

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Lanciano followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the minutes of January 12th, 2021 was approved as submitted. Seconded 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.

Mr. Byrne stated he is looking into a Social Media Policy for Springfield Township and will follow up with a report at the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

Library

Mrs. Hoffman reported the Library is doing a wonderful job with all their programs currently going on, but she wanted to highlight Friday Night Virtual Bingo, starting March 5, 2021 at 7:00pm. It will be the first Virtual Bingo Program at the Springfield Library ever, registration is required and opens Wednesday, February 10th, go to the library website at www.springfieldtwplib.org, all ages, families, teens are welcome to join. We would like to thank all the local businesses that have donated small prizes for this event. This will be a monthly event for all Springfield residents. We hope to see all of you on Virtual Bingo night.

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks crew removed a fallen tree from a property adjacent to Memorial Park. Started on parks sign renovations, this includes sanding, staining, and repainting. Made new replacement signs for Ellson Glen, and Netherwood Parks. Continuing with winter equipment maintenance on all Parks Department equipment. Completed all Parks Department snow removal responsibilities during the past two snowstorms. The Springfield Trail Markers contract has been established and hoping within the next two weeks the markers will be installed, under the supervision and guidance by the Friends of Smedley. The signs are quite impressive.

Parks

Mr. Layden reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened on January 28, 2021 to hear and render decisions of the following: ZH-21-0, approval of dimensional variances from the Zoning Ordinance to permit the increase of a nonconforming Setback for a shed, an accessory use structure. The property is located in the “B” Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as: 275 Avon Road. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on February 25, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Township Building, to hear and render a decision on the following zoning hearing application: ZH-21-02, Application of Carmen Salerno, owner/petitioner seeks a Special Exception from the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance of 2010, as amended to permit a garage height of 18 feet, where in 12 feet is permitted. Section § 143-111.I(1) may permit a garage height of 18 feet as a Special Exception. The property is located in the “A” Residence District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as: 168 S. Highland Road.

Zoning

Mr. Layden reported for the month of January, total rounds were 1,182. Total revenue for the month of January was \$48,497.00. The seven-year moving average for the month of January was \$14,571.00 leaving us with a positive variance of \$13,976.00. The golf shop total revenue

Golf

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for the month of January was \$3,756.00. Winter equipment maintenance program continues, perform all snow and ice removal responsibilities. Repairs to the Golf Maintenance Facilities continue, all golf course accessories are being repaired and or replaced for the upcoming golf season. Off season golf rates are in effect right now, weekdays \$38.00/weekends \$43.00, cart included. All other details can be found on the Springfield Country Club Golf Website at <http://www.springfieldgolf.org/> or by calling the Pro Shop at 610-543-9860.

ICE RINK

Mr. Kennedy reported the Springfield Ice Rink is operating under all COVID-19 guidelines. No Public Skating, or birthday parties are permitted but skating lessons and hockey is permitted at this time. Masks must be worn along with social distancing in the building, masks are optional during hockey due to breathing concerns. The Ice Rink will remain open through April.

SPRINGFIELD
AMBULANCE CORP.

Mr. Kennedy reported the Springfield Ambulance Corp. has provided us with safety tips during this inclement weather, black ice is prevalent during ice and snow so please be careful while walking and driving. The second tip is when shoveling snow take frequent brakes and drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

ANNOUNCEMENT
VICE PRESIDENT
KELLY

Before proceeding with the reports Mr. Kelly made some announcements, the first one was the newly remodeled WaWa at 195 Saxer Avenue will be reopening on February 10, 2021 after being closed for renovations. The LED lighting project going on in the Township is halfway done, don't be concerned, the reviews have been nothing but positive on how they brighten the streetscape at night. We had our first Social Media Committee meeting on February 9, 2021 and during COVID-19 we have been utilizing Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter much more, so we want to improve

our communication and get more content out to the residents. Also, we will be redoing our Township website so stay tuned for more information. February is Black History Month and The African American Museum in Philadelphia and the National Museum of African Americans History and Culture in Washington DC via there webpage are having Virtual Programs as well as Springfield School District has been partnering up with the African American Museum in Philadelphia so tune in.

