

OCTOBER 12, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the Township Building.

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend Riccio of St. Francis of Assisi Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Commissioners honored members of the Springfield Fire Company for 50-plus years of service. Dr. Janiczek presented plaques to eight firefighters saluting them for their life commitment. Also, the Fire Company's Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) was cited for their efforts on September 1 at the Scully Propane Facility fire in Collingdale. Fire Chief, Bunk Woolson came forward to accept the plaque on behalf of the team.

RIT Captain, Keith Thomas, was presented with a Valor Award for his lifesaving action on September 1st Scully Propane Facility. Collingdale Police Chief, along with members of the Collingdale Fire Company presented a plaque thanking Captain Thomas for his expertise. Keith Thomas became part of the command staff due to his vast knowledge of propane emergencies. He was also part of the entry team to secure the scene of the propane tanks. Mr. Thomas came forward and thanked his fellow firefighters and family for their support.

Mr. Mahoney read a report from the Police Department recognizing the members of the Springfield Fire Company and Ambulance Corps for their contribution to the community and their assistance to the Police Department. Both volunteer organizations provide vital 24 hour emergency services.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

FIRE COMPANY
AWARDS

Police Department

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He noted The Police Department frequently works hand-in-hand with fire and ambulance personnel and depends on these agencies for support with service, equipment and training. The Police Department thanked both agencies for their dedication and commitment to the emergency services.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Lanciano read a Resolution honoring the accomplishments of the Springfield Garden Club. The Garden's Club's 2009 entries of the 75th Anniversary Garden, planted around the Library's flagpole, and the "Garden of Hope" located at the Township's 9-11 Memorial, won the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Community Greening Award. Mrs. Sandy Kapczynski accepted the Resolution.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation naming October 23 - October 31, 2009 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Springfield by promoting a drug free community.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of September 14, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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.

Code Enforcement

Dr. Janiczek announced the Leaf Collection Schedule will be posted on the Township website and community access channel 10. The schedule can also be obtained at the Township Building. It is a violation of ordinance for leaves to be raked into the street. Leaves placed in the street pose a danger to motorist and an accumulation of leaves on the storm sewer creates poor drainage conditions. Leaves are to be positioned on the house-side of the sidewalk. Code Enforcement personnel will performing inspections throughout the township to insure compliance with the ordinance.

Dr. Janiczek reported as a result of a recommendation by a resident in the 3rd Ward, Mrs. Burt Hodge, of Oakdale Place, the Township will hold a free shredding event on Saturday, November 6 from 10 am – 1 pm at the Township Building. He reviewed a list of examples on what to bring for shredding.

Shredding Event

Mr. Wechsler announced through the efforts of the CRC Watershed Association, volunteers are needed to help plant trees in Lehigh Park from 9 – 11 am.

Environmental

Mr. Wechsler announced that Springfield Township recognizes that October is Breast Health Cancer Awareness Month. Mammogram screenings should be done routinely for the early detection of breast cancer.

Health

Mr. Rudolph read the Public Works monthly report. The Public Works Department is in the process of doing curb/retaining wall work in Memorial Park and storm line repairs on Papermill Road. They are also in the process of getting the leaf collection equipment ready for the upcoming season. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of September was 128 tons. Total tons of commingled collected for September was 72 tons. Total tons of trash collected for September was 910.9 tons.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph reported the Signal/Street Lighting Department responded to 31 repair requests during the month of September. The signals at the Septa tracks on Brookside Road and Woodland Avenue are currently being updated to LED.

Traffic/Street Lighting

Mr. Layden announced the fall book sale will be held in the Township Building on October 23 – 25. He read a list of children and adult programs being held at the Library during October and November.

Library

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Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks maintenance report for the month of September. A fallen tree was removed from Ellson Glen Park, a new sandbox was installed in Williams Park and a new garden were constructed and planted at Old Central School.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report. All fall renovations to the fairways and roughs were completed. At the Clubhouse, summer flowers were pulled and replaced with fall flowers pumpkins. Renovations to the sand traps continue.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S
REPORT

On motion of Mr. Lanciano seconded by Dr. Janiczek, the Treasurer's Report for September 2010 was accepted and ordered filed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Special Sales

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 91, Peddling & Soliciting" by adding a new Article, entitled "Special Sales" which requires businesses that are holding Going Out of Business, Fire, Smoke or Water Damage Sales or Defunct Business Sales", obtain a permit to conduct a sale, as well as a bond payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He moved the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

SUBDIVISION
WAIVER

On motion of Mrs. Sage, a waiver request for Lots 1 & 2 on Hill Farm Lane relocating a driveway depression on Lot 2 to allow the back yard to conform with the rest of the neighborhood was approved. The Township Engineer & Code Enforcement Director recommended approval. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Mr. Rudolph moved approving disability retirement to police officer Joseph Coyne. Mr. Coyne injured his knee in 2004. An Independent Medical exam confirmed that he cannot return to duty as a police officer. Mr. Rudolph wished Mr. Coyne and his family the best of luck in the future. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

DISABILITY
RETIREMENT

Mrs. Sage moved that the Township vehicles/equipment sold through MunicBid be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

SALE OF SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT

Mr. Wechsler moved authorizing the Township Engineer release \$3,880 in the escrow account for Thunderbird Pizza, 188 Saxer Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Layden moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Diesel Fuel/Gasoline to be received by November 5, 2010 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Patty Naughton, 13 Pearson Circle, addressed the Board concerning the Wal-Mart store going into the Marple Crossroads Shopping Center. She commented on the issue with parking and traffic issues. She requested Springfield & Marple Townships work together along with Delaware County Planning Department to further review the situation.

AUDIENCE

Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, raises his concerns over House Bill 2431 and Senate Bill 1357 which would do away with local governments across the commonwealth and reorganize to a county-wide government. He wanted the public to become aware of this legislation. He added that the local connection with your commissioner needs to continue.

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Bill Denison, 441 Beatty Road, reiterated Mr. Wilfong's comments on the proposed legislation that would merged municipalities into a county-wide government, indicated this is an ongoing effort starting back in 1998. Hearings on these bills have recently been held. He would like to see local government control remain with Springfield and not elevated to the county-level.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:17 p.m.)

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