

DECEMBER 17, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in the Township Building.

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

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on the proposed budget. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Wechsler read a proposed ordinance setting the Sewer Rent Rate for the year 2020 at \$7.25 per thousand gallons of water consumed. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried

The 2020 budget calls for expenditures of \$18,944,009. The millage rate is set at 6.130 mills. The 0.32 millage increase is reflected in the reduction of overall Township assessed value, matching funds for various grants, increase in recycling fees, hiring of two police officers and park upgrades consistent with the Park Master Plan. Mr. Layden moved that the 2020 final budget be approved for adoption. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano with a roll call vote requested

Mr. Kelly – nay, Mrs. Sage – aye, Mr. Wechsler – nay, Mr. Layden – aye, Mr. Lanciano – aye, Mr. Rudolph – aye. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

Mr. Lanciano moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

SPECIAL MEETING

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Sewer RentORDINANCE #1604
2020 BudgetADJOURNMENT
(7:45 p.m.)

JANUARY 6, 2020

REORGANIZATION
MEETING

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Township Building.

TEMPORARY
CHAIRMAN

On motion of Mr. Layden, Seconded by Mrs. Sage, Mr. Fulton was appointed Temporary Chairman.

ADMINISTRATION
OF OATHS

Mr. Fulton asked District Justices Andrea Puppio and James Merkins to administer the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Commissioners: Mr. Edward Kelly – 1st Ward, Suzanne Hoffman – 3rd Ward, Mr. Jeffrey Rudolph – 5th Ward and Mr. Daniel Lanciano – 7th Ward.

ROLL CALL

The newly elected Commissioners assumed their seats at the Commissioners' table and roll call was taken. The following Commissioners were also present: Mrs. Sage, Mr. Wechsler, Mr. Layden. Mr. Fulton was also in attendance.

AUDITOR

Mr. Rudolph announced newly elected Auditor, Erik Klein, is absent and will take the Oath of Office in the near future.

ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT

Mr. Fulton requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Lanciano nominated Mr. Rudolph for the position of President. There being no further nominations, on motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Mrs. Sage, the nominations were closed and Mr. Rudolph was declared President by acclamation.

ELECTION OF
VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Rudolph requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Sage nominated Mr. Kelly. On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, the nominations were closed and Mr. Kelly was declared Vice President by acclamation.

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On motion of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Fulton was appointed Township Manager/Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

TOWNSHIP
MANAGER

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Kelly, James Byrne, Jr., Esq., in absentia, was appointed Township Solicitor.

TOWNSHIP
SOLICITOR

Mrs. Hoffman moved that Michael Gilfedder, Esq., in absentia, be appointed Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ZONING HEARING
BOARD SOLICITOR

Mr. Layden moved that Mr. Stephen Cafferty be appointed Finance Director. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

FINANCE
DIRECTOR

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Mr. Layden, Mr. William Cervino was appointed Zoning Officer.

ZONING OFFICER

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, Joseph Mastronardo, on behalf of Pennoni Associates, was appointed Township Engineer.

TOWNSHIP
ENGINEER

Mrs. Sage moved to appoint Mr. John McFadden, in absentia, to the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

VACANCY BOARD

Judge Puppio and Judge Merkins administered the Oaths of Office to the newly appointed officers.

ADMINISTRATION
OF OATHS

Mr. Rudolph read the list of Committee Assignments for 2020.

COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Lanciano moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:00 P.M.)

JANUARY 14, 2020

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 14, 2020 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Hoffman, Messrs. Rudolph, Kelly, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Hayes representing the office of Mr. Byrne.

INVOCATION

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

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

Mr. Rudolph announced the Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m. this evening to hear a Conditional Use application for Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Restaurant. Mr. Rudolph turned it over to Mrs. Hayes. Mrs. Hayes said the applicant is requesting approval to permit the Use of the premises for a restaurant in the Old Sproul Shopping Village. Previous to this evening, Anthony Coal Fire Pizza presented their application to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. A court reporter was present to take verbatim testimony.

Mrs. Hoffman moved to approve the Conditional Use Application of Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Restaurant, 1140 Baltimore Pike, subject to conditions set forth by the Township Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

POLICE COMMENDATIONS

Chief Daly presented Commendation of Valor to Officer Sean Clifton, Commendations of Bravery were presented to Lieutenant Joseph Sadoff, Officers Keith Robbins, Andy Graff and Kevin Oswald. The officers were involved in a shooting incident in mid-December 2019. The suspect was known to the Police Department as having serious mental health issues. While the Police Department was attempting to serve an emergency health warrant, the suspect resisted police went for his gun that was in his waistband. During a struggle with Officer Clifton, the suspect shot himself in the leg. The suspect was also shot in the leg by a police officer.

