

MARCH 9, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph Devenney and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. LeFevre and Byrne, as well as Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend McShane of Princeton Presbyterian Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE  
COMMENDATIONS

Chief Daly presented a special Commendation of Merit to Patrolman Hurowitz for self-initiated arrest regarding an incident in a residential neighborhood which lead to the arrest of a serial burglar. Commendations of Merit were also presented to Patrolmen Hurowitz and Clifton for the apprehension of a serious sex offender in the parking lot of Best Buy.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Mahoney read a Resolution presented by the PA House of Representatives to Chief Daly on his election as President of the Police Chiefs Association of Southeast Pennsylvania for 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Silver Star Recipient

As an update to the Springfield resident that was killed in Vietnam, Barry Burnite, was awarded the Silver Star posthumously as a ceremony held last night.

Health

Mr. Wechsler reported the health tip for the month of March is the American Cancer Society is encouraging men and women 50 and older to get tested for colorectal cancer.

Mr. Wechsler reported the environmental tip for the month of March is plant a tall growing broad-leaf tree such as an oak, maple or black gum. Their foliage and bark surfaces reduce runoff and erosion by intercepting rainfall and their roots absorb rainfall. He also noted on March 20, the Springfield Township Environmental Committee will sponsor a Water Run-Off Awareness Program at the Township Building from 9:30 am to noon.

Environmental

Mr. Rudolph announced the Township won in Delaware County Court of Common Pleas regarding Mulch-It's appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board's denial and the Township's the counter-appeal arguing the matter should not return to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mulch-It

Mr. Rudolph read the Public Works report for the month of February. The highway department is in the process of filling potholes. Residents are asked to report any pothole in need of patching to the Public Works Department. If potholes are located on state highways, Public Works will forward the location to PennDOT. There will be no trash or recycling collection on April 2, 2010 for the Good Friday holiday. Total tons of paper collected for recycling during the month of February 2010 was 91 tons. Total tons of commingled collected for the same period was 52 tons. Mr. Rudolph thanked the Public Works Department for the great job they did in salting and plowing during the past three record snow (totaling 76") storms.

Public Works

Mr. Devenney announced the Library will hold a special program on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 am in the Township Building. The Cat in the Hat will be visiting and the program will include stories, songs and dancing. The youth programs are underway and adult programs have been planned through May. The new Library's website allows you via email to renew your book or receive a notice of an overdue book.

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Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read Golf Course maintenance report and weather summary for the month of February. The golf course was closed every day in February. Total snow fall for the month was 51.5". Total revenue for the month was \$1,333.00, bringing the year-to-date revenue to \$17,110.00. Winter equipment maintenance and repairs program is 90% completed.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report. Snow removal and winter equipment maintenance was completed. Maintenance on the baseball fields have begun. Fallen branches and trees in several parks were cleaned up.

Police

Mr. Mahoney reported the Springfield Police Department will be introducing a new and improved police website which will go on line March 10. This site can be accessed through [www.springfieldpd.com](http://www.springfieldpd.com).

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of February, the Fire Company responded to 29 fires, 49 non-fires, 12 mutual aid and held 10 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$36,000.00.

Planning

Mrs. Sage reported at the March 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting two preliminary/final land development plans were reviewed. Thunderbird II and Springfield Diner received recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for approval, contingent upon the engineer's comments.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Sage announced due to the major damage of the roof trusses at the Springfield Country Club Ice Rink and in the interest of public safety, the facility was immediately closed. While it has been stabilized, the facility will be closed for the remainder of the season. The matter is being studied by the township engineer and the insurance adjuster and engineer assigned by the insurance carrier. Their reports and findings may take sometime to be compiled. No decision has been made regarding the future of the ice rink.

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Wechsler reported two bids were received for Construction of a BMP Park. Since both bids exceeded the budget and grant \$50,000 grant, he moved to table this project until the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

BIDS TABLED

Mr. Rudolph moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 5-10 setting the time and date of the public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance of 2010 to be held 7:30 p.m. on March 22, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RESOLUTION #5-10  
Public Hearing

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Resolution No. 6-10 was approved authorizing the disposal of municipal records in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Municipalities Record Act (P.L. 428). Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #6-10  
Disposal of Records

Mr. Lanciano moved to accept a settlement of a tax assessment appeal with NHS Human Services for their property located at 504 Stidman Drive. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

TAX ASSESSMENT  
APPEAL

Dr. Janiczek moved authorizing the Township Engineer release \$3,223,749.80 from the escrow account for the Target Land Development. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RELEASE OF  
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved that the Township retain the services of Layden Adjustment Service, Inc. to advise and assist in the adjustment of the insurance claims at a 4% fee of the total amount paid by the insurance carrier in settlement of the Country Club Ice Rink's damaged roof. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Dr. Janiczek moved that the Township retain the services of the Brown & Silbergeld to provide legal services with respect to the collection of business taxes. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Wechsler moved to authorize receipt of bids for LED Lights for Traffic Signals to be received by 10 am on April 9, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Rudolph moved to authorized receipt of bids for Patching Material to be received by 10 am on April 9, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE

Mr. Wechsler reminded residents the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon.

AUDIENCE

Springfield Hockey Club members and their parents, as well as a representative of the OHL, a 50 and over hockey league, voiced their concerns over the closing of the Springfield Ice Rink due to the damage to the roof resulting from the three heavy snowstorms. They asked for the Board to repair the damage and reopen the rink. The emphasis how much they valued the ice rink facility.

Mr. Mahoney stated the Board cannot speculate on the outcome and as soon as they receive the reports they will work on a decision.

George Nelson, stated in 1972 the trash collection fee was \$25 and was suppose to be for just one year. He suggested the trash fee be included with the real estate tax bill, so he can take advantage of the 2% discount.

Ann Jackson, representing Darby Creek Valley Association stated the annual clean-up along Darby Creek is scheduled for April 24 from 9 am – 1 pm.

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Mr. Devenney moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, March 22, 2010 for a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Code. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ADJOURNMENT  
(9:15 p.m.)