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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were also present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Culp, Janiczek, Wechsler, Layden, and Lanciano. Also present were Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Warner and Kelly Sullivan, Esq.

The Invocation was given by Dr. Janiczek, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Layden presented to members of the Springfield Youth Club Senior Cheerleaders a copy of a Resolution congratulating them for winning the National Championship held in Florida. Team Director, Diane Marker, thanked the Board for the recognition, and especially to Mr. Layden for his support.

Mr. Wechsler thanked the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for the great job they do in bringing together the entire community and putting on such a wonderful event to honor the Irish heritage. He announced the Hunter-Long Award will be presented this evening that recognizes participants, who dedicate themselves by marching in the parade and showing their loyalty both to the Irish heritage and also to the citizens of Springfield.

Jim and Art Hunter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians came forward and presented the 2011 Hunter-Long Award to Carmela's Dance Studio and the 2012 award to the Cavan Society. John Gallagher, Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade, and Steve Burns, a member of the parade committee, were also recognized.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Culp presented a Proclamation to Carmela's Dance Studio for winning "Best Appearing Group" in the Springfield 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

RESOLUTION

HUNTER-LONG
AWARD

PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION Dr. Janiczek presented a Proclamation for the Cavan Society for being named “Best Appearing Group” in the Springfield 2012 St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

PROCLAMATION Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation declaring April 15 - 21, 2012 as “National Osteopathic Medicine Week”, and urged all citizens to support this observance by helping to educate residents about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine.

MINUTES On motion of Mr. Culp, the minutes of March 13, 2012, were approved. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing no one, the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library Mr. Culp reported spring programs at the Library will continue on Monday, April 23 through June 1. The Star Wars program that was recently held at the Township Building was a big success, drawing a crowd of 275 people. The Friends of the Library will hold their annual spring book sale on April 21 – 23, 2012. He announced residents can sign up for e-mail notices from the Library. A courtesy e-mail will be sent three days before your books are due. Overdue notices will also be sent.

Voting Poll Change Mrs. Sage announced for the residents living in the 2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct, the voting poll will be moved from the Knights of Columbus to the former Blockbuster building at 103 Baltimore Pike. Residents of this area will receive a notice of this change prior to the primary election.

Welcome Home for Springfield Hero Mr. Wechsler announced on Saturday, April 14, Corporal Rusty Carter, a graduate from Springfield High School, will be returning home from serving in Afghanistan. He was issued a purple heart after being shot in a combat operation. He recovered and went back to duty. After returning to duty, the Humvee he was traveling was hit and it went over the side of an

unprotected bridge, crashing into a river bed 50 feet below. Rusty suffered an injury that resulted in being paralyzed from the waist down. Our police chief has arranged for a police escort to bring him from Philadelphia to Springfield. Mr. Wechsler asked residents that if you see a police escort and a red van with Corporal Rusty Carter's name on it, residents were encouraged to salute and acknowledge his return. Hopefully, within the next couple months, he will come with his family to the Board of Commissioners meeting for the appropriate acknowledgements.

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board heard two applications on March 22, 2012. The Board granted a side yard setback variance to allow for an addition to a single family dwelling at 432 W. Springfield Road. The Board also granted variances to permit three wall signs for the proposed Miller's Ale House, 18 Baltimore Pike.

Dr. Janiczek reported total tons of paper collected for the month of March was 121.97 tons. As the Township receives \$65 per ton for the recycled paper, revenue for the month was \$7,928.05. Total tons of commingled amounted to 67.32 tons, which brought into the Township coffers \$3,176.83 in revenue. To date, the Township has received \$1,032.50 for recycled oil. He noted during the month of March, the Township paid \$20,450.98 for the dumping of 872.11 tons of refuse. Dr. Janiczek announced that trash and recycling will be collected on Tuesday, April 24, Primary Election Day.

