REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 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 Wylie Johnson of the Springfield Baptist Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Lt. Joseph Sadoff presented Life Saving Awards to Police Sgt. Andrew McKinney, Officers Joseph O'Berg and Dan Boyd and Firefighters Keith Thomas and Jack Redding. These gentlemen were involved in an incident this past October where a gentleman suffered a cardiac arrest at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Our two firefighters were in attendance at that mass and immediately stepped in to assist the victim. The police officers arrived and provided assistance helping the firefighters with CPR. Mr. John Eckman who suffered the heart attack was present to thank the gentlemen and everyone else who helped that day.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of November 14, 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.

Library

Mr. Kelly noted in addition to the Spring and Fall Book Sales, the Friends of the Springfield Library have organized ongoing book sales in the library. There is a good selection of books in excellent condition for your holiday shopping. Applications for the Library's display windows for 2018 are now available. Share your organization, craft, hobby or other interest with the community. The Springfield Historical

Society will once again place tags on the Remembrance Tree at Old Central School during the holiday season, Pick up a flyer at the library to order tags in memory of friends or family members.

Parks

Mrs. Sage reported the Parks Department crew completed weekly grass cutting and leaf removal in all Parks and Township owned properties for the season. They completed the winterization of the Crowell Park Building and completed snow removal responsibilities during a recent snowfall.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board will hear two zoning applications on Thursday, December 21st. The first applicant seeks a use variance to permit the change of use of an existing single-family dwelling to a duplex dwelling at 1311 Baltimore Pike. The second applicant seeks a special exception and variances to permit the construction of a building addition and allow a car wash as an additional use at the Piazza Honda, 780 & 794 Baltimore Pike. Township Solicitor, Jim Byrne, added that he just received a letter from the attorney representing Piazza requesting that the matter be continued to the January Zoning Hearing.

Health

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of November, the Health Officer inspected 6 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, and performed 5 reinspections and 1 snack bar fire. There was 1 cat nuisance complaint. Dr. Janiczek noted that to obey the Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act, which prohibits hazardous materials such as TV's and computer monitors in landfills, municipalities must charge a fee to help with the expenses of electronic recycling.

Golf

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of November was 1,767 bringing the year to date total to 32,900. Total revenue for the month was $72,613, bringing the year to date revenue to $1,440,949. The seven year moving

average is $1,198,588, which a positive variance of $242,361. The golf course was opened 30 days, closed 0 days, opened late/closed early on 16 days. Total rainfall was 1.85". He read the monthly maintenance report. The irrigation system has been drained down and blown out to prevent winter ice damage.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported the Highway Department is completing the collection of leaves. The collection of Christmas trees will end on January 19th. This collection is for "clean" trees only (free of ornaments, tinsel and tree stands). All others will be picked up with the regular trash. Due to the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 25th and New Year's Day holiday on Monday, January 1st, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Recycling

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of November, total trash collected was 1014 tons for a total cost of $33,474. Year to date, the Township has collected 9,954 tons of trash for total cost of $328,468. Paper recycling was 105 tons for an income of $6,278. Year-to-date, the Township has collected 1,099 tons for a total income of $62,774. Single stream commingled collected for November was 73 tons with no income or cost. Year-to-date collection is 884 tons. Recycling keeps the cost of trash disposal down.

The Township just received notification from the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority that starting in 2019, the cost of trash removal will go up $20 a ton. We currently pay $33/ton. The increase will be to $53/ton. Recycling does matter and asked residents to take the time to recycle. It is the best thing for the economy, ecology and for the Township.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano announced the Springfield Cares Coalition is sponsoring a free skate night on Saturday, December 16th at the Ice Rink from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Mr. Rudolph added that this is a great community event and all our welcome to come out.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

ORDINANCE #1579
Kiosk

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1579 amending Chapter 52, entitled "Food Establishments" by adding the definition "Kiosk." Kiosks shall be limited to non-food items, unless product is ready-to-eat and obtained from an approved food source as required under the PA Department of Agriculture, Title 7 - Food Code, Chapter 46. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #20-17
Category 4 Casino

Mr. Byrne explained there was an Act recently passed by the PA Legislature, Act 42 of 2017, which amends PA law authorizing Category 4 casinos within the Commonwealth to expand gaming operations for mini-casinos. As part of the statue, the law also permits a municipality that wishes to prohibit those mini-casinos from the Township to pass a Resolution and return it to the Board Secretary at the PA Gaming Control Board no later than December 31, 2017. If the Township prohibits the Category 4 casino, we can later change our minds, but if you don't prohibit it now, than you cannot prohibit it at a later time.

