

SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2010 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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.

INVOCATION

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Layden presented a Resolution to the Springfield Athletic Association's Under-10 Baseball Team for winning the 2010 State Championship. Team members came forward to accept their Resolution.

Mr. Wechsler presented a Resolution to the Springfield Athletic Association's Under-11 Baseball Team for winning the 2010 State Championship. Team members came forward to accept their Resolution.

Mr. Rudolph presented a Resolution to the Springfield Athletic Association's Under-12 Baseball Team for winning the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Championship in the Cal Ripken World Series. Team members came forward to accept their Resolution.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Sage presented lifesaving awards to nine lifeguards, in absentia, in recognition for their action when each successfully assisted a swimmer in distress.

RESOLUTION #21-10
Police Chaplain

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-10 appointing Reverend Wylie W. Johnson, Pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church, to serve as Police Chaplain for the Springfield Township Police Department. Mr. Layden administered the Oath of Office to Reverend Johnson. Reverend Rocky Brown, Master Chaplain of Delaware County, came forward and congratulated Pastor Johnson and

presented him with his certificate for completing the training program required by the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Delaware County. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, the minutes of August 10 & 17, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

Mr. Robert Rushton, 739 Barry Drive, raised his concerns over the proposed installation of sanitary sewer lines in Beatty Hills.

Mr. LeFevre provided background information on the process in obtaining a joint grant with Marple Township to provide sanitary sewer service to Beatty Hills and the procedures of obtaining approval of the planning module from DEP. He stated this approval will allow the Township to go to the next step to formulize the plan and implement the grant funds. He added that on-lot sewer systems in that neighborhood are failing and the ground is no longer perking properly for sewage on-lot. Our intent is to provide the service to the residents and should their system fail or at the time the property is sold, then they are required to hook into the system. There is no upfront cost to the residents at all at this time.

Mr. Ruston questioned the feasibility and cost in connection with the sanitary sewers. He feels other alternatives need to be looked into before the Board adopts the Resolution.

Mr. Lanciano stated based on the Township Engineer's study, several options were reviewed and felt the grinder-pump option was the best. He noted when the on-lot system

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PUBLIC COMMENT

fails, the option of putting a new system in is limited. We are trying to address the health and safety issues of septic systems. Grinder pumps are cheaper than new septic systems.

Mr. Mahoney questioned Mr. Byrne if the Resolution was adopted tonight by the Board, would the public still have input on the plan. Mr. Byrne replied that they would.

Mr. LeFevre stated once DEP gives approval of the plan, there will be initial meetings with the residents educating them on the process and at that time they will have an opportunity to provide additional input.

Mr. Lanciano stated he would be in favor of tabling this Resolution until the next meeting so that he can meet with the residents to make sure that they are on board with what the Township is proposing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Pool

Mrs. Sage noted the Pool had a very successful season and thanked all who were involved in keeping the pool clean and safe.

Code Enforcement

Dr. Janiczek reviewed the procedures regarding trash disposal. He advised residents that the Code Enforcement Department will be doing inspections and enforcing the code. He announced there will be a hazardous waste collection on Thursday, September 16 at Rose Tree Park, and another one on Saturday, October 9th at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building.

Former Ferraro Cadillac Property

Dr. Janiczek commented in regard to an article in the news about the old Ferraro Cadillac property, and stated it is definitely not a done deal. Currently the Township Solicitor is representing the Township on this matter at the Planning Commission meetings.

Mr. Wechsler thanked all the Springfield residents who has served in the armed forces and also thanked such a great police, fire company, ambulance corps.

First Responders

Mr. Wechsler announced the trolleys are running again. Members of the Board of Commissioners will be meeting with SEPTA, as well as State Representative Adolph, on September 24th. They are working on some issues with the timing of the traffic lights at trolley crossings..

SEPTA

Mr. Wechsler reported the month of September is designated as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition mission is to raise awareness and increase education about ovarian cancer. Their new website will feature signs and symptom of ovarian cancer, but also provide information to assist people.

Health

Mr. Wechsler reported the Environmental Committee is sponsoring a workshop on September 22 from 6 – 9 pm on composting of food waste.

