

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Mark Young of Covenant United Methodist Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Dr. Janiczek read a Proclamation declaring March 2011 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" and specifically, March 4, 2011 as "Dress in Blue Day for Colorectal Awareness Day". Mrs. Hollenback, of Crozer Regional Cancer Center came forward to accept the Proclamation.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of January 11, 2011 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek 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.

Library

Mrs. Sage announced the Library will be closed February 24th at 5 pm through March 6th. The Library will receive fresh paint, carpets, and furniture. These improvements are through a special gift to the library's endowment fund from the estate of Ronald A. Pritsch. Mrs. Sage stated the Library offers a free homebound delivery service to those residents who are unable to come to the Library. The next series of youth programs begin on March 7th. A special children's program, featuring "Froggy" will be held on March 19th at 10 am in the Township Building.

Dr. Janiczek reminded residents to clear their sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall and that trash and recycling receptacles are not to be put out before sunset.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Wechsler reported the health officer slipped on the ice and severely fractured her wrist. With this, he reminded residents to be careful when walking. The snow melts during the day and refreezes at night. Mr. Rudolph added that Mr. Layden also slipped and fell on the ice and injured his ankle.

Health

Mr. Rudolph read the monthly public works report. He reported the collection of Christmas trees for recycling ended on January 19th. All trees will now be picked up with the regular trash. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Monday, February 21st for Presidents' Day. Total tons of paper collected for recycling during the month of January 2011 was 96.8 tons. Total tons of commingled collected for the same period was 62.7 tons. Total tons of trash collected during the month of January was 684.5 tons. Mr. Rudolph reminded residents to refrain from dumping any grease or oily substances down the drain. In the cold weather grease clogs the sewer lines causing backups.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph reported there have been eight snow events so far this season and the public works crews have been out clearing the roads during these events.

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report for the month of January. Minor repairs and changes on the maintenance facilities continues. As weather permits, course clean up of debris, branches and tree work will continue.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano announced the Township will be starting the second phase of bare root tree planting program received from a PECO Growing Green Grant. Any resident interested in a tree is to call Frank Pappa. Mr. Lanciano reported the

Parks

Park Board approved the installation of a scoreboard at the Church Road Park, which will be used for the football and lacrosse programs.

Police

Mr. Mahoney reported on February 1 at 4 am, Officer Boyd while on patrol he observed an elderly man walking on East Springfield Road. The man was confused and in need of assistance. He was a missing person from Lansdowne. The subject received medical care and was reunited with his family. On February 5, Officer Graff, while on patrol near S. Hillcrest & Springfield Roads, noticed red mercury grand marquis parked in a residential driveway which matched a description of a vehicle be operated by a wanted subject for armed robbery. After surveillance of the property, the subject was seen leaving the residence in the vehicle. Police stopped the car and the subject taken into custody. Mr. Mahoney also reported over the last several weeks, the Township has experienced a rash of residential burglaries. A task force was assembled which monitored township neighborhoods. As a result their efforts, an arrest was made on February 7th and the suspect is believed to be responsible for most of these burglaries.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

BIDS: Patching
Materials

Mr. Rudolph stated no bids were received for Roadway Patching Materials. Under the First Class Township Code, the Township is required go out for bid again. He moved to authorize the bids be readvertised to be received by 10 am on March 4, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #4-11
County Liquid Fuels

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Resolution No. 4-11 was adopted requesting County Liquid Fuel Aid in the amount of \$34,898.00 to be used for the improvement of Township roadways. Estimated total cost of the project is \$322,900.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 5-11 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a one year Mowing Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #5-11
Mowing Agreement

Mr. Wechsler moved that the Amusement Tax be waived for the Scenic Hills Frostival scheduled for Saturday, February 26th. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

WAIVER OF
AMUSEMENT TAX

Mr. Lanciano moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Country Club Golf Cart Lease to be received by March 4, 2011 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Dr. Janiczek moved for the reappointment of Vincent Damiano, 830 Evans Road, to a three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Rebecca Carey, 42 Mansion Road, to a three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, Christopher Shandley, 108 N. Rolling Road, was reappointed to a three year term of the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PARK BOARD

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of George Plank, 201 Larchwood Road, to a five year term on the Park & Recreation Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Lanciano moved to appointment Lynn Lanciano, 632 Cheyney Road, to a vacancy on the Library Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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AUDIENCE

George Nelson, 88 Nield Road, questioned the increase in the trash collection fee. He stated he would rather have had the \$200 fee be included in the taxes. He requested this fee to be repealed.

Jill Johnson, a coach at the Ice Rink for the past 20 years, raised questions on the status of the ice rink. Mr. Mahoney responded the Township is still going through the process with the insurance company. Miss Johnson noted the Ice Rink is a wonderful place and hopefully it will be repaired and reopened.

George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, questioned the cost savings of the solar power from the Library. He requested a report at next month's meeting. He stated at the December meeting he was advised there are 8,200 houses in Springfield, but according to the census, there are 23,596. Dr. Janiczek responded his figure is the number of people. Mr. Miller asked to see how the Township came up with 8,200. He then brought up the subject wages paid to lifeguards versus summer help. He would like to see parity in their wages. Mr. Mahoney responded the salaries will be reviewed.

Steve Bertolino, 608 Cheyney Road, stated he was disappointed to hear the ice rink is still in limbo. He believed the rink would be open for next season. He hopes the ice rink does not get eliminated in order to see improvements to the pool. He also asked residents to get involved with the school tax situation. He wants residents to be aware that the school district is planning to build a new high school and they should attend School Board meetings to voice their opinions.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:50 p.m.)

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