

JANUARY 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in the Township Building.

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

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Sage, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Joseph Daly presented a special Commendation of Merit to Police Officer Jeffrey Shull for saving a life on December 28, 2010. While off-duty, Officer Shull was traveling north on Rt. 476 when he observed an auto accident. He stopped and assisted the unconscious occupant. The car was filling with black smoke and the doors were locked. Officer Shull smashed the rear window with a tire iron and along with other motorists, removed the driver from the vehicle. After safely moving the driver a safe distance away from the car, it burst into flames and became fully engulfed by fire. Officer Shull's timely assessment of the eminent danger, coupled with his swift and decisive actions, saved the life of the victim.

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of December 14, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

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

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Rudolph read the monthly public works report. He announced the collection of Christmas trees for recycling will end on January 21<sup>st</sup>. This collection is for clean trees

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

COMMENDATIONS

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works

only, free of ornaments, tinsel, etc. All other trees will be picked up with the regular trash. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King holiday. Total tons of paper collected for recycling during the month of December 2010 was 146.3 tons. Total tons of commingled collected for the same period was 71.3 tons. Total tons of trash collected during the month of December 2010 was 795.6 tons. In light of tonight's snow, he informed residents who live on snow emergency routes to remove their vehicles from the street.

Traffic/Street Lighting

Mr. Rudolph reported the Signal/Street Lighting Department responded to 32 street light outages during the month of December, with 28 being repairs and 3 being reported to PECO. Four traffic signals were reported and have been repaired.

Library

Mr. Layden announced youth programs at the Library are underway. A family valentine special is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm. The display windows at the upper level entrance of the Library are available to anyone who would like to showcase a group or an individual's activities. This year the displays will highlight quilting, gardening, art, music, scouting and local authors. He also noted the Library has free wireless connection.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks maintenance report for the month of December. The department completed leaf removal in all parks and Township-owned properties, as well as completing snow removal responsibility during the two recent storms.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report for the month of December. The winter equipment maintenance program has begun. As weather permits, tree pruning throughout course continues. Minor repairs and changes on the maintenance facilities are being made to help improve the efficiency of the golf course operation. For the month of December, total rounds were 162, bring the year to date total to 34,643 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$19,774, bringing the year to date revenue total to \$1,323,849.

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Mr. Mahoney reported during 2010, the Fire Company responded to 224 fires, 523 non-fires, 236 mutual aid and held 135 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$1,427,350.00. Man hours totaled 22,261.

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney announced starting February 1, the Police Department will step-up enforcement on animal control violations. Primary violations to be enforced will be barking dogs, required licensing, leash laws and other animal nuisances. A \$50 fine will be imposed for a first offense and fines will increase for subsequent offenses.

Police

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Layden the Treasurer's Report for December 2010 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1513 amending Chapter 129, Article II, "Mercantile Tax", by revising sections regarding payment of taxes and by the addition of a sentence that states: "The Springfield Township Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights shall govern whether and when interest may be due on an overpayment of taxes". Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

ORDINANCE #1513  
Mercantile Tax

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1-11 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. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #1-11  
Bank Deposits

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2-11 appointing Pennoni Associates as the Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer. This is in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-11  
Sewer Enforcement  
Officer

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RESOLUTION #3-11  
Coventry Woods

Mr. Rudolph moved to accept formal dedication of Detention Basin 2 on Parcel B of the Coventry Woods Subdivision, which will be maintained by the Township as open space, as well as all drainage and sanitary sewer easements. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

POLICE TOWING  
SERVICES

Mr. Rudolph moved to reappoint the two alternate Police towers, Bill's Auto Body and Callahan Towing, for the year 2011. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MID-WINTER CON-  
FERENCE, PSATC  
CONVENTION

Mr. Lanciano 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, Eastern PA Conference and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Convention and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

APPOINTMENTS  
Vacancy Board

Mr. Lanciano 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.

Golf Advisory Board

Mr. Sage moved for the reappointment of Robert Giannini, 62 Hillview Drive, and Thomas Lyons, 466 Barker Road, to four year terms on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

Library Board

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, Mr. William Shiley, 362 Powell Road, was reappointed to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Park Board

Mr. Lanciano moved to reappoint Mr. Thomas Grubb, 551 Prospect Road, to a five year term on the Park Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Rudolph moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Patching Material to be received by February 4, 2011 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Stewart Hollingshead, President of Haverford Hawks, questioned the status of the Ice Rink's repairs and the intent of the Township. Mr. Mahoney replied the Township has yet to receive any figures from the insurance company. Mr. Hollingshead asked what would be the best way to keep the open lines of communication, as the hockey league enters into their planning stage in April. Mr. Byrne advised him that the Township is still negotiating with the insurance company and he is welcomed to call him anytime.

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

AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:45 p.m.)