

DECEMBER 11, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in the Township Building.

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

The Invocation was given by Dr. Janiczek, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Citizen Commendations were presented to Joseph Carroll Electric and Oliver Heating and Cooling for providing temporary power during the four-day outage at the home of Nicholas Walsh, who lost electricity during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Walsh suffers from Alzheimer's disease and is bedridden. Moving him could have been detrimental to his health. The Board recognized and thanked the following for providing their services at no charge: William McVean, William Valinate, Steve Pfizenmeyer of Oliver Heating & Cooling and Joseph Carroll. Mr. Rudolph also recognized the Police Department and Fire Company for their assistance. Nick Walsh, Jr. came forward and expressed his appreciation for all the assistance received during Hurricane Sandy.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Lanciano presented the Springfield High School Marching Band with a Citizen Commendation for finishing second place in the statewide band competition. Springfield High School Principal Frank McKnight, Band Director, Scott Blandford, and several members of the band came forward and expressed their appreciation to the Board for the recognition.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATIONS
Citizen Commendations

RECOGNITION

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MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of November 13, 2012 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.

Mrs. Regina Shearer, 34 Old State Road, commended the Board for a fiscally responsible budget. She stated in comparing budgets with Haverford and Marple Townships, Springfield came in less. She suggested going to once a week trash pick-up. Mr. Rudolph stated that the Public Works Department is pretty lean and said that would impact on snow removal. He also said that the actual economic savings would be marginal, as recycling still needs to be picked up. On behalf of Ray Wilfong, Mrs. Shearer submitted a list of questions concerning the budget and collection of mercantile and business privilege taxes for the Board to review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library

Mr. Culp announced the deadline is December 12th for donating new unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots program. In regard to the Springfield Remembrance Tree, flyers to order tags in honor or memory of friends or family members are available at the Library. Donor-sponsor tags will be placed on the Remembrance Tree in front of Old Central School during the holiday season. Mr. Culp also thanked the residents who have given a donation towards the Library Fund Drive.

Planning

Mrs. Sage reported the Planning Commission met on December 6, 2012 to review a Conditional Use Application for the Taqueria del Sol Restaurant. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application, with conditions set forth in the Township Engineer's letter of December 5, 2012.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board met on November 15th and reviewed the application for Piazza Honda for sign variances and a special exception to permit an

enclosure of the building that is located in a flood hazard district with garage doors. The decision will be rendered on December 20, 2012. On December 20, 2012, the Zoning Hearing Board will review an application for a sign variance for Spencer Chevrolet and an application for a use variance to permit two uses on premises located at 57 N. State Road.

Dr. Janiczek reported in November 2012, the Township collected 93.62 tons of recycled paper, compare to 129.62 tons collected in 2011. Commingled recycling for November 2012 was 76.73 tons, compared to 66.33 tons collected in 2011. Refuse collection this November was 1198 tons, compared to last year's figure of 877 tons. Due to the Christmas holiday on Tuesday, December 25th and New Year's Day holiday on Tuesday, January 1st, trash and recycling will not be collected. Dr. Janiczek also raised a concern with residents putting their trash and recycling cans into the street. He requested residents to keep their cans next to the grass strip next to the sidewalk. Leaf collection will be completed during the week of December 17.

Mr. Layden stated that he is happy to say even with the construction of the hotel there has been no disruption to any play on the golf course. For the month of November, total rounds at the golf course were 1,508, bringing the year-to-date total to 35,486. Revenue for the month of November was \$45,819, bring the year-to-date total to \$1,374,991. This is a positive variance over last year's total of \$118,051. Mr. Layden announced there will be no rate increase for 2013 season.

Mr. Lanciano announced the new Zamboni Ice Resurfacer was delivered two weeks ago and does a fantastic job resurfacing the ice before each and every ice time. The Springfield in-house hockey league is adding two additional teams for the second half of the season, bringing the league total to 11 teams and approximately 160 boys and girls. He also reported ten additional skating sessions have been added during the holidays.

