

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in the Township Building.

REGULAR MEETING

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Janiczek, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. The First Ward Commissioner seat is currently vacant. Also present were Messrs. Mr. Fulton, Byrne and Mrs. Warner.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Chief Joseph Daly presented Commendations of Merit to Detective Dan McNeely and Officer Sean Clifton for their roles in the resolution of overnight theft from vehicles which involved the arrest of two combative criminals.

PRESENTATIONS

In behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Wechsler presented a Resolution to the Springfield Storm Girls Soccer Team for winning the 2014 Philadelphia Area Girls Soccer League Division Championship.

Mr. Byrne stated the office of Commissioner Culp was vacated when he resigned last month. Under the 1st Class Township Code, the Board has 30 days in which to fill that vacancy. He suggested that prior to voting on the Resolution to fill the vacancy that public comment on this particular item be solicited.

1ST WARD COMMISSIONER

Mr. Rudolph called for public comment on the Resolution to appoint a First Ward Commissioner. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #2-15 appointing Edward Kelly, 301 Avon Road, as Commissioner of the First Ward to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Culp, who has been appointed to County Council. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-15
1ST Ward Commissioner

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OATH OF OFFICE

Judge James Merkins administered the Oath of Office and Mr. Kelly took his seat.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of January 13, 2015 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano 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. Kelly read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of January. The Parks crew continues with winter equipment maintenance, began renovating wooden entrance signs to several parks and completed snow and ice removal responsibilities during several recent snow events.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported that on February 26th the Zoning Hearing Board will meet to hear the following applications:

ZH-15-02 - The continuation of a hearing for a proposed Social Enrichment Therapy Clinic to be located at C.C. Hancock Methodist Church

ZH-15-03 – The application of St. Kevin Parish for variances to permit leasing of 12,000 sq. ft. of the first floor of St. Kevin’s school building to Crozer-Keystone for business offices.

Litter-Unsolicited Advertisements

Mr. Wechsler stated there has been complaints from residents about unsolicited newspapers and advertisements being thrown on the driveway or sidewalk. While a lot of people want the ads, there are people who do not want them, especially if they are away on vacation it looks like their home is unattended. Mr. Wechsler stated there is a website to have the deliveries stopped, but that avenue appears to be ineffective. The current ordinance from 1976 is not enforceable. He also noted that the papers can be buried in the snow, and if you run your snow blower it can get caught in the

snow blower damaging it. The Township Solicitor, Jim Byrne, is working on drafting a new ordinance which will be presented at the March meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Janiczek reported the Library offers a wide variety of youth programs for children in the 5th grade, or younger. The Spring 1 Session will begin on March 2nd and continue through April 10th. He thanked the residents who have contributed to the Library's Annual Fund Drive. The Library has a large selection of audio books on CD. Display windows located at the upper level of the Library are still available to showcase organizations, crafts, hobbies or other interests within the community. Janiczek encouraged library users to recycle paper products, plastic, glass and cans in the recycling containers located throughout the library. The library also collects computer cartridges, cellphones, MP3 players, camera and GPS devices for delivery to a company that pays the library to receive such items.

Library

Dr. Janiczek reported recycled paper for January 2015 was 85 tons compared to 59 tons collected during the same period in 2014. Commingled recycling totaled 108 tons for January 2015, compared to 152 tons collected in January 2014. Refuse collected for January 2015 was 726 tons compared to 757 tons collected in January 2014. Due to Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16, 2015, trash, paper and commingled recycling will not be collected.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported the Pool construction is on schedule with all three new pool shells in place. Storm damaged trees along the property line were either pruned or removed. Opening day for the pool is set for May 23, 2015. Pool membership applications will be mailed out to all residents, as well as being available for pick-up at the Township Building or downloaded from two of the Township's websites.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report for the month of January 2015. Total rounds for 2014 was

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29,248 with a seven year moving average of 32,717. The total revenue for 2014 was \$1,233,556 with a seven year moving average of \$1,287,081.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

**ORDINANCE #1554
Stop Signs**

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1554 creating a 3-way intersection at Cheyney & Lloyds Roads facing northeastbound, southwestbound and northwestbound traffic. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

**ORDINANCE #1555
Police Pension Benefits**

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1555 amending specific terms of the Police Pension Plan pursuant to Act 51 of 2009. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried

**RESOLUTION #3-15
County Liquid Fuels**

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, Resolution #3-15 was adopted requesting County Liquid Fuel Aid in the amount of \$34,898.00 to be used for the improvement of Township roadways. Estimated total cost of the project is \$354,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

**RESOLUTION #4-15
PennDOT Mowing
Agreement**

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #4-15 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a one year Mowing Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

**CIVILIAN PENSION
PLAN COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wechsler moved for the appointment of Brad Warner, 115 Broadview Road, to a vacancy on the Civilian Pension Plan Committee as a citizen representative. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

**GOLF ADVISORY
BOARD**

Dr. Janiczek moved for the reappointment of Rocco Brunnone, 483 Thatcher Road, to a four year term on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Karen McCurdy Melfi, 216 Midland Road, stated that the crosswalk Midland and Scenic Roads is unsafe for pedestrians in the area of Scenic Hills School and asked to see a solution to this hazardous situation. She commented that there have been numerous near accidents of those walking their children to school. She stated that none of the parents were asked about the experiences when a traffic study was recently conducted. The data of the study only tells part of the story and contradicts much of the residents own analog data. The speed limit on E. Scenic Road is 25 m.p.h. and there is a 15 m.p.h. school zone a short distance up the hill. The crosswalk at Scenic Road is at the end of the one-way downward slope of Scenic Road making 25 m.p.h. too fast to yield to pedestrians. Mr. Rudolph replied that the Township Manager and Police Chief will revisit this issue.

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, commented that he is glad to see that the Township negotiated the contract with the Police versus arbitration. He stated with the hiring of two new police officers, he is glad to see one is a veteran. As a follow-up to a discussion at a previous Board meeting concerning streetlight day-burners, he reported there has been a street light out for five weeks in front of 310 Alliston Road. He commented that in reviewing the budgets over the last three years that he made a prediction that in 2016 you will have to raise the millage about 2.6 along with an increase of \$5.00 to the refuse fee. Mr. Rudolph stated in regard to the street lights, the Township will acquire a part-time person to help with the street light issue. Mr. Miller noted that the person hired for streetlights may be able to help probably take care of the flags hanging on street light poles.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(9:05 p.m.)