

JANUARY 10, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 in the Township Building.

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.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Pamela McShane of Princeton Presbyterian Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of December 13, 2016 was approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Kelly read the Library's Usage Report for 2016. The number of library users for the year was 158,938 (84,011 adults and 74,927 children). A total of 19,803 children and caregivers attended 534 library programs. He reminded residents that the Library provides a homebound delivery service for those who cannot get to the Library.

Mrs. Sage read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of December 2016. The crew removed fallen trees from Williams and Netherwood Parks. The irrigations systems at Church Road, Netherwood and Memorial Parks, and the building in Crowell Park were winterized. Two sections of boards in the in-line hockey rink at Crowell Park were replaced.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library

Parks

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Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported there were no zoning hearings during the month of December. On January 26, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board will convene to hear an application for residents of 229 N. Highland Road requesting a variance to permit an in-ground pool and fence encroaching into the front yard setback.

Crossing Guards

Dr. Janiczek announced there are crossing guard positions available in the Township. Springfield Police Department currently need substitute crossing guards. Effective January 1, 2017, the rate has been increased to \$15/hr. Applications are available at the Police Department or by calling the police desk during normal working hours.

Golf

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of December was 548, bringing the year-to-date total to 30,696. Total revenue for the month of December was \$38,159. The end of the year revenue total was \$1,373,611.00, which is a positive variance of \$439,925.00 over last year's revenue. The golf course was opened 23 days and closed 8 days. Total rain fall was 4.95" and 1" of snow.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano announced the collection of Christmas trees for recycling will end on January 20th. This collection is for trees free of ornaments and tinsel. All others will be picked up with the regular trash. Residents were asked to place trees at the curb on their scheduled trash days. Due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 16th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Mr. Lanciano reported the Public Works Department collected for the month of December, 845 tons of trash compared to 931 tons in December 2015. He reminded residents the Township pays to have the trash removed. Paper collected in December was 97 tons in December compared to 42 tons in 2015. The Township currently receives \$75/ton for paper. He requested residents to take the time to recycle, it's good for the environment and financially beneficial to the township.

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Mr. Rudolph read a list of fire safety tips reminding residents that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February.

Mr. Rudolph reported the Springfield School District has filed Land Development Plans with the Township for construction of a new high school. The Township has communicated with the residents about the process for this project and any upcoming meetings. First and foremost, it is important to note that the upcoming discussions, planning commission meetings and possible zoning hearing board meetings are not intended to be a forum for introducing arguments for or against building a new high school or renovating the current facility. That decision has already been made by the elected School Board. The Board of Commissioners is mindful that the School District is a taxing authority and the cost and expenses incurred by the School District are ultimately borne by the residents of Springfield. The construction of a new high school facility in Springfield will have an impact Township-wide and will certainly be of interest to many residents, especially the residents and other entities that are closest to the facility will feel the greatest impact of that facility on a day-to-day basis for decades to come. It is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners and various Township Boards to thoroughly review and comment on the proposed plans. The upcoming discussions, meetings and hearings will seek to mitigate any potential negative impact and balance the rights of the immediate neighbors with the proposed plans that the School District has submitted.

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

Fire Company

Springfield High School

BILLS SUBMITTED

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RESOLUTION #1-17
Bank Deposits

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-17 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 Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-17
Township Auditor

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Resolution #2-17 appointing Thomas McGarrigle, Jr., 442 Northcroft Road, to serve as Township Auditor. Seconded by Mrs. Sage 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 and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Convention and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried

GOLF ADVISORY
BOARD

Mr. Layden moved for the reappointment of Domenic Basile, 424 Burns Drive, and Michael Simpson, 42 Worrell Drive to four year terms on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Robert Wilson, 249 Franklin Avenue, and Lynn Lanciano, 632 Cheyney Road, to three year terms 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 another term on the Park Board and Mr. Thomas McKeon, 132 N. Highland Road was appointed to fill an expired term on the Park Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

VACANCY BOARD

Mr. Wechsler moved that Mr. John McFadden, 47 S. Rolling Road, be reappointed to a one year term on the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Mr. Rudolph announced due to the Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 16th, trash, paper and commingled recycling will not be collected. Christmas trees will be collected up to January 20th.

There was no public comment.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
(8:25 p.m.)