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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, August 8, 2017 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of July 11, 2017 be 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library

Mr. Kelly reported another successful Summer Reading Club will wrap up on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. For eight weeks the Library has hosted fifteen weekly programs. Fall programs will resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Springfield Library participated in Library Quest at Rose Tree Park. Library Quest was formed to encourage families to visit different libraries to see what they have to offer. Children who had visited five or more libraries during the summer attended and shared in prizes, ice cream and more at Rose Tree Park.

Parks

Mrs. Sage announced the Parks Department recently constructed the Township's first bocce court in Church Road Park. She reported that all weekly baseball field maintenance has been completed for the season. The parks crew is also preparing all soccer, football and field hockey fields for the upcoming fall season. They completed all responsibilities

associated with the set-up and cleanup of Township movie night, National Night Out and Dining on the Saxer nights. Safety inspections were completed on all playground equipment and all necessary repairs were made.

Mrs. Sage also reported that Springfield Township was awarded a \$60,000 grant to develop a comprehensive parks, recreation and open space master plan. The purpose of this is to evaluate the existing park system to help guide resources and future development to best meet the needs of all Springfield residents – from children to senior citizens. All those interested in learning more about this important process are welcome to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building.

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board met on July 27<sup>th</sup> to hear two applications. The application for Kimco Realty, 121 S. State Road, to permit the use of a tenant space as a commercial recreational facility for fitness was approved.

Mr. Wechsler stated testimony began on the Springfield School District application for the request of a Special Exception and Variances from the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a new high school building and related accessory use buildings. Additional testimony will be presented at the regular meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board on September 28, 2017.

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of July, the Health Officer inspected 7 restaurants, 13 retail establishments, and performed 3 reinspections, with one citation issued. He reminded residents with summer's heat & humidity upon us, one of the best ways a person can feel better is to stay well-hydrated with the top beverage of choice – water.

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of July were 4,421, bringing the year to date total to 19,214. Total

Zoning

Health

Golf

revenue for the month was \$197,431.00, which brings the year to date revenue to \$848,287.00. The seven year moving average for that month is \$742,888.00, leaving a positive variance on the seven year average of \$105,399.00. The golf course was opened 31 days, opened late/closed early on 4 days. Total rainfall was 4.05". Temperature in the 90's was recorded on 17 days. He read the monthly maintenance report. Due to the extreme hot weather, much of the time has been spent hand-watering and managing turf diseases.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Skating Rink will open the 2017-18 season on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for hockey, ice rentals, lessons and parties. Public skating will begin on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported that the Public Works Department is comprised of 12 men in the Highway Department, 15 men in the Sanitation Department; 3 men in the Sanitary Sewer Department, 3 mechanics, 3 part time workers and 10 college students for summer employment. At the present time the Highway Department is in the process inspecting and replacing Township sidewalk blocks adjacent to Township properties throughout the community. Line painting on state and local streets continue. The overlay program will begin by mid-August. Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Recycling

Mr. Lanciano reported the Public Works Department collected during the month of July, 855 tons of trash was collected at the cost of \$28,198.00. Year to date the Township has collected 76,218 tons at a cost of \$205,204.00. For the month of April, paper collected was 92 tons and was paid \$6,451.00. Paper collected year to date was 696 tons, with an income of \$56,512.00. For July, 72 tons of commingled was collected. Commingled collected year-to-date was 552 tons at no cost or income, but it keeps that waste out of landfills.

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Mr. Rudolph stated that National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, was sponsored by the police department, local businesses and commissioners. The community night is for everyone, and well over thousand people attended.

National Night Out

Mr. Rudolph reported the last scheduled movie night will be tomorrow evening at the Township's "sledding hill" showing Toy Story 1.

Movie Night

Mr. Rudolph announced that on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the Township will host Springfield's Family Fun Day for residents. The event will be located outside at the Township property complex. This year we are adding an antique car show, as well as other rides and fun things for the kids. There will be food vendors, musicians and crafters for the whole family to enjoy.

Springfield Family Fun Day

Mr. Rudolph stated Springfield Cares is a coalition formed by residents, commissioners and elected officials in to help with the opioid problem in Springfield. To date, the coalition continues to help people get placed in areas that can professionally take care of their problem. He said if you have anybody that needs help call the Township Building and ask for Assistant Township Manager, Susan Warner, Township Manager, Lee Fulton, or the Police Department and they can direct you to that very important help.

Springfield Cares

Mr. Rudolph announced final Dining on Saxer is scheduled on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He invited residents to come out and enjoy dining outside.

Dining on Saxer

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1578 creating a "One-Way Street" on N. State Road between Route 1 and the south driveway entrance to Rolling Green Country Club. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

ORDINANCE #1578  
One-Way Street

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PUBLIC HEARING  
PA DEP Pollutant  
Reduction Plan/MS4

Mrs. Sage said in order to satisfy the unfunded mandates issues by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, the Township published a legal ad on July 6, 2017 notifying the public that municipalities are required to conduct projects that remove extra sediment from waterways. At the July meeting it was announced that a public hearing would take place this evening for interested persons to provide comments. She asked if anyone in the audience wish to comment on the DEP's Pollutant Reduction Plan. Seeing none, the hearing was closed and Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Plan. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #11-17  
PA DCED Grant

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #11-17 authorizing the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to facilitate and assist in obtaining a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of up to \$283,136 to be used to support improvement to the intersection of West Sproul Road and the Springfield Country Club entrance. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #12-17  
RACP Grant

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Resolution #12-17 was adopted authorizing the Township to allocate \$500,000 from the Springfield Township General Obligation Fund to serve as interim financing for the \$500,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) reimbursement grant. Springfield Township will also allocate \$800,000 from the Springfield Township General Obligation Fund to finance the balance of construction costs and related expenses associated with the RACP scope which consists of improvements to the basement and first floor spaces of the Police and Public Safety facilities. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

RESOLUTION #13-17  
PennDOT Green Light  
Go Program Grant

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #13-17 designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the PennDOT to facilitate and assist in obtaining Pennsylvania's 2016 Green Light – Go Program grant of up to \$284,000.00 to

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be used for the Sproul Road (SR 0320) Corridor Improvement Project. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #14-17 supporting Senate Bill 745 of 2017 providing local government entities with the option to use a statewide database for publication of its various legal notices. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #14-17  
Support of SB 745

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #15-17 authorizing the disposal of surplus vehicles/equipment to be offered for sale on MuniBid to the highest bidder. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #15-17  
Sale of Surplus  
Equipment

Mr. Wechsler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:30 p.m.)