

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice President Mr. Kelly at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Wechsler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. Wechsler stated it gives him pleasure to recognize the American Legion 227 tonight to highlight their upcoming events. Mr. Wechsler introduced Bill Smeck, First Vice Commander. He announced this year, WWII Veteran, George P. Talbot will be remembered at the Memorial Day Ceremony. George Talbot was a Springfield High School graduate who at 19 died during the war on March 12, 1945. His remains were not returned to the family until 1949. Mr. Smeck stated the post is planning a program of placing banners in appropriate places similar to a program in nearby communities. They will honor not only those who served this country and made the ultimate sacrifice, but post would also like to honor first responders. The American Legion request the Board of Commissioners' support and grant permission to continue their research and to establish a committee to advance this program. Other members of American Legion that were present in the audience were introduced.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of December 17, 2019, January 6 and 14, 2020 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kelly asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing no one, the meeting continued.

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Mr. Kelly called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sage announced the Ice Rink will have a special skating session on Monday, February 17th, Presidents' Day from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. The final public skating session for the season will take place on Sunday, March 15th. The rink will remain open until April 12 for hockey tournaments/playoffs, lessons, ice rental and birthday parties.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Hoffman read a list of adult programs being held at the Library during the month of February. Cradles to Crayons Day for Kids at the Springfield Library will be held on February 29th between the hours of 10 am – 2 pm. Children will help to make greeting cards and decorate birthday bags for children being served by Cradles to Crayons. A local girl scout, Hannah Brady, is working on this project to help children in need and has partnered with the Library.

Library

Mr. Wechsler provided an update from the town hall meeting the Township held a couple months ago concerning the relocation of the police department to the former site of the Parks Department on Saxer Avenue. He said the Board of Commissioners had authorized design work and issued Requests for Proposals on cost. The Township received a public safety grant of \$1.5 million and estimated another \$3 million to build. The RFP's the Township received would be about \$2 million over the Township's budget. The Board will look at alternate plans.

Police Facility

Mr. Wechsler announced the Township built a new parking lot for use by residents and employees of Saxer Avenue next to the Firehouse on Saxer Avenue.

New Parking Lot

Mr. Layden reported Aqua PA has been replacing the existing water mains within the Township. He read a list of streets in the 6th Ward that work will begin on February 17th and expected to be completed by summer of 2020.

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Zoning

Mr. Layden reported on January 23, 2020, the Zoning Hearing Board approved two zoning hearing applications for sign variances. There are no hearings scheduled in February.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of January was 713. Total golf revenue for the month was \$31,519. The golf shop total revenue for the month of January was \$2,056. The golf course was opened 25 days and closed 6 days.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department has continued with winter equipment maintenance, cleaned-up fallen tree debris and branches in all the parks and aided the Fields Department with the installation of the outfield fence in Memorial Park.

Health

Mr. Kelly reported for the month of January, the Health Officer inspected 6 restaurants, 5 retail establishments, 1 reinspection and 1 restaurant complaint. A citation was issued in January for a dog running loose and there was 1 dog bite. Mr. Kelly reminded residents that dogs are not permitted to run in in Springfield. Dogs must be on a 6' or less leash or on their own property that is securely enclosed.

Public Works

Mr. Kelly reported during the month of January there were no vehicle accidents and only one work-related injury. The department is in the process of preparing salting/plowing equipment. Due to the upcoming Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Mr. Kelly announced that the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 14th starting at 12 noon beginning at Britton & W. Springfield Road and ending at Saxer Avenue and Powell Road. This year's Grand Marshal will be the Springfield Fire Company, who will be celebrating their 100th year of service to Springfield Township.

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Mr. Kelly said in regard to social media, the Township has had a Facebook page for a while but it hasn't been populated with as much information as we all would like. The Board is in the process of improving that and are putting more content as of late. He announced the Township now has Twitter and Instagram pages at Springfield064.

Social Media

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mrs. Sage moved that the vehicles/equipment sold through Municibid be awarded to the highest responsible bidder at a total of \$17,805.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

SALE OF SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #2-20 authorizing the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between Springfield Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to assist in obtaining a Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program Grant of \$250,000 to be used, with the assistance of the Friends of Smedley, to improve the Springfield Trail making it safer and more user friendly. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-20
GTRP Grant

On motion of Mrs. Hoffman, Resolution #3-20 was 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 \$468,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #3-20
County Liquid Fuels

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #4-20 authorizing the Township Manager to submit an application to PennDOT for a "Do Not Block the Box" Flashing Beacon at the intersection of Sproul Road and Estates Drive. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #4-20
PennDOT – Flashing
Beacon

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RESOLUTION #5-20
Disposal of Records

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Resolution #5-20 was approved authorizing the disposal of municipal records in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Municipalities Record Act (P.L. 428). Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

APPOINTMENT
POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. Lanciano moved to consider the approval for recommendation to authorize the Township Manager to hire two candidates that have met all of the Civil Service Commission eligibility requirements to fill the vacancies within the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

POLICE TOWING

Mr. Layden moved to reappoint two alternate police towing service companies, Capital Towing and Bill's Auto for 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

2020 POOL RATES

Mrs. Sage moved that the Country Club 2020 Pool Rates be approved as submitted. The rates will remain the same as in 2019. Early sign-up discount will also remain the same. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

EXTENSION OF
DCJA AGREEMENT

Mr. Wechsler moved authorizing the extension of an Agreement with Darby Creek Joint Authority. Springfield Township and Upper Darby agree to extend the assignment of all management, maintenance and operational duties related to the SCUD line to the Darby Creek Joint Authority for an additional period of 18 months. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hoffman moved the reappointment of Larry Greenwich, 845 Sheffield Drive, to a three year term on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LIBRARY BOARD

On motion of Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Lee Janiczek, 485 Barker Road, was appointed to an unexpired term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Neil Dougherty, 1531 Palmer Drive, thanked the Board for the plan to install a flashing beacon at the intersection of Sproul Road and Estates Drive.

Mr. Layden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
(8:50 p.m.)