

AUGUST 11, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the Township Building.

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph, Devenney and Lanciano. Also present were Mr. LeFevre, Mrs. Warner and Kelly Sullivan, Esq.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Davalt of Springfield Baptist Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Daly presented a Life Saving Commendation to Officer David DiTrollo for saving a person's life during Springfield High School's commencement ceremony by administering CPR and the AED machine.

Chief Daly presented a Special Commendation to Sergeant David Welsh for making numerous minor drug arrests and persuaded these individuals to cooperate with the County Drug Task Force leading to arrest and incarceration of major drug traffickers throughout Delaware County.

Finally, he presented a Life Saving Commendation to Officer Robert Kripaitis. While assisting police officers in Marple Township, he helped save a suicidal female.

Mr. Mahoney announced the Post Office is planning to close their Brookside and Mall facilities and relocate to another location in Springfield. He introduced Richard Hancock of the US Postal Service to review the relocation project and to solicit comments from the public and Board of Commissioners. He stated currently Springfield's mail is delivered from Media, which is not cost effective. It was determined they need a facility approximately 10,000 sq.ft. with 100 parking spaces. Then they would sell the Brookside facility and relocate from the mall to somewhere along Baltimore Pike.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

POLICE
COMMENDATIONS

US POSTAL SERVICE

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Mr. Hancock stated they have a minimum 30 day waiting period for public comment or input, followed by advertising for a site. The goal for the relocation is approximately one year. The postal service will be making a minimum of a 15 year commitment to the new location.

Mr. Devenney asked if the two current locations will remain open until the transfer and if the Brookside site will be put up for sale. Mr. Hancock replied both facilities will remain open until they move into the new facility and then the Brookside site will be placed for sale. The Township will be given an opportunity to purchase the site before it will be listed.

Mr. Lanciano asked if they would be increasing the staff and if so, would they be hiring additional personnel. Mr. Wiser, Senior Postal Operations Manager, stated the current employees will be relocated to the new facility and then they will evaluate the operations at that time.

Mr. Rudolph questioned if they expect increased activity of the retail operation. Mr. Hancock replied their goal is to increase sales and decrease costs.

Dr. Janiczek asked if the postal service will be purchasing the site, rather than leasing. Mr. Hancock replied they would be leasing.

Mr. Mahoney opened it up for public comment.

Stan Wong, soon to be Springfield resident, questioned the hours of the new post office. Mr. Wiser stated it will be evaluated.

Mr. Wechsler questioned if they will be using tractor trailers and box trucks at this location. Mr. Hancock replied they will be having a loading dock.

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, the minutes of July 14, 2009, were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

MINUTES

Mr. Mahoney asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sage reported a total of 485 children participated in the Summer Reading Club, which ends on August 14th. She announced a new program for pre-walking babies will begin in September. A special program for children and their grandparents is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th.

Library

Mr. Wechsler reported July's memberships fees were \$10,266, bringing the year-to-date membership fees to \$197,846. Admission fees for the month were \$13,493, bringing the year-to-date box office revenue to \$221,520. Year-to-date snack shop sales are \$33,697. The Pool will be open until Labor Day.

Pool

On August 4th the Police Dept hosted National Night Out at the Pool. He commended the police department stated it was an honor to see them, along with the fire department and other emergency responders, interact with the members of the community.

National Night Out

Mr. Rudolph reported the Public Works Department performing base repair and sealing street openings throughout the Township. Due to Labor Day holiday on September 7th, paper and commingled recycling will not be collected. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of July was 118 tons and total tons of commingled collected for July was 71.98 tons. He also noted starting September 1st, we will be collecting in-house commingled trash.

Public Works

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Traffic Lights/Street
Lights

Mr. Rudolph read a progress report from Robert Artese of Traffic Lights/Street Lights Department. During the past four months, two intersections have been upgraded with LED lamps and PennDOT has also upgraded two intersections through a mini-grant. This will save the Township an additional \$297 per month for a savings of \$3,563 per year. A meeting was held with Septa's representatives regarding Springfield & Brookside Roads. The gates and signals will be removed and a new mast arm and signals will be installed on August 20 & 21st. The tentative schedule for Woodland Avenue crossing to be completed will be before the start of school. Leamy Avenue, Saxer Avenue and Scenic Road will then follow in that order sometime in the fall.

Environmental

Mr. Rudolph announced the next Environmental Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. He asked residents and commercial landscapers to refrain from blowing grass clippings into the street. The clippings accumulate and block the storm sewers contributing to street flooding.

Parks

Mr. Devenney thanked Frank Pappa and his crew for the preparation and maintenance of the baseball field at Netherwood Park for the State Baseball tournament, which was hosted by the Springfield Athletic Association. He read a list of projects completed by the Parks Department during the month of July.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the golf course weather summary for the month of July. It was a very good month with the golf course being opened 30 days with 22 days without rain. He read progress report for July. Total rounds were 5,633 bringing the year-to-date total to 20,071 rounds. Total revenue for the month was \$214,258, bringing the year-to-date revenue total to \$789,573.

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of July, the Fire Company responded to 20 fires, 46 non-fires, 15 mutual aid and held 9 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$106,500.00.

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

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, seconded by Mr. Rudolph, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Rudolph moved to award the bid for Sanitary Sewer Pipe and Manhole Lining to the low bidder, Allstate Power Vac, Inc. in the amount of \$166,425.00. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

Mr. Wechsler reported the Township received \$97,500 Energy Harvest Grant from the DEP to help cover the cost of solar panels on the Township Building and Library. Five bids were received for the installation of solar panels. He moved to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Dynamic Solar Solutions, in the amount of \$158,467.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Devenney stated the Township, along with eleven other municipalities in Delaware County, once again joined a cooperative bid for the 2009-2010 Road Salt Contract, at which time five bids were received. He moved to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Oceanport Industries, in the amount of \$65.83/ton. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

Mrs. Sage read a proposed ordinance requiring commercial, municipal and intuitional buildings shall be responsible to separate and recycle mixed paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, plastics #1 and 2, and leaf waste. A recycling report detailing the tonnage of material collected will be required to be submitted annually to the Township. She moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S
REPORT

BIDS: Sanitary Sewer
Lining

BIDS: Solar Panels

BIDS: Road Salt

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Recycling – Commercial

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BUSINESS TAX
AUDITOR

Dr. Janiczek moved to appoint, for a one year period, Rago, Griesser & Co. as Business Tax Auditors for the Township. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

WAIVER REQUEST

Mr. Lanciano moved to grant a request for a waiver from Chapter 123, Article V, Section 31.A(7) regarding design standards for sidewalks, crosswalks and interior walks. The resident at 97 Duncan Lane is partially handicapped and is requesting to remove six feet of grass strip between the curb & sidewalk and replace it will paver blocks to assist in navigating up the curb and across to the house sidewalk. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

Mr. Devenney moved for the appointment of James Merkins, Jr., 146 E. Scenic Road, to serve as an alternate member on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mr. George Nelson, 88 Nield Road, stated in the Treasurer's Report there is a caption for real estate taxes received, but there is no separate line item for sewer rent or trash collection fees. He asked if they were all included in the caption under Real Estate Taxes. He added that he felt it should be separately stated.

Mr. LeFevre replied the sewer rent fee is included in the Sanitary Sewer Budget and that would not show in that report. The refuse fee is a separate line item. This is a summary report and we could give you a more detailed report.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:05 p.m.)

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