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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in the Township Building.

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph, Devenney and Lanciano. Also present were Mr. LeFevre and Mrs. Warner, as well as Kelly Sullivan, Esq. of McNichol, Byrne and Matlawski.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Robert Novack of Life Christian Fellowship, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of June 8, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Mrs. Sage reported year-to-date total membership and admission fees totaled \$222,738. Year-to-date snack shop sales totaled \$17,350. She announced the Pool is open seven days a week until Labor Day.

Mrs. Sage stated due to the structural damage to the Ice Rink roof, the Ice Rink will not be open for the 2010/11 season. Last week the Board had a meeting with the Township Engineer, Mr. Mastronardo, and Claims Adjuster, Mr. Layden. The insurance company suggested a possible solution to the structural damage was mending the roof. She stressed no official report has yet to be received from the insurance carrier. This was done by a sketch suggesting

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pool

Ice Rink

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Building Regulations

mending the four support beams that had failed. Messrs. Mastronardo and Layden agree that it is not a fix, just merely a mend and for the safety of all who use the Rink, mending the roof is not a viable answer. She thanked the public for supporting the Township's effort and noted she will continue to keep everyone apprised of the status. of the situation.

Dr. Janiczek reported the Code Enforcement Department advises residents a permit is required to install a swim pool capable of holding 24" of water, including temporary or portable. He reviewed the regulations for private pool which included a 48" enclosure and the placement of a pool.

He reported the Township was awarded a Growing Greener Grant from PECO for the purchase of native bare root trees to be offered to residents. This is an opportunity for residents to meet the Code which requires a shade tree in the front yard. As part of the grant project, the Code Enforcement Department is performing a tree survey to identify residential properties without a tree in the front yard setback.

He announced the Giant Food Store is scheduled to open on August 5th. Citadel Credit Union new facility is scheduled to open on August 16th.

Storm Clean-up

Mr. Wechsler stated it was interesting to observe the cooperation of all the residents of Springfield in handling the difficulties of the power outages after the major storm on June 24th. It was amazing to go around a day or two residents have cleaned their home and streets.

Health

Mr. Wechsler announced July is UV Safety Month. Eye doctors are urging Americans to protect their eyes and their children's eyes by wearing sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats. Studies have shown prolonged exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can lead to vision loss.

Mr. Wechsler read a letter from the PA Department of Environmental Resources congratulating the Township for being awarded the Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant. This grant in the amount of \$175,327.00 reflects 5,403.8 tons of residential and commercial materials recycled in 2008. He reminded residents to continue to recycle.

Environmental

Mr. Rudolph reported in April the Department of awarded the Township a grant of \$28,000 to replace 360 incandescent lamps in our traffic signals with LED modules. With this grant, the Township can now complete the LED change-over this year. To date, 235 modules have been installed. The Township will save over \$15,000 a year in energy cost. PECO will also send the Township a one time payment of \$18,000 as part of their energy incentive program.

Traffic Signals

Mr. Rudolph read the Public Works report for the month of June. The highway department is still performing base repair throughout the Township to prepare for our annual 2010 overlay season. Milling and paving of the roads began last week. The Highway Department continues to paint crosswalks, turnarounds, stop lines on all state highways and township streets. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of June was 132 tons. Total tons of commingled for the same period was 80. Total tons of trash collection for June was 1,226 tons.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph thanked everyone for their cooperation during the storm on June 24th. He noted Public Works had 8 men working until 9 pm during the clean up that evening. They continued to send out special crews collecting brush and branches until July 12. He also announced beginning July 16th at 7 pm, PennDOT will be milling Baltimore Pike from Woodland Avenue to Route 252.

Mr. Devenney reported the Springfield Library is now on Facebook. Facebook friends can see the most up to date information about programs and other special services offered

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at the Library. He read a list of special children's activities being held at the library during the month of July. A new online reading program for adults recently began. This allows you to keep track of the books you have read and share reviews with other readers in Delaware County.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the weather summary report for the month of June. He also read the Golf Course maintenance report. Due to the high heat and humidity throughout the month of June, intensive hand watering of the greens and tees continues. New storm water pipes and natural spring drains were installed along the 10th fairway and a new cart path was installed along the side of the 10th tee. For the month of June, total rounds were 4,715, bring the year-to-date total to 15,088 rounds. Total revenue was \$186,883 bringing the year to date revenue to \$609,070, which is \$33,761 over last year.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of June. All shrubs and hedges at the Township Building, District Court and Library were trimmed. New wood carpet was installed under the playground equipment at Memorial, Pennsdale and Jane Lownes Parks. Two new flag poles were installed at the baseball fields at Netherwood Park. Preparation began at Netherwood Park for the upcoming regional baseball tournament being sponsored by the Athletic Association.

