

APRIL 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 by virtual teleconference due to the present Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 Crisis.

REGULAR MEETING

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Hoffman, Messrs. Kelly, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, and Mrs. Warner.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Rudolph announced if the viewers have questions on the issues to be voted on to email their questions to; questions@springfielddelco.org . Mr. Byrne stated that he has not received any questions from the public. The meeting continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of March 10, 2020 was approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

MINUTES

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly gave recognition to the Township Manager, Lee Fulton, for the work he has been doing, along with the Township employees who are on the front line.

Mr. Kelly reported the Public Works Department responded to 5 sewer emergencies during the month of March. Trash and recycling collection continues on regularly scheduled days. Bulk collections will resume by appointment only beginning April 22nd with a maximum of 25 appointments. Weekly yard brush will be picked up on Wednesdays only.

Public Works

APRIL 14, 2020

Health

Mr. Kelly reported for the month of March, the Health Officer inspected 10 restaurants, 4 retail establishments, 1 reinspection and 2 sanitation issues. He asked dog owners to keep their dogs leashed and do not leave them outside barking all day. The Household Hazardous waste collection scheduled for May 4th has been cancelled. The annual creek clean-ups scheduled for this month have been cancelled.

Library

Mrs. Hoffman announced the Library will remain closed to the public until at least April 30 as directed by Governor Wolf and the State Library system. Story times are being held virtually.

Public Meetings

Mr. Wechsler asked Mr. Byrne if the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission could expedite routine applications such as; a sign variance to be reviewed if there is public no meeting. Mr. Byrne said there are questions and answer formats provided during a typical meeting, and, no decision has yet to be made on how to handle this matter. There is way to appoint a member of the Board to be a zoning officer or referee. Mr. Wechsler said he would like to see it less painful for businesses.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden announced the golf course is temporarily closed. Notification has been provided at the golf course with “No Trespassing” signs posted, but there are still people entering the course to play golf. The golf course is being monitored for these golfers.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the monthly progress report for the Parks Department. The crew began installation of new playground equipment in Walsh Park, but stopped due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Once the restrictions have been lifted the installation will resume. The tree planting on Arbor Day, April 24th, has been cancelled. Once again, Springfield Township has been given the Tree City USA for the 28th consecutive year.

APRIL 14, 2020

Mr. Rudolph announced that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Police Department, Fire Company and Ambulance Corps have been fully staffed and are responding to all emergencies. Mr. Rudolph thanked the front liners for their dedication and the residents for helping to pick up trash in the parks.

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

Mr. Wechsler moved to award the bid for road Overlay and Milling to the lowest responsible bidder, General Asphalt Paving Company at the cost of \$996,586.94. The Township participated in a multi-township bid process with Marple Township and Swarthmore Borough. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved to award the bid for Sproul Road (SR. 320) Interconnect Green Light-Go Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Lenni Electric Corp. at the cost of \$166,090.26 for the base bid. The Township participated with Marple Township for the synchronization of traffic lights on Route 320 from West Chester Pike to Baltimore Pike. The project will be fully funded by the Green Light-Go Grant. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved that the Township retain the services of VFIS as the professional consultant for the development of a Master Plan for emergency services. The study not to exceed \$17,300.00. He said it is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners to maintain public safety to the residents. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Kelly moved for the approval of extending the deadline for Township taxes. The discount has been extended to April 30, Face Value to October 30 and the Penalty remains the same. Seconded by Mr. Layden.

Public Safety

BILLS SUBMITTED

BIDS: Overlay-Milling

BIDS: Interconnect
Green-Light Go
Grant

FIRE/EMS MASTER
PLAN

TAX DEADLINES
EXTENDED

APRIL 14, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments received by email this evening, Mr. Rudolph asked Mr. Byrne if he received public comment by mail. Mr. Rudolph thanked the residents for keeping social distances and staying at home until restrictions are lifted.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:35 p.m.)

Mr. Layden moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.