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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, March 9, 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 Mr. Lanciano followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENDATION

Mr. Kelly read a commendation for Mrs. Meghan Hanley who was not able to be present. This year was a trying year for everyone and one of those bright lights happened in Springfield at Christmas time when Mrs. Hanley set up a tree in Williams Park at her own expense and decorated the tree with lights and invited the community to come and put ornaments on the tree, place rocks around the base, leave messages of hope, remembrances of loved ones, etc. The community rallied around Mrs. Hanley's idea and it gave us something to close out 2020 on a positive note. The Board of Commissioners wanted Mrs. Hanley to know they appreciated what she did.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Hoffman, the minutes of February 9, 2021 were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

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Mr. Kennedy reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened on February 25, 2021 to hear and render decisions of the following: ZH-21-02, the Board approved the application of Carmen Salerno, owner/petitioner, granting a Special Exception from the Zoning Ordinance to permit a garage height of 18 feet. The property is located in the “A” Residence District, as depicted on Zoning Map, and is known as 168 S. Highland Road.

ZONING

The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on March 25, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Township Building, to hear and render a decision on the following zoning hearing application: ZH-21-03, Application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC, owner/petitioner, by their attorney, is seeking the following dimensional sign and certain TND requirement variances from the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance of 2012, as amended to permit the redevelopment of the property that consists of a 3,853 SF bank, a 5, 585 SF Wawa convenience store with gasoline dispensing facilities, landscaping and other improvements. The property is located in the “E” Business and TND-3 Overlay Districts, as depicted on the Zoning Map and is known as 675 Baltimore Pike.

Mr. Kennedy reported the year-to-date course revenue was \$48,997.00, year to date golf shop revenue was \$3,900.00. Some of the lower revenue was due to the course being closed the month of February, rained for three days, total rain fall 1.46”, snowed 6 days and the total snow fall was 15”.

GOLF

Mrs. Sage reported the Ice rink will remain open through the month of April, to make up the leagues are making up the games that were lost due to the partial shutdown in December. The Ice Rink is following all the COVID-19 guidelines so public skating and birthday parties will not be offered this season. Skating lessons have increased since January and again masks and social distancing are in effect. The ice rink has been

ICE RINK

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open since September with a steady flow of players and parents who are all following our guidelines with the rink being disinfected after each event, and no COVID related problems to report.

## LIBRARY

Mrs. Hoffman reported on the Library, they are hosting a Cost Sharing presentation Presented by APRISE on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30p.m. and urged all residents who are on Medicare to join the meeting, this is the second of a four series program that will be presented. Virtual Bingo was a great success, the next Virtual Bingo will be May 7, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Registration is required, register at [www.springfieldtwplibrary.org/events](http://www.springfieldtwplibrary.org/events). The program that is being highlighted this month is PAWS for People, sign up to read to LUNA, children ages 5 and older can register and sign up for a ten-minute session on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30p.m. Museum passes are available at the Library for the Tyler Arboretum, Academy of Natural Sciences, Elmwood Park Zoo and all these places are opened with social distancing in mind. Please check out the array of different passes available at the Library.

## PARKS

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks crew have completed all winter maintenance on all park's equipment. Completed renovations to Park entrance signs at Netherwood, Ellson Glen, Indian Rock, Pensdale and Jane Lownes Park. Completed all Parks Department snow removal responsibilities during all recent storms. Started on Parks clean-up in all Parks. This includes trash removal, sledding debris and branches. The Meadowgreen Park project has been slow due to COVID-19 and bad weather, we expect to see some progress in the coming weeks and look forward to getting that project started. The CRC is sponsoring a tree planting event on Friday, April 9, 2021 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for clearing of vines and shrubs and Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00pm, for tree planting. Anyone interested please contact Lynn Menza at CRC Watershed Association. Lynn's contact information is on the CRC's website. Mr. Kevin Dion

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spoke about the Springfield Trail and the trail heads signs project which is moving forward nicely.

Mr. Kelly reported 8 restaurants, 7 retail establishments, were inspected. There were animal nuisances, two related to dogs and one related to chickens. The Board of Commissioners are longtime supporters of the Annual Streams clean ups, the first event is the CRC's Annual Creek Clean up on Saturday, March 20, 2021 and the DCVA's Annual Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 10, 2021. There will be more information on the Township social media and website.