Mr. Kelly reported what a fantastic job the Public Works Department has been doing with the snowstorms as well as from the start of COVID-19. Trucks and equipment are prepared for the winter season. Started the regular yard brush pick up every third Wednesday effective January 20th until September 15th. Due to the upcoming President’s Day Holiday on Monday, February 15, 2021, trash, and recycling will not be collected, trash normally collected Mondays and Thursdays will only be collected on Thursday, February 18th of that week. Recycling is to be held until the following Monday, February 22, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kelly reported 8 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, 4 schools, ETR, Sabold, S.L.C. and Scenic Hills were inspected. There were 2 re-inspections, 2 restaurant complaints, 2 COVID reports and over 20 COVID inquiries as well as three dog bites. Dogs cannot run loose in Springfield, please keep your dogs on a leash.

HEALTH

Mr. Rudolph reiterated what Mr. Kelly said with regards to the Public Works Department and our streets and what a Outstanding job they do, also thanked our residents for moving their cars off the streets which helps the plow truck drivers do a better job removing the snow and asked that when snow emergencies are in effect vehicles must be moved. From

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time to time we have to cancel trash and recycling, we do that so that the plow drivers can keep taking care of the streets to make them safe for when people have to go to work.

Real Estate Taxes are going out in a week, they are being delayed a week because of the new software program we have for taxes and collections. We have extended the deadline one month to accommodate everyone.

Started back up Springfield Cares meetings, with COVID-19 there has not been a lot of talk about heroin and opioid addiction, but the problem still exists, it is a real issue. If you know of anyone who has a problem please contact the Township Manager, J. Lee Fulton or Assistant Township Manager, Steven Lucas and they can direct you to the proper people.

We had our Run For Heroes meeting, and we are happy to say that we are moving forward for our October 10, 2021 run, it will be our twentieth run and all proceeds go to fallen first responders. Presently there are two children in the program who are benefitting from this fund. I am proud to report that to date we have raised over \$600,000.00.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve the bills as submitted second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

**NEW BUSINESS
AUTHORIZE RECEIPT
OF BIDS**

Mr. Lanciano moved to authorize the receipt of bids for Springfield Township W. Rolling Road Basin Retrofit, until 11:00am, prevailing time, on the 8th day of April 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly read at the Springfield Township Administrative Office, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064. This project involves the retrofit of the existing Stormwater management basin located between 767 and 783 W. Rolling Road including sight clearing and grubbing; demolition of the existing basin installation of a

subsurface infiltration/ detention basin; extension of the township storm sewer; site grading; and landscaping. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Kelly moved to authorize the receipt of bids for Saxer Avenue and Powell Road Traffic Signal Improvements. Sealed bids will be received electronically through Penn Bid tm by the Township of Springfield for Saxer Avenue and Powell Road Traffic Signal Improvements, until 10:00am, prevailing time, on the 4th day of March 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly read at the Springfield Township administrative office, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064. This project involves installing new decorative black powder-coated traffic signal equipment and removing the existing traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Saxer Avenue (SR2023) & Powell Road (SR2020) in keeping with Saxer Avenue streetscape improvements. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF BIDS

Mr. Kennedy moved to release escrow#3 Springfield High School Redevelopment. A request dated December 7, 2020 from the Springfield School District for a reduction of escrow funds in connection with the referenced project. Upon the recommendation of our Township Engineer to release the following: recommended by this release \$1,252,950.92, balance after this release \$681,398.45, included in this release are funds for construction of Erosion and Sediment Controls, Stormwater Management and Utilities, Concrete, Pavement and Striping, and Signage. The request was modified to retain the full contingency amount until the project is complete, per the Municipalities Planning Code. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

RELEASE OF ESCROW

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RESOLUTION NO. 3-21
Disposal of Records

On motion of Mrs. Hoffman, Resolution #3-21 was approved authorizing the disposal of municipal records in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Municipalities Record Act (P.L. 428). Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-21
ZONING HEARING
BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Hoffman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4-21 appointing Mr. Paul Kutufaris, 80 S. Hillcrest Road and Mr. Mark McGann, 427 Burns Drive, to serve as alternate members on the Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Mr. Kelly and carried.

APPOINTMENTS
PLANNING
COMMISSION

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Kate Schramm, 346 Wyndmoor Road, and Mr. Nicholas Kutufaris, 124 Parkview Drive, were appointed to unexpired terms on the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph asked if any public comment was received via email. Mr. Kelly replied that none were received.

Mr. Raymond Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, wanted to thank Lee J. Janiczek, Commissioner Hoffman and the Board of Commissioners for the Saxer Avenue and Powell Road Traffic Signal Improvements and for the new LED lights, they are very appreciative of the efforts of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Rudolph commended Mr. Wilfong and his son for their community watch services and stated if anyone else is interested in volunteering for Community Watch to Contact Andy Graff with the Springfield Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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