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Resolution #20-17 opting out of having a Category 4 Casino within the boundaries of Springfield Township. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #21-17
Police Pension

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #21-17 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police Contribution Pension Plan for the year 2018 at 5%. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #22-17
Sewer Rent Discount

Mrs. Safe moved for the adoption of Resolution #22-17 providing for a 2% discount on a 2018 sewer rent bill paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

RESOLUTION #23-17
PennDOT Mowing

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #23-17 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a one year Mowing Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining funds of $1,623.50 to Quinta Raddison, Inc. 1521 Wallingford Road. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Lewis, 629 Cresson Lane, stated she is here tonight with residents many from the Third Ward to bring to the Board's attention an incident that occurred on the morning of Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017. She said Cara Dodson, a certified poll watcher from Delaware County, arrived at the Public Works Building in Ward 3-2 and found a man wearing a Springfield Commissioner fleece jacket sitting inside and talking to voters. She asked if he had a poll watcher certificate explaining that only certain people can be inside a polling location and that if he had a poll watcher certificate he could remain. She stated that he argued, insulted and bullied her. The Judge of Election confided that he felt helpless to do anything because the man in the fleece is the current Third Ward Commissioner, Lee Janiczek, had refused to show him a poll watching certificate. Ms. Dobson asked Commissioner Janiczek to return with the certificate if he had one. He insisted that she had no right to be at his polling place and get out of his town. When another person informed him that he was being recorded he became nervous and quieted down before returning to his car.

Mrs. Lewis quoted that Title 25, Chapter 14, Article 12, Section D states that "all persons except election officers, clerks, machine inspectors, overseers, watchers, person in the course of voting, persons lawfully given assistance to voters and peace and police officers when permitted by the provisions of this Act must remain at least 10 feet distance

from the polling place during the progress of the voting. She stated Commissioner Janiczek broke the law by lingering within a polling place without a watcher certificate. She stated the incident was reported to the appropriate authorities and asked that as a governing body the Board takes this situation just as seriously and hold Commissioner Janiczek accountable for his actions. They requested a public apology from Commissioner Janiczek tonight.

Mr. Byrne informed Mrs. Lewis that he did get a copy of her letter. He said he has looked into the matter and the jurisdiction for this type of event is with the PA Department of State. The Department of State has set up guidelines for Election Day and what should happen at the polls that nobody should be commenting to either a watcher or a voter. If there is a problem, the issue should be directed first to the Judge of Elections and if the Judge of Elections is not able to handle it it goes to the County Board of Elections or even to the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Byrne cautioned the Board that it is not in our jurisdiction to interfere with this if there is an investigation or report being made to the County Bureau of Elections. He noted that the Bureau of Elections is a bipartisan board. It seems like it has been reported there and a proper investigation will occur and that this Board should refrain from commenting any further.

Bonnie Hodges, 17 S. Hillcrest Road, asked for a personal apology from Commissioner Janiczek. She asked to meet with Dr. Janiczek after the meeting. Dr. Janiczek stated that she is politically motivated and his time is given to the residents of his ward. Ms. Hodges asked if he would speak to someone from his Ward. He responded that they can call him and would be happy to talk with them.

Heather Schumacher, 18 Waverly Avenue, stated there is a bipartisan representation of those who signed the petition and that it is not politically motivated.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:50 p.m.)

Mr. Layden moved that the meeting be adjourned to to December 19th at 6:30 p.m. to take action on the final reading of the 2018 proposed budget ordinance. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.