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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 in the Township Building.

REGULAR MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Wechsler read a Resolution honoring the Springfield Ambulance Corps for the past 60 years of service to the Township. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Wechsler thanked the members of the Ambulance Corps for the great job they do everyday.

RESOLUTION

Dr. Janiczek read a Proclamation naming October 23 - October 31, 2008 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Springfield by promoting a drug free community.

PROCLAMATION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wechsler reported at the October 2nd meeting of the Planning Commission two items were reviewed. The first item was a Preliminary/Final plan for 228 Baltimore Pike. The application was denied due to the lack of representation by the applicant. The second matter was for a 28'x24' residential garage at 338 Orchard 28 X 24. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.

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Environmental

Mr. Rudolph reported on Saturday, October 11th, the first annual “Heat your Home for Less Money” forum was held in the Township Building. It was well attended and the Environmental Committee plans to host the seminar on an annual basis. The Committee is also in the process of submitting a grant application to Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for construction of Stormwater Best Management Practice from designs developed over the past year. The designs were funded by an earlier grant from the CZMP.

Public Works

Reporting for the Public Works Committee, Mr. McAndrews stated the total of commingled collected for the month of September was 89.8 tons compared to 78.1 tons for the same period in 2007. Leaf collection will begin the week of November 3rd.

Golf Course

Mr. McAndrews read the Golf Course report for the month of September. Total rounds were 3,287, bringing the year-to-date total to 26,852 rounds. Total revenue for the month was \$136,837, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$1,110,854. This \$45,088 over last year.

Parks

Mr. Devenney read the monthly progress report for Parks Department. The crew completed installation of a half court in Ellson Glen Park. New playground equipment was installed near the apartments in Memorial Park. A new walking bridge was installed by the Public Works Department in Williams Parks.

Library

Mr. Lanciano announced the Friends of the Springfield Library Fall Book Sale is scheduled for Friday, October 24 through Monday, October 27 in the Township Building. He also read a list of adult programs being held at the Library during the month of October.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

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On motion of Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Wechsler, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Devenney moved for the adoption of Ordinance replacing the Chapter 24 "Canvassing & Soliciting" and Chapter 65, Hawkers, Auctioneers and Transient Merchants" with a new Chapter 91, to be entitled "Peddling and Soliciting". The proposed ordinance establishing rules and regulations for peddling and solicitation. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano.

Dr. Janiczek motioned to table the ordinance. Mr. LeFevre replied there was already a motion on the table which has been seconded. Mr. Byrne stated a motion can be tabled as long as the vote has not be taken. Dr. Janiczek stated he would like to have full discussion on some of the items, such as persons under age 18 taking orders for delivery of newspapers, greeting cards, candy.

There was no second to Dr. Janiczek's motion. Dr. Janiczek stated, according to Robert's Rules, he did not think his motion needed a seconded. Mr. Mahoney called for a three minute recess for Mr. Byrne to check Robert's Rules. Mr. Byrne stated the motion made was not really to table, but to postpone a vote either indefinitely or to a certain date. Either type motion requires a second. Since there was not second to Dr. Janiczek's motion, Mr. Mahoney requested a vote on the motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, which was seconded. A roll call vote was called: Dr. Janiczek – nay, Mr. Wechsler – aye, Mr. Rudolph – aye, Mr. McAndrews – aye, Mr. Devenney – aye, Mr. Lanciano – aye, Mr. Mahoney – aye. The motion was carried with a 6 – 1 vote.

Mr. McAndrews moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1482 amending the definition entitled "Employee" contained in the Appendix, Part III, of the "Civilian Pension Plan". Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

ORDINANCE NO 1481
Peddling & Soliciting

ORDINANCE #1482
Civilian Pension Plan

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ORDINANCE #1483
Police Pension Plan

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1483 amending the definition entitled "Membership", contained in Article I, "Police Pension Plan and Pension Fund". Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Rental Units

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance amending the annual fee for Certificate of Use for Rental Dwelling Units from \$50 per rental unit to \$50 per rental building. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Road Dedication

Mr. Rudolph read a proposed ordinance accepting the public improvements, including but not limited to streets, and sanitary and storm sewers of Beatty View Lane, Lauren Lane, Barclay Circle and Kelli Lane. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Signs

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance by creating a three-way stop intersection at Barry Drive & Collins Drive. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RESOLUTION #12-08
PECO Grant

Mr. Devenney moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 12-08 authorizing the Assistant Township Manager to submit an grant application through the PECO Open Space Program. The funds received will go towards improvements in Williams Park, consisting of a new walkway and native plantings. Seconded by Mr. McAndrews and carried

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer release the remaining balance of the escrow account (\$25,559.57) for the Storage USA Land Development. Seconded by Mr. McAndrews and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Dr. Janiczek moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Diesel Flue/Gasoline to be received by November 7, 2008 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:43 p.m.)