Environmental

Mr. Rudolph stated the more the tonnage increases in recycling, the less we have to pay to have our trash hauled away. For the last 6 months it has been decreasing. He reported the storm line in front 508 E. Springfield Road has been completed, as well as the Schollar Lane project. The Public Works Department continued with line painting of the streets throughout the township. Punch list items for the overlay is almost completed.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph reported that two street light standards on Baltimore Pike were struck by vehicles and will have to be replaced. All school warning signals as the various schools have been overhauled and timing set for the new school year. All field lighting at various Township parks have been tested and repaired for nighttime football practice. The traffic signal LED project is almost complete. Once the final

Signals/Lighting

paperwork is submitted to PECO, the Township will see a reduction in \$15,000 annually in its signal electric bill. The Township is now exploring the street light LED technology.

Run for Heroes

Mr. Rudolph announced the 10th Annual Delaware County Heroes Scholarship Fund – Run for Heroes 5K will be held on Sunday, October 10 at 9a.m. at the Township Building. Funds raised go to the education of siblings of fallen first responders.

Library

Mr. Layden announced the Library has a new way to support them at no cost to you. Do all your Internet searching using GoodSearch.com. By selecting Springfield Township Library as your charity, with every search the library receives a penny. He read a list of fall programs for children being held at the library. Fall adult programs begin on September 24th.

Free Trees

Mr. Lanciano the Township received a \$5000 grant for the purchase of native bare root trees. The Township is going to distribute these trees at no cost to interested residents for planting in their front yard. The Tree Tenders, Garden Club and Shade Tree Commission have partnered with the Township on this project.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report. The golf course was prepared for a visit by the USGA. Fall renovations of greens and tees have been completed. Fairway and rough renovations continues. For the month of August, total rounds were 4,822, bring the year-to-date total to 24,766 rounds. Total revenue was \$166,473 bringing the year to date revenue to \$955,377.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of August. The Parks crew installed new goalposts at the football field in Crowell Park, a new section of split fence along the property line at Memorial Park and began weekly maintenance to the football, soccer, field hockey fields in various parks.

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of August, the Fire Company responded to 13 fires, 29 non-fires, 23 mutual aid and held 10 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$765,352.00.

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney read the Police Department report for the month of August. The Springfield Township Community Watch Program is currently being formed. Applications are available at the Police department and through the Police website (www.springfieldpd.com). On Saturday, September 25, 2010, the Police Department will collaborate with DEA and conduct a National Take Back Initiative for potential dangerous controlled substance. A collection box will be available at the Police Department between 10 am and 2 pm for residents to surrender expired, unwanted or unused controlled substances or other medications for destruction. Residents are reminded to keep parked vehicles locked and secured, even in their own driveways. The Police Department has received 37 theft from vehicles reports over the summer months.

Police

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1509 replacing Chapter 120, Article III, "Excavations", with a new Chapter 120, Article III, entitled "Excavations and Openings". The new ordinance updates requirements for the excavation or opening of any public street, road, sidewalk or areas within the right-of-way. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

**ORDINANCE #1509
Excavations & Openings**

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RESOLUTION
TABLED

Mr. Lanciano moved to table the Resolution regarding the Beatty Hills Sanitary Sewer to allow more time for further discussion. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL
OBLIGATION

Mrs. Sage moved to authorize the approval of the Township's 2011 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. The Civilian Pension Plan has been budgeted \$288,093 for the Defined Benefit Plan and \$3,700 for the Defined Contribution Plan. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted \$907,917 Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mrs. Patty Naughlin, 13 Pearson Circle, addressed the Board concerning the proposed Walmart in the Marple Crossroads Shopping Center. She commented on the traffic issues, sanitary sewer capacity, and the impact it will have on the residents of Springfield and Marple Townships.

She stated Marple Township, as well as the owners of the shopping center, are unwilling to make any changes to the entrance of the center. She asked that Springfield Township become fully involved to protect the residents. Mr. Lanciano noted he has met with PennDOT regarding the access/egress situation.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:38 p.m.)

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