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On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of December 10, 2019 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sage reported the Ice Skating Rink just completed it's fiscal year 2019, with over 8,000 skaters enjoying the facility for public skating. There were 12 hockey teams/clubs that used the building weekly. Because of the large crowds, the ice rink is purchasing additional rental skates and skating aids. A special skating session has been added for Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Day from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Hoffman announced Winter Session 1 of the Youth Program started up on January 6th and will run through February 14th. Children ages 7 and older can join the LEGO Club which meets at 4:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The Library will be a collection point from January 3rd through May 30th for Cradle to Crayons. A local girl scout is working on a project to help children in need and has partnered with the Library. The library has flyers listing the items that are needed. An adult program is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. The Senior Victim Services from the Delaware County District Attorney's Office will present a program on Scams: How to identify and protect yourself.

Library

Mr. Wechsler reminded residents that there is property tax relief available to many seniors. The AARP helps citizens do tax returns on a pro-bono basis. There is a state rebate which you bring into the Township as evidence and up to 25% of that can be refunded to you in additional property tax relief.

Tax Relief

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Ambulance

Mr. Wechsler announced, for residents of Springfield, if you pay into the Springfield Ambulance Corps volunteer donation fund you will not be charged for any balance of ambulance service. He said sometimes people get a bill from the ambulance company. The reason they send it to you is so you can forward it to your insurance company. If you make a contribution to the ambulance corps that is considered as payment in full.

Health

Mr. Kelly reported for the month of December, the Health Officer inspected 7 restaurants, 5 retail establishments and 1 reinspection. The tip of the month is to remind residents how to defend against carbon monoxide poisoning. A citation was issued to the Days Inn for a sanitation issue.

Mr. Kelly announced to recycle your Christmas tree, it must be free of tinsel, ornaments, tree stand. Place the tree at the curb on your regularly scheduled trash day until January 30th.

Public Works

Mr. Kelly reported due to the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 20th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Recycling

Mr. Layden reported for December, total trash collected 1,035 tons. Paper recycling was 143 tons, single stream/commingled was 77 tons and 21 tons for bulk items.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of December was 529 bringing the year to date total to 31,240 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$35,789 bringing the end of the year to date revenue total to \$1,499,584, which is a positive variance of \$185,836 over a seven year moving average. The golf shop total revenue for the month of December was \$2,774, bringing the year to end total sales to \$105,313. The golf course was opened 24 days and closed 7 days.

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Mr. Layden reported on December 19, 2019, the Zoning Hearing Board approved a sign variance for Outback Steakhouse. On January 23, 2020, the Zoning Hearing Board will hear two applications. BT Springfield (Reedman Toll, 770 Baltimore Pike and Dollar Tree, 419 Baltimore Pike, are requesting a sign variance.

Zoning

Mr. Lanciano reported during the month of December, the Parks Department completed all leaf removal and clean-up in all Parks and Township owned properties, completed extensive repairs to picnic tables, replaced the damaged fence and re-finished the nets at the in-line hockey rink at Crowell Park and started winter equipment maintenance.

Parks

Mr. Rudolph informed residents to call 911 if they are not sure of a stranger at their door. He also reminded residents to lock their car doors and put your valuables out of sight. It is a crime of opportunity if the car doors aren't locked.

Public Safety

Mr. Rudolph reminded residents that when snow is in the forecast, to park your car in your driveway. This will allow the snowplows to do their job. If you are in a cul-de-sac try to get as many cars in the driveways. It is very challenging to plow and understand from the time the snow stops it's a good 12 to 20 hours before the town is completely cleaned up. They will continue to plow the streets and you could get plowed back in again. Please understand this is part of the process of removing the snow curb-to-curb.

Snow Tips

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1605 creating a three-way stop intersection at Sherman Road and Indian Rock Drive facing westbound and eastbound traffic on Sherman Road and northbound on Indian Road. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1605
Stop Intersection

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ORDINANCE #1606
Sewer Rent

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1606 setting the Sewer Rent Rate for the year 2020 at \$7.25 per thousand gallons of water consumed. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #1-20
Bank Deposits

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-20 authorizing the proper officials to establish and maintain Bank Deposits in federally insured investment accounts at commercial banks or savings institutions chartered by the Commonwealth of PA or the United States. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PSATC
CONFERENCE

Mr. Kelly moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to attend, expenses paid, the PA State Association of Township Commissioners Conference and that the customary full page advertisement in the yearbook be approved. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

Mrs. Sage moved for the reappointment of Judy Wright, 308 S. Bishop Avenue, to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Lanciano moved for the reappointment of Bridget Gillen, 507 Old School House Drive, to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Robert Wilson, 249 Franklin Avenue, to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PLANNING
COMMISSION

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, Dennis Moritz, 620 Kennerly Road, was appointed to an unexpired term on the Planning Commission.

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Marie Turnbull, 510 Sharpless Road, said the Reorganization Meeting was not announced on social media. She recommended the Township improve the social media presence by listing, in advance, all the meetings, official events and items of interest. She requested the Commissioners facebook pages be non-partison. She wished the Board well in the new term and she looks forward to the improvements in the social media presence, which will make a difference in working to combat the partisan attitude.

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

PUBLIC
COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)