

APRIL 8, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend James Anderson of Covenant Methodist Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Layden presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the Black Jack Kehoe Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians in recognition of winning "Best Appearing Group Award" at the Township's 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

HUNTER-LONG
AWARD

Mr. Art Hunter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians came forward and presented the 2014 Hunter-Long Award to Black Jack Kehoe Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians. This annual award is sponsored by Art & Jim Hunter in honor of their father and uncle.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13 - 19, 2014 as "National Osteopathic Week" in Springfield Township.

Dr. Janiczek read a Proclamation naming May 1, 2014 as "Loyalty Day" in Springfield Township. The Board has scheduled to hold its Loyalty Day Program at the Township Building on Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. Emergency First Responders will be publicly recognized and to remember those Americans who serve, and have served, in the armed forces. Springfield residents were encouraged to attend the ceremony honoring our first responders.

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On motion of Mr. Culp, the minutes of February 11 and March 11, 2014 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp reported total rounds for the month of March was 664 bringing the year to date total to 949. Golf course revenue for the month was \$24,414, raising the year-to-date total to \$39,035. He read the golf course weather report during the month of March. The golf course was closed 20 days due to weather and opened 11 days. Winter equipment maintenance and repairs was completed. The 4th hole cart path and drainage was repaired.

Mr. Culp read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of March. The Parks Department has started renovations to the baseball infields. The lacrosse fields at Church Road and Memorial Parks were lined and repairs were made to the split rail fences at several parks.

Mrs. Sage reported that on March 27th, the Zoning Hearing Board convened to render decisions for the following applications:

- Application of First Watch Restaurant, Springfield Square Shopping Center – approved
- Application of Patient First, 417 Baltimore Pike – approved for two signs
- Applications to determine the validity challenge to the Zoning Ordinance regarding “Off Premises Signs” – denied

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Planning

Mr. Wechsler reported that at the Planning Commission's April 3rd meeting, an application for First Watch Restaurant, Springfield Square East Shopping Center, was reviewed. The Commission recommended its approval to the Board of Commissioners. The second application reviewed was a sketch plan for Enterprise Car Lease on Baltimore Pike to permit an automobile cleaning facility behind their business.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek reported during the month of March 2014, there were six sewer back-ups. To date, the Township has received \$405.70 for recycled oil. Revenue received for recycled paper collected during the month of March was \$5,760.00 and commingled items brought in \$85.00. He noted during the month of March, the Township paid \$24,354.00 for the dumping of 738 tons of refuse.

Library

Dr. Janiczek announced the "Friends of Springfield Library" will hold their annual spring book sale on Saturday, May 17 to May 19, 2014. The Library's youth programs for the second spring session will resume on April 28. It's not too late to join the Cookie Club. Pick-up a Cookie Club Card at the Youth Services desk and start reading. A Cookie Club Party is scheduled on May 3rd.

Ice Rink

Mr. Layden reported the Ice Skating Rink will close the 2013-14 season this weekend with hockey playoffs and a skating exhibition put on by the students taking skating lessons throughout the season. The Ice Rink had a most successful season as over 10,000 skaters enjoyed the facility for either public skating or birthday parties. The rink was rented to 96% capacity for ice hockey.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Lanciano reported that he has been working with the Ambulance Corps beginning in January to chart the Ambulance Corps' performance on how they respond to emergencies in the township. There are three indicators that are being examined. The first one would be to identify the amount of emergencies per month, who responded to the call either the Springfield Ambulance Corps or from an outside ambulance provider; second, the time that it takes to respond

to these emergencies and third; the percentage of the emergencies that are responded by the Springfield Ambulance Corps. This data is coming from the County's 911 Center. He stated he looks forward to working with the Ambulance Corps throughout the year.

Mr. Rudolph reported each year fire claims the lives of 3,400 Americans and injures approximately 17,500. Bedroom fires are a common area of fire origin. Nearly 600 lives are lost to fire that start in bedrooms. He reminded residents to place at least one smoke alarm on each level of their home and in the halls outside of bedrooms.

Mr. Rudolph stated in light of many complaints received about solicitation from door-to-door, he read the hours that a solicitor can be out soliciting, which is 9 a.m. to one half hour after sunset. Solicitors are required to obtain a vendors license, with the exception of those to sell subscriptions, books, magazines and periodicals including educational, religious and reference materials and charitable organizations. As a courtesy, solicitors are asked to register with the police department to inform them of their presence.

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

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, seconded by Dr. Janiczek, the Treasurer's Report for January through March, 2014 was accepted and ordered filed.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, Resolution #7-14 was adopted requesting County Liquid Fuel Aid in the amount of \$12,214.30 to be used for the 2014 pothole patching/repair program. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Fire

Soliciting

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S
REPORT

RESOLUTION #7-14
County Aid - Pothole
Repair Program

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RESOLUTION #8-14
Traffic Signal
Modification

Mrs. Sage moved for the approval of Resolution #8-14 authorizing the proper officials to make application to the PA Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Modification at the intersection of Baltimore Pike & N. Bishop Avenue. Mrs. Sage noted the revision will provide an additional left-turn lane from Baltimore Pike onto N. Bishop Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

RESOLUTION #9-14
TCDI Grant

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #9-14 authorizing the Township Manager of Marple Township to submit an application to participate in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program. The grant application program is a cooperative effort between Marple and Springfield Townships and encompasses safety improvements to Routes 320 & 420. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$7,328.00 from the escrow account for Patient First, 417 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

Mr. Culp moved to reappoint Mr. James Davis, 18 N. Norwinden Drive, to another term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the appointment of Mr. Jeff Lawler, 280 S. Highland Road, to an unexpired term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Layden moved to reappoint Mrs. Margaret Gallo, 854 W. Rolling Road, to the Library Board. The term expires January 12, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Culp and seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:32 p.m.)

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