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REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mmes. Sage and Hoffman, Messrs. Kelly, Lanciano and Kennedy. Also present was Messrs. Fulton, Lucas, and Byrne. Mr. Layden was absent.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Eugene Wilson, Holy Cross Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Lanciano.

PRESENTATION
AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. William Smeck, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 227, stated that they were very close to creating and installing the Springfield Hero banners throughout our community. Including first responders from the Springfield Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Corps., and those who have served and have paid the ultimate price protecting our freedom. Thank you for your support in this effort. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Memorial Day Remembrance will be held Monday, May 31, 2021 at the Springfield Township Building. The Springfield American Legion Post 227 have tried to create or rebuild files and revive the memory of the Springfield citizens who gave their lives in that horrific conflict. There are two plaques in Springfield listing 39 individuals who gave their lives from Springfield Township, and many of them graduates from Springfield High School from the years 1937-1944. At the Memorial Day remembrance there will be three individuals from Springfield Township who will be honored. Mr. Smeck thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing him to speak. President Rudolph thanked Mr. Smeck and the American Legion Post 227 for all their hard work and effort.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the minutes of March 9, 2021 were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly reported during the month of March, there were no PUBLIC WORKS vehicle accidents and no work-related injuries. There was one sewer emergency which did not require overtime hours. Our trucks and equipment are being stored for the winter season. We are now following the regular yard brush pick up schedule of every 3rd Wednesday of the month. We are in the process of filling potholes, residents are asked to report any potholes that are in need of patching to the Public Works office at 610-543-2837, if potholes are located on state Highways, we will forward those locations to PADOT for Repairs.

Mr. Kelly reported 9 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, were inspected, there were two re-inspections with one closure due to COVID19 and two complaints relating to COVID19. There were 4 dog bites, 7 animal nuisances, 5 were related to Barking dogs and 1 related to chickens. The first Household Hazardous Waste collection is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at the Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Darby, PA 19079. If you have any questions, call the DelCo Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627 or visit the website at: www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw/html.

HEALTH

Mrs. Sage reported the Ice Skating Rink is doing well Under Covid Guidelines. There is no public skating or parties but Skating lessons and hockey are taking up the open hours. Hockey is operating on its normal full schedule, for more information go to www.springfieldcicerink.com. 2021 Pool Membership applications are now being accepted. For more information, please visit <http://www.springfieldccpool.com/>.

ICE RINK

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LIBRARY

Mrs. Hoffman reported on the Library, the Springfield Library wanted to make everyone aware they can check out a Hot Spot, they are used for at home or on the go. Hot spots are a stand alone device that offers a fast internet connection that can be used to connect to a computer, phone or other mobile device to the internet from anywhere. Funds for these devices are from CARES act funding. As with books and other traditional Library materials available at the Library, Hot spots are available with Library cards at no cost for up to three weeks. Various Museum passes are available at the Library. Upcoming programs are Birding with Laura Matika, Thursday, April 22, 2021, 10:00am. Registration required. Spotted Lanternfly, Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 8:00pm, virtually and First Friday Bingo is back on May 7, 2021 at 7:00pm, prizes are compliments of Dairy Cottage, Juice Pod, Nirvana and Nothing Bunt Cakes. Be on the lookout for Yoga on the Hill at the Library, there will be four sessions.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Kennedy reported the Golf Course for the Month of March there were 2,229 rounds of golf bringing the year to date total to 3,411 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$111,196.00 bringing the year-to-date total to \$160,193.00. The Golf Shop total revenue for the month of March was \$6,968.00 bringing the year-to-date total sales to \$10,868.00.

PARKS

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks crew completed woods line clearing and Park reclamation at Williams Park. Removed old plants, graded, seeded, and replanted around the gazebo at Wagner Wayside Park. Cleaned weeded and mulched gardens at the Township Building, municipal lots, and along Saxer Ave. Businesses. Replaced vandalized section of slide at

Williams Park. Dedicated and installed sign for new GAGA Ball pit at Williams Park. Started weekly cutting on all playing fields. This will continue until fall. We will be commencing on Parks weekly cutting later this week and early next week. Continuing with weekly trash removal in all Parks and Township owned properties. The work at Meadow Green Park is continuing, the first phase is just about complete. Getting ready to start phase two which will be the dirt and earth movement to reshape the park. The priorities were the youth of the Township and the Springfield Trail. Completed the installation of the trail signs. Kevin Dion spent two days making sure the project was done correctly and spoke about the next phase. Mr. Lanciano thanked Mr. Dion and the Friends of Smedley who have partnered with the township to do this project.