HEALTH

Mr. Kelly reported during the month of February, there were four sewer emergencies, three of which occurred after hours. Trucks are still preparing for the winter season. They are following the regular yard-brush pickup schedule of every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday effective January 20<sup>th</sup>. 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, the Highway Department will forward those locations to PADOT for repairs.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Rudolph reported on Fire Safety and the leading Cause of fires in your home are clothes dryer because of lint buildup. Continue to remove lint after each dryer use but it is also, a good idea to have the lines and lint trap that lead to the filter outside cleaned out by a professional once or twice a year.

PRESIDENT  
RUDOLPH'S  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Social Events Committee met and are proceeding with Caution to have our events this summer and into the fall. We are optimistic and hopeful that we will again have our Movie Nights, Concert series out front of the Township Building and we are hoping to host the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade maybe a little smaller in size, socially distance and possibly bring back Dining on Saxer and the finale would be Springfield Rocks in October. The committee is going to start working on these

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events to bring back normal to Springfield and their will be more announcements as we get closer.

Regarding the Tax bills, they were mailed out in February and they are hung up somewhere in the postal system. We have investigators looking into this. The Tax bills that go directly to the Mortgage Company have been received, they are sent electronically. The ones that have been mailed out, there is a delay somewhere. We are working to remedy this situation, if we have to resend the bills we will do so, and that decision will be made by March 12, 2021. Anyone who would like to have a tax bill printed up can call the Township or stop in and pick up a physical copy, otherwise, be patient they will be coming. The discount period has been extended until April 30, 2021, to ease the shortage of the bills getting out and into the hands of the residents.

The street light project is near completion, as you walk around the Township you will notice a more brighter and focused light. If you have a problem, please contact the Township, the project should be done in two weeks and it should save us energy and improves the lighting on our streets.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

AWARD  
OF BIDS

Mr. Kennedy reported Springfield Township received bids for the Saxer Avenue & Powell Road Traffic Signal Improvements, the low bidder was Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc., of Aston, PA with a total base bid of \$220,872.85. The Township has worked with this bidder before and has found their work to be satisfactory. In accordance with the recommendation from the Township Engineer, we recommend the township award this project to Charles A.

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Higgins & Sons, Inc., and Mr. Kennedy made a motion to award the project to Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$220,872.85 contingent upon their execution of a contract and supplies of required bonds and insurance. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Hoffman reported on March 4, 2021 the Planning Commission made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners' approval of the Final Subdivision Plan for Sergiy Zayarchenko, 238 & 240 Maple Avenue contingent upon compliance with all comments noted in the Township Engineer's report dated March 4, 2021 and the waiver for the sidewalk be included. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve the Stormsewer system update. The Township is required to maintain a permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP) and the operator of the municipal separate Stormsewer system the MS4, the stormwater information is also available on the Township website and at the Township Building. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Kelly reported sealed bids will be received by Marple Township, Springfield Township and Swarthmore Borough electronically through PennBid until 11:00am on April 7, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly read at the Marple Township administrative office, 227 S. Sproul Road, Broomall PA 19008 for: CONTRACT NO. 2021-02, MARPLE TOWNSHIP, SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, SWARTHMORE BOROUGH 2021 ROAD PROGRAM. This project involves Road milling, base repair, placement of Superpave wearing course, manhole adjustment, and pavement marking. All documents and solicitation details are available and open to public inspection anytime at PennBid [www.pennbid.net](http://www.pennbid.net). Click on the "Solicitations" and "View" tabs. The bidder who is

FINAL SUBDIVISION

NEW BUSINESS  
MS4 UPDATE- Year 3

AUTHORIZE  
RECEIPT OF BIDS

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awarded the contract will be required to pay a fee to PennBid.

The names of those who have secured plans/specifications may be obtained at PennBid. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #5-21  
County Liquid Fuels

On motion of Mrs. Lanciano, Resolution #5-21 was 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 \$535,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

2021 POOL RATES

Mrs. Sage made a motion that the 2021 Country Club Pool Rates remain the same as 2020. Second by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Rudolph reported we have a newly formed Social Media committee and they have been working very hard to put out Township business on Social Media via Facebook, Instagram and our Webpage. We are in the process of revamping a lot of these things, so information is much more accessible. You will see more going forward. You will see a lot of changes with the way we present our data, more importantly our instant information in the society we live in today everyone wants to see it right away.

ADJOURNMENT

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