Public Works

Golf Course

Ice Rink

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Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department progress report for the month of November. Maintenance to the football and soccer fields has been completed for the season. The irrigation systems at Netherwood, Memorial and Church Roads parks have been winterized, as well as the Crowell Park building.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reported the holiday season brings a large number of consumers into the Township's shopping districts. Unfortunately, this usually leads to an increase in theft crime. Mr. Rudolph read a list of safety tips to follow in preventing theft while shopping or dining or when packages are being delivered at your home.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph reporting for the month of November, the Fire Company responded to 75 incidents. Total fire loss for November was \$218,500. Man responses to incidents were 1,325, with incident hours of 51 hours and 30 minutes. Man hours totaled 736 hours, 15 minutes.

Mr. Rudolph reported winter and holiday fire are typically more severe than the rest of the year for several reasons, such as the use of fireplaces, candles and live Christmas trees. Mr. Rudolph read a safety tips in preventing winter fires and life saving tips, such as the use of smoke alarms.

Tree Lighting

Mr. Rudolph stated that on December 2nd, the Fire Company and Township had their first annual Christmas tree lighting. Approximately 1,000 people attended and he thanked everybody who had a hand putting this together.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Wechsler, the Treasurer's Report for November 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Culp moved to award the sole bid for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Superior Plus Company at \$3.1565 per gallon for gasoline and \$3.4247 per gallon for diesel fuel. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

BIDS: GASOLINE
DIESEL FUEL

Mr. Lanciano summarized a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 130, "Telecommunication Facilities" with the addition of a new Article VI entitled, "Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Within and Outside Rights-of Way. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for viewing. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Telecommunication
Facilities

Mr. Layden summarized a proposed ordinance updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for viewing. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Consolidated Fee
Schedule

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 26-12 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2013 at 5%. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #26-12
Police Pension
Contribution

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 27-12 providing for a 2% discount on a 2013 sewer rent bill paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #27-12
Sewer Rent Discount

Mr. Culp moved to authorize the acceptance of "Requests for Proposals" on the Automated Red Light Cameras by the Township no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 4, 2013 in the Township Building. All vendors interested in submitting a proposal are required to attend. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

REQUEST FOR RFPs
Red Light Cameras

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REQUEUST FOR RFP'S
Civil Pension Plans

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the "Requests for Proposals" for Investment Consulting Services for Springfield Township's Non-Uniform Defined Benefit and Benefit Contribution Pension Plans. Proposals will be accepted no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

REVISED LAND
DEVELOPMENT PLAN
Springfield Square East

Dr. Janiczek moved to approved the proposed Revised Land Development Plan for the LA Fitness located in Springfield Square East Shopping Center, contingent upon the plans being recorded as per Springfield's Subdivision & Land Development Code, Chapter 123. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$76,062.60 from the escrow account for the Miller Ale House, 18 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina Shearer, 34 Old State Road, asked for an explanation of the proposed ordinance concerning wireless telecommunications rights-of-way facilities. Mr. Byrne explained the ordinance is complicated and is governed by federal law. The FCC keeps revising their law and, as a result, the Township has to revise their ordinance in keeping current with state regulations. Mrs. Shearer asked if a study has been conducted prior to the "Request for Proposals" for the automated red light camera. Mr. Rudolph commented that the study is part of the RFP. She requested copies of the ordinances. Mrs. Shearer, speaking on behalf of Ray Wilfong, commended the Board for the continuing the fight against the billboards. She also stated Mr. Wilfong attended the Township's Christmas tree lighting that he enjoyed it and hopes it becomes an annual tradition.

George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, questioned or commented on the following:

- funding for the Zamboni
- repairs to the tennis courts

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- police contract
- employee's 2% raise - those with a lower salary should receive a higher raise than those who receive a higher salary
- revenue received from the State for police fines
- offer residents free paper bags for leaf collection

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned to December 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the proposed 2013 budget. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)