

JANUARY 10, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were also present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Culp, Janiczek, Wechsler, Layden, and Lanciano. Also present were Mr. Fulton and Mrs. Warner, well as Kelly Sullivan, Esq., representing Township Solicitor, James Byrne, Esq.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Wylie Johnson of Springfield Baptist Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of December 13 and December 27, 2011 were approved. 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 no one, the meeting continued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library

Mr. Culp announced effective January 3, 2012, the Library changed their hours of operation. He read the schedule of new hours. Mr. Culp thanked the people who have contributed to the Library's Annual Fund Drive. He reminded homebound residents living in Springfield or Morton that they can receive library material at home. This free service provides reading and listening material to residents who are unable to come to the library.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Wechsler reported now that winter is upon us, all property owners are reminded in the event of an accumulating snowfall, sidewalks are to be cleared within 24 hours after the snowfall, plowing or shoveling snow into the street is prohibited and vehicles are prohibited to be parked in streets designated as snow emergency routes.

Dr. Janiczek reviewed snow removal procedures, as well as the collection of Christmas trees. Christmas trees free of tinsel, lights or balls will be picked up by a separate truck on your recycling day. Trees with tinsel, light or balls will be collected on your normal trash day. Residents needing a Wednesday bulk pick-up are to call the public works garage to make arrangements. A pick-up truck load is \$30 and bulk waste greater than a pick-up truck is \$40. Payment must be made prior to the pick-up.

Public Works

Mr. Layden reported the CRC Watersheds Association, Penn State Brandywine, along with Springfield Township and other municipalities, are hosting a free program featuring Mark Gormel, native plant horticulturist, photographer and consultant, on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Penn State Brandywine campus. He will discuss the importance of creating environmentally sound gardens supporting the habitat of wildlife, birds and butterflies. He also reported the Springfield Environmental Committee will be sponsoring a program Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – noon on Lawn Alternative Landscaping - Weed and Pest Management at the Township Building. He also noted the Township received a check for \$1,918 from the Tree Vitalize Grant for the cost of purchasing 74 native trees that were planted near the stream banks in Rolling Green and Walsh Parks.

Environmental

Mr. Layden reported the golf course was opened 31 days during December. Off-season golf rates are in effect. For the month of December, total rounds were 1,079, bringing the year-to-date total to 32,690 rounds. Total revenue was \$52,556, bringing the year to date revenue to \$1,309,496.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the parks maintenance report. The Parks crew completed all leaf clean-up in the parks for the year, removed a fallen tree in Crowell Park, completed renovations to park signs and refinished basketball backboards.

Parks

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Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported the Ice Rink completed a very successful holiday skating season by adding 12 public skating sessions between Christmas and New Year's. In addition, 15 private parties were scheduled during the week normally used by hockey teams that took the week off for the holidays. A special skating session has been added for Martin Luther King Day, Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph reported during 2011, the Fire Company responded to 216 fires, 413 non-fires, 232 mutual aid and held 113 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$1,074,850. Man hours totaled 13,440. There were seven firefighter injuries reported. He also read the 2011 Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance Program Report. Through grants, the Fire Company upgraded the radio and conference room into a Township Emergency Command Center.

ORDINANCE #1516  
Stop Sign

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1516 creating a stop intersection at N. Norwinden Drive and Claremont Road facing northeast bound traffic. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

BIDS: Ice Rink  
Dehumidifier

Mr. Lanciano reported 3 bids were received for the Ice Rink Dehumidifier. He moved to award contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Oliver Mechanical Heating and Cooling at the price of \$51,170.00. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

BIDS: Janitorial  
Services

Dr. Janiczek reported 2 bids were received for Janitorial Cleaning Services for the municipal office area two days a week. He moved to award a one year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Philip Ewaka, Inc. in amount of \$15,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
No Parking

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance creating a "No Parking" zone on the northeasterly side of W. Leamy Avenue, extending southwesterly 25 feet from Forest Road. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Mr. Layden summarized a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 91, "Peddling & Soliciting", Article III, entitled "Yard Sales, Garage Sales, Estate Sales". The ordinance sets regulations for conducting yard, garage or estate sales in connection with a residential dwelling. Permits obtained from the Township at \$10 are required for all sales. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for viewing. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
Yard Sales

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-12 authorizing the proper officers establish and maintain federally insured investment accounts with commercial banks or savings institutions chartered by the Commonwealth of PA or the United States. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #1-12  
Bank Deposits

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution # 2-12 authorizing William Cervino, Director of Code Enforcement, to submit an application on behalf of the Township for the PA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to provide for financial assistance, if needed. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-12  
PA Hazard Mitigation  
Grant

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Resolution #3-12 appointing Pennoni Associates as the Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer. This is in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #3-12  
Sewer Enforcement  
Officer

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Resolution #4-12 appointing Mr. Edward Kelly, 301 Avon Road, as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #4-12  
Zoning Hearing Board  
Alternate

Mr. Culp moved to reappoint the two alternate Police towers, Bill's Auto Body and Callahan Towing, for the year 2012. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

POLICE TOWING  
SERVICES

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PRELIMINARY/FINAL  
SUBDIVISION PLAN

Mr. Layden moved to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan of Barb Enterprises, contingent upon the Township Engineer's report. The applicant proposes to subdivide an existing parcel at 231 N. Rolling Road into two lots. Lot 1 will include the existing home and a new single family dwelling is proposed for Lot 2. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MID-WINTER CON-  
FERENCE, PSATC  
CONVENTION

Dr. Janiczek moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to attend, expenses paid, the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Delaware County Association of Township Commissioners, the Eastern PA Conference and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Conference and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

APPOINTMENTS  
CDCA

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, Enrico Megaro was reappointed as the Township's representative to the Central Delaware County Authority for a five year term. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Civil Service

Mr. Lanciano moved for the reappointment of Kenneth Sexton, 758 Kelli Lane, to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Library Board

Dr. Janiczek moved for the reappointment of Carole Janiczek, 485 Barker Road, to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried

Park Board

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Patrick Gallagher, 432 Garden Road, was reappointed to a five year term on the Park and Recreation Board. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, raised questions concerning the Beatty Hills sewer project, obtaining alternate quotes other than PECO and Police Contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT  
(8:43 p.m.)

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

