

JANUARY 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Janiczek, Culp, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Mr. Fulton, Byrne and Mrs. Warner.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Wylie Johnson of Springfield Baptist Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of December 9 and 16, 2014 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of December. The parks crew completed leaf removal in all parks and Township-owned properties. All goal posts from football and soccer fields were removed and six sections of the boards and fencing at the in-line hockey court in Crowell Park were removed.

Mr. Culp reported that during the month of December 2014, total rounds were 722, bringing the year-to-date total to 29,248 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$41,458.00, bringing the year-to-date total to \$1,233,566.00. The golf course was opened 24 days and closed 7. The winter equipment maintenance program has begun.

Mrs. Sage reported the Zoning Hearing Board will convene on January 22, 2015 to continue with the hearing

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Golf Course

Zoning

regarding a property at 477 Hawarden Road. The Zoning Hearing Board will also be hearing the following applications:

- Application of John McDevitt for special exception to permit an insurance business office in a “D” Residential Apartment District.
- Application of Elizabeth Roberts for a variance or special exception to permit a social skills therapy clinic for children in an “A” Residence District located at C.C. Hancock Methodist Church.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek reported recycled paper for December 2014 was 120 tons compared to 107 tons collected during the same time period in 2013. Commingled recycling totaled 137 tons for December 2014, compared to 152 tons collected in December 2013. Due to MKL Day on Monday, January 19, 2015, trash, paper and commingled recycling will not be collected. The collection of Christmas trees for recycling will end on January 16<sup>th</sup>. This collection is for trees free of ornaments and tinsel. All others will be picked up with the regular trash.

Library

Dr. Janiczek read the Library’s Usage Report for 2014. The number of library users for the year was 171,156 (93,044 adults and 78,112 children). The Winter 1 Session of youth programs takes place from January 5 through February 13. Dr. Janiczek also reported display windows located at the upper level of the Library are available to showcase organizations, crafts, hobbies or other interests with the community.

Ice Rink

Mr. Layden reported the Ice Skating Rink just closed out a most successful 2014-15 season grossing over \$250,000.00 for the 7 month season. Over 6,200 skating admissions were recorded during the season and over 2,800 pairs of skates were rented. During the season, 98% of the available ice was rented for hockey games and practice.

Mr. Layden reported on the construction of the new pool. Contractors have completed demolition and backfill of the old pools, and, the pool filter room equipment has been removed. The baby pool and main pool are in place and shotcreted. The river pool is formed and will be shotcreted once weather permits. The new sanitary and storm lines are 40% complete.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of December, 2014, there were 215 emergencies in Springfield, with SAC responding to 186 of those for 87% of the total while outside ambulances responding to 29 or 13%. The average response time from dispatch to arrival was 6.5 minutes.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Rudolph read a fire safety tip reminding residents that the winter months are the leading time of year for home fires. The National Fire Protection Agency and the United States Fire Administration provides safety tips and information on cooking, heating, candles and holiday decorating factors that contribute to the increased risk of home fires during the winter.

Fire Company

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, seconded by Mr. Layden, the Treasurer's Report for December 2014 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1553 setting the Sewer Rent Rate for the year 2015 at \$6.25 per thousand gallons of water consumed. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

ORDINANCE #1553  
Sewer Rent

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance to create a 3-way intersection at Cheyney & Lloyds Roads facing northeastbound, southwestbound and northwestbound traffic.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Stop Signs

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Police Pension Benefits

He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Dr. Janiczek read a proposed ordinance amending Part IV of the Springfield Township Code's Appendix, entitled "Retirement Income Plan for Police Officers." Section 2.04(b) "Pension Benefits for Surviving Spouse or Beneficiary" will be deleted and replaced by a new section entitled "Pre-retirement Survivor Benefit." The pre-retirement survivors' benefits are paid by the State under Act 2009. The Township had been carrying duplicate coverage of this benefit. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried

RESOLUTION #1-15  
Bank Deposits

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-15 authorizing the proper officers establish and maintain federally insured investment accounts with commercial banks or savings institutions chartered by the Commonwealth of PA or the United States. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT  
43-45 Eagle Road

Mr. Wechsler moved to approve the Final Land Development of Andrew Briner, 43-45 Eagle Road, subject to the comments of the Township Engineer. The Applicant proposes to subdivide the parcel into two lots to be developed with semi-detached dwellings. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RELEASE OF  
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining funds (\$7,701.00) from the escrow account to Springfield Diner, 720 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

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Mr. Wechsler moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$29,330.00 from the escrow account for Joseph Tarquini, 504 Eagle Road. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mrs. Sage moved to appoint two alternate police towing service companies, Capital Towing and Bill's Auto Body for the year 2015. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

POLICE TOWING SERVICES

Dr. Janiczek moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to attend, expenses paid, the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Delaware County Association of Township Commissioners and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Convention and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, PSATC CONVENTION

Mr. Culp moved for the reappointment of Nicholas Orloff, 332 Hawarden Road, to a six year term as an alternate member on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

APPOINTMENTS  
Civil Service Commission

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, Mrs. Carole Janiczek, 485 Barker Road, and Mrs. Marianne Revello, 305 Butler Road, were reappointed to a three year terms on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Library Board

Mr. Layden moved for the appointment of Anthony Gagliardi, 408 Valley View Road, to a unexpired term on the Planning Commission. The term expires on July 11, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Planning Commission

Mr. Wechsler moved that Mr. John McFadden, 47 S. Rolling Road, be reappointed to a one year term on the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Vacancy Board

Mr. Kevin Sheehan, 400 Northcroft Road, requested a study in regard to the traffic congestion at the intersection of Springfield and State Roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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RESIGNATION  
MR. CULP

Mr. Culp announced his resignation as 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Commissioner, effective immediately. He stated that he was appointed to County Council on January 5, 2015. Each Board member thanked him for his contribution to his constituents and all township residents.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:40 p.m.)

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