Mr. Rudolph reported the Township has purchased new AV equipment and this evening was the inaugural meeting using the new equipment and he and the Board of Commissioners hoped that the public were having a pleasant experience viewing the meeting. A message from the Springfield Police Department, despite continued warnings professional scam artists are working overtime in trying to defraud our residents, especially the elderly out of their hard earned savings. Please be aware of different scams i.e., asking you to purchase gift cards, money orders, send cash or provide access to your bank account, if you give information to these people then know you are about to be victimized. If they are a legitimate source, they will not have a problem with dealing with the Police. With warmer weather and reduced school hours there is an increase in bicycle thefts and vandalism. Please be mindful when leaving bikes unattended and if you see something that does not look right dial 911.

PRESIDENT
RUDOLPH'S
ANNOUNCEMENT

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We are bringing back concerts and the movie series in the Amphitheatre. Wednesday, June 2, 2021, will be the first concert in the park socially distant outside and on June 16, 2021, there will be a movie in the park socially distant. We are very excited to bring both venues back and hope to see everyone at those events.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mrs. Sage made a motion to accept the bills as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
AWARD
OF BIDS**

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve Allan Myers, L.P. of Worcester, PA, in the amount of \$471,704.48 for the 2021 Overlay and Milling Road project. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

**CONSIDERATION
OF BIDS**

Mr. Lanciano reported bids were solicited for the W. Rolling Road Basin Retrofit project. The bids were Received at 11:00a.m. on April 8, 2021, the low bidder was G&B Construction of Willow Grove, PA with a bid of \$888,098.00. Based on the prices of the bids received, and upon recommendation from the Township Engineer to reject all bids, I make a motion to accept the recommendation and reject all bids. Second by Mr. Kelly and carried.

**RELEASE OF
ESCROW**

Mr. Kelly stated the Township Engineer received a request from DB Enterprises, Developers/Builders, Inc., for the release of all remaining escrow funds for the Springfield Knoll and the Stewart Avenue Lots 3 & 5 projects, our records indicate that the requirements of both of those projects have been completed and the Engineer recommends that we release any remaining funds to the developer and close out those projects. As per the Engineer \$2,272.70

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related to Stewart Avenue, lots 3 & 5 and \$4,560.00 related to Springfield Knoll. Mr. Kelly moves that we release those funds to the developer and close out those two projects. Second by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

Mr. Kennedy stated we have a Proposed Ordinance #1614 which is intended to improve the line of sight on the corner of Saxer Avenue and Orchard Road. The ordinance will restrict parking from Orchard Road down Saxer Avenue approximately 90 feet. This area has become a safety issue for residents trying to cross the street as well as vehicles trying to pull out onto Saxer Avenue from Orchard Road. If anyone has any questions or would like to speak to Mr. Kennedy, feel free to contact him by phone or email. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the first reading of Proposed Ordinance #1614. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Sage reported the Tax Department has extended the Deadline for discount, face, and penalty for the Springfield Township Real Estate Taxes, the dates are as follows: discount is due by April 30, 2021, Face is due by June 30, 2021 and the Penalty is due by December 31, 2021. As per President Rudolph this is a direct result of the Springfield Township Real Estate Tax Bills being lost in the mail for a month and not wanting to penalize the residents. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Robert Hornberger to the Park and Recreation Board for a 5 year term. Second by Mr. Kelly and carried.

NEW BUSINESS
First Reading

AUTHORIZE TAX
DEADLINE

APPOINTMENT

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kelly reported that there were no public comments received by email this evening.

Mr. Terrence Casey, 127 Scenic Road asked if future appointments can be put on Social Media. As per Solicitor James Byrne, appointments can be placed on Social Media.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried. (8:35p.m.)