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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 13, 2016 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Robert Kinzel of the Blue Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Rudolph for the second reading of a Zoning Code Amendment that contains revisions to Use Regulations for TND-1 (Saxer Avenue) and TND-2 (Brookside Road.)

Mr. Wechsler stated the zoning amendment is to encourage retail and restaurant uses along Saxer Avenue and Brookside Road. The amendments to the Zoning Code will require first floor uses to have a retail or restaurant in both TND Overlay Districts. First floors within a TND-1 Overlay District and TND-2 Overlay District are intended to be occupied by neighborhood retail and restaurant that attract pedestrian traffic and then offices or apartments on the second floor.

Mr. Wechsler summarized the proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Code to modify uses in the TND-1 and TND-2 Overlay Districts. A copy of the amendments are on file and available at the Township Building. He moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1573, seconded by Mr. Lanciano.

Mr. Byrne stated pursuant to the PA Municipalities Planning Code when there is a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code a public hearing must take place where the public has opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments. He reported the ordinance was advertised in the Delaware County

Daily Times on November 21, 2016. The proposed amendments were sent to the Springfield Planning Commission and the Delaware County Planning Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Byrne recommended opening the floor for public comment.

Mr. Thomas Runtagh, 289 S. Highland Avenue, stated he is concerned about parking and traffic congestion and asked if it was considered. Mr. Rudolph replied that parking has been considered and the Township was able to obtain state funding for an additional parking lot on Saxer Avenue next to the fire house. Also, the Township acquired the pizza restaurant on Brookside Road approximately ten years ago and created a municipal parking lot.

There was no further public comment.

Mr. Byrne stated we should incorporate by reference the proof of publication, as well as the minutes from the Springfield Township Planning Commission which recommended approval. Mr. Wechsler noted that Delaware County Planning Commission has to issue a letter on their recommendations. Mr. Rudolph asked for a vote. All Board members voted aye and the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the minutes of September 13, October 11, November 8 and November 15, 2016 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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

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

The 2017 budget calls for expenditures of \$17,541,350. The millage rate will remain at 5.586 mills. Mrs. Sage moved

PUBLIC COMMENT

ORDINANCE #1573
Zoning Code
TND-1 & TND-2
Saxer/Brookside

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

BILLS SUBMITTED

2017 BUDGET

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that the 2017 final budget be approved for adoption. Mr. Rudolph announced this is the third year with no increase in taxes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #14-16
Sewer Rent Discount

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #14-16 Sewer Rent Discount providing for a 2% discount on a 2017 sewer rent bill paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #15-16
Police Pension

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #15-16 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police Contribution Pension Plan for the year 2017 at 5%. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #16-16
Transfer of Funds

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #16-16 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to transfer before the end of the calendar year the sum of \$400,000 from the General Fund into the Capital Vehicle Fund and \$250,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund into the Capital Vehicle Fund. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road, thanked Mr. Fulton and the Board of Commissioners for installing street lights on the eastern side of Saxer Avenue. He also thanked Dr. Janiczek for sending out a newsletter with information on the Township's Community Watch Program. He stated he has been involved in community watch for a number of years and he appreciated it being publicized. Mr. Wilfong encouraged anyone interested in being involved with Community Watch should join.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Rudolph stated State Representative, William Adolph has elected to retire and at this point he is allowing the Commissioners to comment on Bill.

Mr. Kelly congratulated Bill on his career as State Representative. He said is always look up to him when he was his coach for the Springfield Spartans Football Team. On behalf of his family and residents of the 1st Ward he thanked him.

Mrs. Sage thanked Bill for the impact he had on her and for his service and dedication to the Township and all those who he had represented.

Mr. Wechsler stated several years ago Bill started hosting a Veterans breakfast for appreciation to the ones who have served our Country. Bill is humbled to see these people who have made that sacrifice. Mr. Wechsler remarked that Bill has made just as much a sacrifice in 28 years in the PA Legislature and years serving as Commissioner with being away from his family. He thanked Bill for making Springfield a better place to live.

Dr. Janiczek thanked him for all the years of service that you have given to Springfield as a volunteer, as a local representative, as a state representative and as a person who cares about his fellow man.

Mr. Layden stated he appreciates everything Bill has done for the community and especially appreciated everything he has done for me personally when he was running in a tough election. Bill went door to door with me and it was amazing how loved he was by everyone who opened the door, it just rubbed off on me.

Mr. Lanciano stated that Bill and him go back a ways when he was the athletic director at St. Kevins and John Peters was the athletic director at St. Francis. We started interviewing for a coach for a varsity squad and Bill came in very organized and dedicated. He went on to make St. Francis varsity the power house in the division for years. Bill showed dedication to the kids. He set an example not only for the kids but for the program.

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The impact you had on me was an education and an insight on how to treat people. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.

Mr. Byrne stated what a good friend Bill has been and it has been over 30 years ago you and other members of the Board of Commissioners at that time took a chance on me when I was a young kid just coming out of law school and now 30 years later I am still sitting here as lawyer for the Township and who have been with me all the way through it. I appreciate everything he has done for me and the community.

Mr. Rudolph read highlights of Bill's political career. Mr. Rudolph summed up their relationship when Bill's young son and his third youngest were in nursery school together in Springfield. He noted Bill has been a mentor, friend, advisor and teacher and have been that to so many people. He thanked him and appreciated everything you have done.

Bill Adolph came forward and said this room brings back a lot of great memories and remembrances of when he was on the Board of Commissioners. Springfield is one big family, no matter what section of the town you live in It's a great place to raise a family. This town and government has been run so efficiently over the years and the voters of Springfield Township are friends and neighbors and a community that has so much to offer. He thanked the Board for acknowledging his retirement from the legislature. The Board of Commissioners presented a plaque to Bill Adolph for his dedicated service.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:46 P.M.)

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