Police Department

Mr. Mahoney announced Police Sergeant Michael Vaughn graduated from the FBI National Academy and Police Sergeant John DiTrollo graduated from the Northwestern School of Police. Officer Pat McKenna received an award from the PA Dept. of Transportation for traffic enforcement. He was recognized for his efforts while participating in PA's Bucket Up – Aggressive Drive Program. The Police Dept. has applied for a COPS grant throughout the US Department of Justice to hire two additional police officers.

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Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of June the Fire Company responded to 55 fires, 46 non-fires, 22 mutual aid and held 15 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$33,500.00.

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney reported the Finance Committee has been meeting in preparation of the 2011 budget. He noted the Township is dealing with a number of difficult financial issues, including pension costs, capital equipment needs, health insurance expenses and property maintenance demands. The Finance Committee will continue to meet in an effort to minimize any tax increase on our residents next year.

Finance

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Devenney, the Treasurer's Report for May 2010 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Mr. Devenney read a proposed ordinance increasing towing rates from \$95 to \$130 for a passenger car or other vehicles weighing less than 10,000 lbs., storage costs for an impounded vehicle from \$40 to \$50, cost for a vehicle weighing more than 10,000 lbs. from \$165 per hour to \$175 per hour and the storage of vehicles other than a passenger car from \$40 per day to \$50 per day. He moved the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Towing Rates

Mrs. Sage read a proposed ordinance creating a 15 minute parking zone on the westerly side of Surrey Lane, extending northeasterly from the Springfield Road, approximately 90 feet to a private driveway. She moved the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
15 Minute Parking

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LAND DEVELOPMENT
Thomas Wayne
Enterprises

Mr. Lanciano moved to accept the Final Land Development Application of Thomas Wayne Enterprises, 1400 Baltimore Pike., contingent upon the comments of the Township Engineer's letter of July 12, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

CIVILIAN PENSION
INVESTMENT
ADVISOR

Mr. Wechsler moved to approve the request for proposals for an Investment Advisor for the Civilian Pension Plan. Said requests will be advertised in July and accepting bids by August 6, 2010. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

CIVIL SERVICE
EXAM

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

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$1,649,813.00 from the escrow account for the Springfield Literacy Center. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Dr. Janiczek moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for the Demolition of 320 Maple Avenue to be received by August 6, 2010 by 10 am. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried. Dr. Janiczek noted the home has been unfit for habitation and Delaware County Court approved the demolition of the structure.

CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

On motion of Mr. Devenney, Francis Grady, 445 Foulke Lane, was appointed from alternate member to full member on the Civil Service Commission and Kenneth Sexton, 758 Kelli Lane, was appointed to an unexpired term on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PLANNING
COMMISSION

Mrs. Sage moved to reappoint Frank Gorgone, 285 School Lane, and Tanya Siletsky, 950 Edwards Drive, to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Mr. Lanciano noted the grand opening for Giant Food Store is August 4th and not the 5th, as mentioned in Dr. Janiczek's report.

The following residents commented in the importance of having the Ice Rink in the community. They would like the Township to continue work expeditiously to find a solution that will result in having the Ice Rink reopen.

- Lori Medwid, 12 S. Norwinden Drive
- Dan Mortelli, 213 Parkview Drive
- Mike Brawley, 188 Bellevue Avenue,
- Bill Eastman, 436 Penn Lane, coach of varsity high school team
- Ed Hitchens, 508 Briarhill Road,
- Al Austin, representing the Haverford Hawks Hockey League
- Stewart Hollensed – President of the Haverford Hawks Hockey League
- Mike Pecercelli

Bob Layden, 213 Welsh Drive, Township's insurance adjuster, gave a brief history of what has been happening during negotiations. He stated the insurance company wants to try to repair the trusses that are cracked and we want them to replace the ones that are broken. Their engineer still has not put together a schematic blueprint that would give them an idea of what it is going to take to fix the trusses in their manner. He noted it is not for any lack of urgency that this has been stalled, it is being addressed constantly. We are dealing with building consultants, engineers, an architect and even if we were going to accept their proposal on how to go to about fixing the roof, they still don't have their proposal put together. He spoke to their building consultant today and their preliminary report without any specifics will not be ready until mid to the end of August. Even if we would repair it in the manner that they are proposing, it still will not be done for this season.

GIANT FOOD STORE

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ADJOURNMENT
(9:40 p.m.)

After Mr. Layden's statement, he took questions from the audience.

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