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REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

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

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of October 11 through November 29, 2011 were approved. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Sage reported the Ice Rink has been very busy renting out ice times by various youth teams and clubs, JV and varsity teams, as well as men's and college teams. The new in-house hockey league added three teams and will now field six teams beginning in January. There will be additional public skating sessions during the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph announced the Public Works department completed the entire leaf collection schedule and has begun their second rotation. Due to the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 26th and New Year's Day holiday on Monday, January 2nd, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Library

Mr. Layden said the Library will reopen on Monday, December 19th with a newly renovated Youth Service Area provided by the Friends of Springfield Library. Programs for children will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of November, total rounds were 2,054, bringing the year-to-date total to 31,611 rounds. Total revenue was \$74,489, bringing the year to date revenue to \$1,256,940.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report. The Parks crew completed football and soccer field maintenance for the year. The goalposts were removed from football fields at Crowell and Church Road Parks. The majority of the time has been spent on leaf removal in all parks and township-owned properties.

Parks

Mr. Mahoney reported during the holiday season, there is an increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic throughout the Township, especially in shopping districts. This usually brings an increase in theft and crimes and traffic accidents. He reminded residents be aware of your surroundings while shopping and to be alert while driving in heavy traffic

Public Safety

Mr. Mahoney announced that this is his last meeting as he is retiring as Commissioner of the 1st Ward. He noted he has been a Commissioner for 22 years and never missed a public meeting. He stated he enjoyed working with good and intelligent people. He thanked his constituents as well as Township employees, Police Department and Fire Company. Our residents are very friendly and caring and this is a very wonderful town.

Mr. Mahoney

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2011 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Lanciano moved to table the second reading of the proposed ordinance on grinder pumps. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

ORDINANCE TABLED
Grinder Pumps

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ORDINANCE #1514
No Parking

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption Ordinance #1514 creating a "No Parking" zone on the northwesterly side of Johnston Road 176.3 feet from the Saxer Avenue intersection and 135 feet north on the east side of Lownes Lane from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Stop Sign

Mr. Layden read a proposed ordinance creating a stop intersection at N. Norwinden Drive and Claremont Road facing northeast bound traffic. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried

RESOLUTION #17-11
Animal Protection Board

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #17-11 authorizing the Township of Springfield to enter into a three year agreement with the Animal Protection Board of Delaware County for stray animal service. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #18-10
Police Pension

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 18-11 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2012 at 5%. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #19-11
Sewer Rent Discount

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 19-11 providing for a 2% discount on 2012 sewer rent bill paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Lanciano moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Country Club Ice Rink Dehumidifier to be received by January 6, 2012 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Mr. Rudolph moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Janitorial Cleaning Services for the Township Building to be received by January 6, 2012 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RECOGNITION
Thomas Mahoney

State Representative William Adolph stated he has known Tom for over 30 years and during that time found out what a caring and dedicated person he was and he knew that would come through when he served as a Township Commissioner. He stated Mr. Mahoney demonstrated knowledge, ability and integrity while carrying out many responsibilities. Mr. Adolph presented a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives thanking him for his 22 years of distinguished service as a Springfield Township Commissioner.

Tom McGarrigle, Delaware County Council, presented a Citation to Mr. Mahoney acknowledging his 22 years of great service to the township. He also noted he had a great opportunity in serving with Tom as a colleague on this Board.

Kaitlin Ganley, Chief of Staff for Congressman Patrick Meehan, presented a Citation that was read on the House floor on December 2nd on Mr. Mahoney's behalf thanking him on behalf of the 7th Congressional District for his service to Springfield Township.

On behalf of State Senator Ted Erickson, Mr. Lanciano read a Citation honoring Mr. Mahoney for contributing to the well-being of his community and congratulated him upon his retirement after 22 dedicated and distinguished years as 1st Ward Commissioner.

Dr. Janiczek presented a Proclamation from the Delaware County Association of First Class Township Commissioners paying tribute to Mr. Mahoney for serving for 11 years as President of the Springfield Board of Commissioners, as well serving as the President of the Delco Association of First Class Township Commissioners and the Eastern Association of Township Commissioners.

Following these tributes, each Commissioner and Township Solicitor provided personal reflections on his service stating it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve

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with him and thanked him for providing the community with outstanding service, dedication and commitment. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Rudolph presented a plaque to Mr. Mahoney thanking him for his 22 years of service to the Township.

Michael Puppio, Republican Party Chairperson, thanked Mr. Mahoney for his mentoring, leadership and service.

Mr. Mahoney thanked his wife for allowing him to take the time to serve on the Board.

Mr. Mahoney moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 P.M.)