

OCTOBER 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were also present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Wechsler, Rudolph, Layden, Janiczek and Lanciano. Also present was Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Warner and Kelly Sullivan, Esq.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel Of the Blue Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Janiczek presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Oliver Heating-Cooling-Plumbing in recognition of 40 years as an outstanding company, and, to honor the community service performed by the company donating and installing heaters to families in need. Mr. Joseph Oliver came forward to accept the certificate.

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation naming October 24 - October 30, 2011 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Springfield by promoting a drug free community.

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of September 13, 2011 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

Mr. Wechsler asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items.

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Mrs. Sage announced the Ice Rink has opened for hockey leagues. The white ice and the new lighting has added a whole new aura to our building. Between the October 6th opening and last night, 22 teams have used the building for practice.

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She also noted that the snack bar is getting a facelift, as the vending company is replacing all of the machines with new state of the art vending machines. Public skating opens October 28th.

Code Enforcement

Dr. Janiczek reminded residents to rake their leaves to the inside edge of the sidewalk and not into the streets. The Code Enforcement Department will be enforcing this regulation.

Health

Mr. Wechsler stated the Township recognizes the month of October as “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” and encourages women to get a routine mammogram. Additional information is on the Township’s website.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph announced the leaf collection schedule has been published in the Springfield Press and also has been placed on the TV government channel and website. He noted the Township can no longer take leaves in plastic bags to the recycling center. He encouraged residents to place the leaves in commercially available paper bags. Anyone who bags their leaves in the paper bags are asked to call the Public Works for the bags to be picked-up.

Library

Mr. Layden reported that the Library’s fall book sale will be in the Township Building on Saturday, October 22 through Monday, October 24. The Library will be holding an AARP 55 Alive Safe Driver Refresher course on Saturday, November 5th. He also noted that the Kindle has been added to the list of hand-held e-readers available on the Delaware County Library System webpage. E-readers can download library books at no cost.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department continues with grass cutting, weekly maintenance on the football and soccer fields. Reconstruction began on the infield on the baseball field in Netherwood Park.

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Mr. Lanciano read the golf course maintenance report for the month of September. Due to the continuing wet weather in September, many hours were spent restoring sand traps and gardens, clearing drains, picking up debris and pruning damaged trees. Summer flowers were pulled at the entrance of the Clubhouse and replaced with fall flowers and pumpkins. For the month of September, total rounds were 3,502, which brings the year-to-date total to 26,777 rounds. Total revenue of \$140,992 brought the year to date revenue to \$1,068,244.

Golf Course

Mr. Mahoney asked Dr. Janiczek about the two new auto dealerships locating in Springfield. Dr. Janiczek stated that Piazza Honda will be located at the former Rothrock Chevrolet location and Spencer Chevrolet is coming to the former Loughhead Nissan location.

Auto Dealerships

Mr. Mahoney announced the Springfield Police Department, in cooperation with the DEA will be participating in the "National Prescription Drug Take Back". Citizens are invited to drop off expired, unwanted or unused medication on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the police station between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. To date, this program has resulted in the collection of 309 tons of pills nationwide.

Police

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. Lanciano, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2011 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 14-11 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to transfer the sum of \$1.1 million from the General Fund into the Capital Vehicles Fund. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

RESOLUTION #14-11
Transfer of Funds

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RESOLUTION #15-11
Code of Discipline

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 15-11 approving the Springfield Township Civil Service Commission Code of Discipline, effective August 25, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT
Chuck E. Cheese

Mark Damico, Esq. representing the applicant, Chuck E. Cheese, 381 Baltimore Pike, gave a brief review of the Preliminary/Final Redevelopment Plan. He noted the new building will be a reduction in size from 28,144 sq. ft. to 14,400 sq. ft. There will be a 20% reduction in impervious surface with 15,000 sq. ft. of new landscaping that includes a new 6' high privacy fence in the rear buffering the property from the residential neighborhood. Mr. Rudolph asked what the construction schedule. Mr. Damico replied will begin at their earliest opportunity. Dr. Janiczek questioned the landscaping at the buffer area.

Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Redevelopment Plan of Chuck E. Cheese, contingent upon the comments of the Township Engineer, as well as the Planning Commission's comments. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Dr. Janiczek moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$24,754.50 from the escrow account for Springfield Diner, 720 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Rudolph moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Gasoline and Diesel to be received by November 4, 2011 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mrs. Rose Grellis, 340 Granite Terrace, a member of "Preserve Our PA Towns", an organization formerly known as "nobillboards.com", asked for the Board's support in opposing billboards not only in Springfield, but throughout the state. She requested the Board encourage the PA First Class Township Association to make billboard control a legislative priority.

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Mr. Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, representing Mr. Don DiBello, 570 Collins Drive, presented a letter to the Board in opposition to the Beatty Hills sewer pump system. Mr. Lanciano noted the Township received a grant in the amount of \$267,000 for this project.

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston, raised questions concerning the police contract, the maximum obligation for Minimum Municipal Obligation for police pension, police healthcare. He stated the police should take a reduction in pay and also contribute more to their health care and pension. He suggested taking some positive cash flow from the golf course and use it for renovations at the swim pool.

Mrs. Patty Naughton, 13 Pearson Drive, questioned what the conditions were with PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit for the entrance of Walmart at State Road and Collins Drive. Mr. Lanciano replied the Township requested a condition of approval be placed on the HOP that requires a follow-up study after Walmart is opened to determine if there is an increase in cut-through traffic on Collins Drive. If an increase is identified, the shopping center owner would be required to install a right-in/right-out pork chop island.

Mr. Mahoney moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:05 P.M.)