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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 8, 2009 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph, Devenney and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. LeFevre and Byrne, and Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Novak of Life Christian Fellowship Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, the minutes of November 10 and 17, 2009 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Devenney 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.

Library

Mrs. Sage thanked the residents who have given a donation towards the Library Fund Drive. Mrs. Sage announced the Library received the Pennsylvania Library Association's 2010 Best Access Award for programming and services to children under the age of six. The award will be presented to the Library in Harrisburg on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ice Rink

Mr. Wechsler reported the Ice Rink will be closed on Christmas Day, but has added 12 public skating sessions during the holiday season. All skating sessions are open to the public with a \$5.00 admission. The schedule will be posted on the local cable channel, as well as the Springfield Press.

Planning

Mr. Wechsler stated on December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Planning Commission reviewed Saxer Avenue/Brookside Road Streetscape Improvement project. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the project.

At last month's meeting Mr. Wechsler announced the Township received a phone call from an individual regarding a Springfield resident that was killed in Vietnam, Barry Burnite who was being considered for a Silver Star. Since that meeting, he reported they found a sister in Prospect Park. His Silver Star nomination award has been approved and will be presented to his family.

Silver Star Recipient

Mr. Rudolph stated the Leaf Collection Program was will be finishing up within the next two weeks. Currently, mechanics are inspecting all snow removal equipment for the 2009-2010 snow and ice season. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of November was 133 tons. Total tons of commingled collected for November 2009 was 60 tons. Due to the Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1, there will be no trash or recycling collection. Paper and commingled recycling will be collected on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph reported that last month the Township received a grant to install LED lights. This grant will complete all the traffic lights in the Township. The benefit is that the Township gets a direct reduction in our utility bill. The installation should be completed by mid-summer.

Traffic Signal

Mr. Devenney reported the Parks Department maintenance to the football and soccer fields in Crowell, Church Road and Memorial has been completed. The majority of the time spent has been with leaf removal in the parks and Township-owned properties.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the golf course weather summary for the month of November. The golf course was open 29 days, closed 1 day, open late 3 days. Total rainfall was 3.55". He read the golf course maintenance report. The off-season rate

Golf

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is in effect now at \$29 per person with cart included. Total rounds for the month of November were 2,118 rounds, bringing the year-to-date total to 34,396. Total revenue for the month of November was \$68,247, bringing the year-to-date total to \$1,303,954.

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of November, the Fire Company responded to 8 fires, 38 non-fires, 23 mutual aid and held 10 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$25,000. The new fire apparatus should be delivered by the end of December.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

On motion of Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Rudolph, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and ordered filed.

ORDINANCE #1501  
No Left Turn

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1501 prohibiting a left turn on Saxer Avenue by northbound traffic on Saxer Avenue, between Powell Road and the SEPTA right-of-way, into the angle parking spaces on the westerly side of the street. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

SALE OF SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT

Mr. Lanciano moved that the Township vehicles/equipment sold through MuniBid be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Consolidated Fee  
Schedule

Mrs. Sage read a proposed ordinance updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule. She moved the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #16-09  
Police Pension  
Contribution

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 16-09 setting the annual contribution of police officers to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2010 at 5%. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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Mr. Devenney moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 15-08 providing for a 2% discount on 2010 sewer rent paid within sixty days of the date of the bill. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #17-09  
Sewer Rent bills Discount

Mrs. Rudolph moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 18-09 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a one year Mowing Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

RESOLUTION #18-09  
Mowing Agreement

Mr. Wechsler reported the Township is seeking funding for a beautification project for Saxer Avenue/Brookside Road shopping districts. After 18 months of meetings, a planning study showing streetscaping, landscaping to enhance these retail districts. This study is needed in order to obtain grants to bring this project to fruition. Mr. Wechsler moved, based on the Planning Commission's recommendation, that the study be approved for submission for grant funding. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PLANNING STUDY  
Saxer Ave./Brookside Rd.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the 2008 C.C. golf permit and daily playing fees were approved. The playing fees will remain the same as in 2009. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

2010 GOLF FEES

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned to December 15, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. for the proposed 2010 budget. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:26 p.m.)