate equal to 25% of the amount of the State rebate check, not to exceed \$150.00. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Fire Company

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1532
Telecommunication
Facilities

ORDINANCE #1533
Consolidated Fee
Schedule

ORDINANCE #1534
Refuse Fee

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ORDINANCE #1535
Sewer Rent

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1535 fixing the sewer rate for 2013 at \$5.25 per thousand gallons of water consumed. Persons qualifying under the PA Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program (PA-1000) may request a rebate of \$25. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Covered Device
Recycling

Mr. Wechsler summarized a proposed ordinance providing regulations for the disposal and recycling of covered devices. In keeping in compliance with PA state regulations, (Covered Device Recycling Act 108 of 2010), beginning January 24, 2013, disposal of covered devices will be prohibited from municipal solid waste. Covered devices, such as computers and related equipment, televisions, telephones, etc. must be taken to an electronic collection location for proper recycling. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public viewing. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Sign

Mrs. Sage read a proposed ordinance creating a stop intersection at Laurel Road and Sara Drive, facing southwest bound traffic on Laurel Road. She moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried

RESOLUTION #1-13
Bank Deposits

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-13 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.

RESOLUTION #2-13
Sewer Enforcement
Officer

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #2-13 appointing Pennoni Associates as the Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer. This is in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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Mr. Culp moved to reappoint the two alternate Police towing service companies, McGarrigle's Towing and Bill's Auto Body for year 2013. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

POLICE TOWING SERVICES

Dr. Janiczek 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, Eastern PA Conference and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Convention and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, PSATC CONVENTION

Mr. Rudolph moved for the reappointment of Domenic Basile, 424 Burns Drive, to a four year term on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

APPOINTMENTS
Golf Advisory Board

Mr. Lanciano moved for the reappointment of Michael Simpson, 42 Worrell Drive, to a four year term on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

On motion of Mr. Culp, Margaret Wagner, 230 Sunnybrook Road, was reappointed to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Library Board

Mrs. Sage moved for the reappointment of Diane Smith, 1029 Crozer Lane, to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Mr. Culp moved to reappoint Patrick Warner, 225 Avon Road, to a five year term on the Park Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Park Board

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Amy Foran, 121 S. Rolling Road, was reappointed to a five year term on the Park Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved that Mr. John McFadden, 47 S. Rolling Road, be reappointed to a one year term on the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Vacancy Board

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RESOLUTION #3-13
Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #3-13 appointing George Troilo, 453 Maplewood Road, as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:35 p.m.)

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.