

DECEMBER 9, 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, December 9, 2014 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Father Anthony Costa of St. Francis of Assisi Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Dr. Janiczek presented a Resolution to the Springfield High School 2014 Varsity Football Team for ending their season as Central League Champions. They made school history for being the 1st Cougar football team to reach District finals.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of November 12 and 18, 2014 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Culp 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.

Parks

Mr. Culp read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of November. The parks crew winterized the irrigation systems at Netherwood, Church Road and Memorial Park, as well as the Crowell Park building. They continued with leaf removal in all parks and Township-owned properties and are expected to be completed by the middle of next week.

Golf Course

Mr. Culp reported there will be no increase in golf permits and fees for 2015. He reported that during the month of November 2014, total rounds were 1,208, bringing the year-to-date total to 28,526 rounds. The total revenue for the

month was \$40,062, bringing the year-to-date total to \$192,098. The golf course was opened 26 days. The golf course irrigation system has been winterized.

Mrs. Sage reported the Zoning Hearing Board will convene on December 18, 2014 to hear and render a decision for a zoning application regarding a property at 477 Hawarden Road requesting variances from side yard setback and impervious surface coverage. The owners proposed to construct an addition with an attached garage and deck.

Zoning

Dr. Janiczek announced that on Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. in Bornman Hall, the Library will be holding a Christmas Special the whole family will enjoy the *Frozen Sing-Along Special*. He thanked the residents who have given a donation towards the Library Fund Drive. He reminded homebound residents living in Springfield or Morton that they can receive library material at home. This free service is delivered to your home by the Women's Club.

Library

Dr. Janiczek reported recycled paper for November 2014 was 89 tons compared to 93 tons collected during the same time period in 2013. Commingled recycling totaled 88 tons for November 2014, compared to 73 tons collected in November 2013. Leaf collection will continue through to the end of the year. Due to the Christmas holiday on Thursday, December 25th and New Year's Day holiday on Thursday, January 1st, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported that he has been working with the Ambulance Corps this year in charting the Corps' emergency response record in in the Township. The first indicator was the monthly EMS responses. For the month of October, there were 201 emergencies in Springfield, with the Springfield Ambulance Corps responding to 189 calls. The other calls were received by outside ambulance corps. For the monthly percentage of EMS responses, Springfield responded to 94%

Ambulance Corps

of the emergencies in October. The final indicator was the monthly average number of minutes for an emergency response. For the month of October, the response time was 6.6 minutes from the point of dispatch to arrival. The industry standard is 8 minutes.

Police

Mr. Rudolph stated during the holiday season, many residents will be making online purchases that will be delivered to their homes. Packages sitting by the front door are a target for theft. He suggested residents to make sure to track their deliveries on line and try to arrange for a family member or neighbor accept the package. Mr. Rudolph also reported over the past several weeks that there has been a rash of vehicle thefts in the area. The majority have occurred on residential streets and driveways where the vehicles have been unlocked. He advised residents to lock their vehicles at all times when unattended and not leave valuables inside.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph stated that on December 7th the Fire Company had their annual Christmas tree lighting with fireworks and a visit from Santa Claus. On Saturday, December 13th from 11 am – 2 pm children can come to the fire house and have their picture taken with Santa.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S
REPORT

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Mr. Culp, the Treasurer's Report for November 2014 was accepted and ordered filed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Sewer Rent

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance setting the Sewer Rent Rate for the year 2015 at \$6.25 per thousand gallons of water consumed. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried

RESOLUTION #17-14
Police Pension

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Resolution #17-14 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police

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Pension Plan for the year 2015 at 5%. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Contribution

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #18-14 providing for a 2% discount on a 2015 sewer rent bill paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #18-14
Sewer Rent Discount

Dr. Janiczek moved to ratify a three-year contract between the Township and the FOP. Police officers will receive a wage increase of 2% in 2015, 3% in 2016 & 4% in 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

FOP CONTRACT

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the appointments of Brian Dunkle and Kyle Cutcliff to the Police Department. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried. Mr. Culp abstained from voting.

POLICE OFFICERS

On motion of Mr. Culp, the 2015 C.C. golf permit and daily playing fees were approved. The rates will remain the same as in 2014. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

2015 GOLF FEES

Bill Gough, 624 Barclay Circle, asked for assistance in getting street lights that are on during the day extinguished. He reported a day burner on N. Brookside Road about five years ago and it is still on during the day. Mr. Rudolph responded that the Township Manager will meet with Mr. Artese to address this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, stated he read that the proposed budget will have no tax increase. He thanked the Board for eliminating waste. He also brought up his concerns over the speeding cars on Thomson Avenue, especially during rush hour.

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned to December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the final reading of the proposed 2015 budget. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:41 P.M.)