Mr. Layden reminded residents and landscapers to keep storm drains clear of yard debris. Grass clippings and leaves are not to be blown into the street or into storm sewer inlets. Debris entering the storm drains form blockages or set-up potential flooding. He also asked that pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers be used sparingly. Excessive chemicals are washed into streams and pollute the water, which kills aquatic life.

Zoning

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Environmental

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Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported the year-to-date earnings for the golf course is \$162,871.00. This is \$91,390.00 over last year's total at this time. Total revenue for the month of March was \$99,183.00. The seven year moving average in revenue is \$88,699.00, making a positive variance of \$74,172.00.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported this was the first season at the Ice Rink since the roof has been reconstructed. The Ice Rink had a very successful season, which will close to hockey and parties on Friday, April 13th. This year, over 4,200 skaters used the facility for public skating, which was a major increase over the past several seasons. The rink was also booked to capacity for hockey practices and games. The rink will now open in mid-September next season. A mid-morning skating session is in the works for next year. At the end of March, the Ice Rink has a positive net profit of \$23,142.00. He commended Bob Artese for the job that he has done at the Ice Rink.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department has finished all spring renovations to baseball and softball fields. Temporary outfield fences have been installed at several baseball fields. New Leyland Cypress trees were planted along the property line of Church Road Park and a dogwood tree was planted at the Township Building.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph asked residents to take a moment to reflect upon the lives of the two firefighters that were lost this week in Philadelphia. He noted the Springfield Fire Company's man responses to incidents for the month of March was 1,641. He noted the firefighters are out all hours of the night, everything from car accidents to house fires.

Police

Mr. Rudolph announced on Saturday, April 28th, the Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's medication take back event. Citizens can drop off expired, unwanted or used medicines at the police station from 10 am to 2 pm. Also, on Saturday 28th, Representative William Adolph and the Board of

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Commissioners, along with VFW Post 928, will hold the 20th Annual Loyalty Day at the Township Building beginning at 10 A.M. Officer Patrick McKenna will represent the Police Department.

Mr. Rudolph stated the Fire Safety Tip for the month is on mower safety. He read a list of safety tips since over 62,000 people are injured annually in lawn mower accidents.

Dr. Janiczek moved that all bills approved for payment by the appropriate chairperson be paid. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Mrs. Sage the Treasurer's Report for January through March, 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

Dr. Janiczek moved to remove from the table the motion relating to awarding the bid for a Skid-Steer Loader. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Dr. Janiczek moved to award the bid for a Skid-Steer Loader to the lowest responsible bidder, Bobcat of Phila./Best Line in the amount of \$25,932.79. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Sage stated no bids were received for Roadway Patching Materials. Under the First Class Township Code, the Township is required go out for bid again. She moved to authorize the bids be readvertised to be received by 10 am on May 6, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Layden read a proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Code by revising the maximum height of private garages and carports in residential districts to 12 ft. Any structure in excess of 12 ft. may be permitted as a special exception. In no event shall any special exception permit

Fire Safety Tip

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S
REPORT

BIDS: Skid-Steer
Loader

BIDS: Patching
Materials

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Zoning Amendment

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the maximum height of a garage/carport to exceed 18 ft. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #13-12
Hearing Date

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #13-12 setting the time and date of the public hearing on a zoning code amendment to be held 8:00 p.m. on May 8, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #14-12
Treasurer's Bond

On motion of Mr. Culp, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, Resolution No. 14-12 accepting the Treasurer's Bond, as filed with the Clerk of Courts of Delaware County, was approved.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL
Land Development
Miller's Ale House

Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Application of Miller's Ale House, 16 – 18 Baltimore Pike, subject to the comments of Township Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining funds (\$18,179.75) from the escrow account for the Target store, 1200 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

GOLF ADVISORY
BOARD

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Mr. Robert McAndrews, 407 Garden Road, was appointed to a vacancy on the Golf Advisory Board. The term expires on January 13, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, raised questions concerning the proposed zoning ordinance concerning the height of garages.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:57 p.m.)

Dr. Janiczek moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.