

JANUARY 9, 2018

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 9, 2018 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Rudolph, Kelly, Dr. Janiczek, Wechsler, Layden and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, and Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

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

MATT LETOURNEAU

Mr. Rudolph stated it is with a heavy heart that one of our own, Matthew LeTourneau, who was raised in Springfield passed away while responding to a house fire on January 6th. At the age of 16, Matt became a Junior Firefighter in Springfield and grew through the ranks to become a life member at the Springfield Fire Company. Eleven years ago, Matt became a full time Philadelphia Firefighter, rising through the rank of lieutenant as he trained other firefighters in Delaware County at the fire school.

Mr. Rudolph noted that Lieutenant LeTourneau responded to a house fire with his Engine Co. 45 in North Philadelphia. Fully engulfed, Matt entered the building to recover the resident of the building. Being the last to leave, he was trapped when the structure collapsed trapping Lieutenant LeTourneau for 30 minutes. Once removed from the house, he was taken to Temple Hospital and later succumbed from his injuries. Matt was a Springfield resident his entire life and is our hero. He gave his condolences to Matt's family and friends. Matt's services are scheduled Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Rudolph asked for a moment of silence.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the minutes of November 21, December 12 and 19, 2017, are approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Sage 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.

Mr. Kelly reported that two hearings originally scheduled for December 21st were continued at the requested of the applicants. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene on January 25th at 7:30 p.m. to hear and render decisions on these two zoning hearing applications. The first one is for the property located at 1311 Baltimore Pike. The application is for a use variance to permit the change of use of an existing single family dwelling to a duplex dwelling. The second application is for the properties located at 780-794 Baltimore Pike. Piazza Honda is requesting a special exception and variances to permit the construction of a 360 sq. ft. addition and an 1800 sq. ft. freestanding car wash/retail building.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage reported for the month of December, the Health Officer inspected 9 restaurants, 4 retail establishments, and performed 4 reinspections and 1 smoke fire at the Springfield Mall. There was 7 dog bites. She reminded residents that you can recycle your Christmas tree. It must be free of tinsel, ornaments and tree stands. The special pick-up ends January 19th. For the month of December, 108 tons of paper was collected.

Health

Dr. Janiczek reported the Library Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. Special library programs will be announced on cable TV.

Library

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department crew completed all Parks Department snow removal responsibilities during the recent snowstorms. They removed all the old playground equipment from Wildwood Park in preparation for new playground equipment installation. Mr. Lanciano noted the Parks Department is in the process of developing a

Parks

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Master Plan inventory of all of our park systems, rank the importance and usage of each, identifying areas that need improvement. Hopefully, by June or July, a completed plan will be completed so the Township can start to submit for grants based on our needs.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported the Ice Rink just completed a very successful holiday week with public skating and birthday parties. A special skating session is scheduled for Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Insurance

Mr. Wechsler reported the Township's health insurance program renewed January 1st. We met with our insurance broker, A.J. Gallagher in advance to review our health insurance program. There will be no increase for 2018 for the insurance plan that covers Township employees and our police officers. This is the result of a contract executed three years ago when we revised the plan to a high deductible plan realizing savings of approximately 30% in premiums.

Planning Commission

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission meeting on January 4th was canceled due to inclement weather. The Planning Commission will be meeting on February 1st to review a subdivision of a residential lot on S. Rolling Road.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of December was 426 bringing the year to date total to 33,326. Total revenue for the month was \$37,181, bringing the end of the year revenue to \$1,478,130, which is \$140,519 over last year's revenue total. The golf course was opened 20 days, closed 11 days, opened late/closed early on 20 days. Total rainfall was 1.25" and 4 days of snow. He read the monthly maintenance report. The annual winter equipment maintenance program has started. Offseason employee safety and equipment training programs has begun.

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Mr. Layden reported the collection of “clean” Christmas trees for recycling will end on January 19th. All other Christmas trees will be picked up with the regular trash. Due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 15th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Public Works

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-18 authorizing the proper officials to 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. Kelly and carried.

RESOLUTION #1-18
Bank Deposits

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #2-18 authorizing the Township Manager to submit a Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for two school zone 15 mph lights at S. Rolling Road and Leamy Avenue, and, S. Rolling Road and Saxer Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-18
School Zone Lights

Mr. Lanciano moved to appoint two alternate police towing service companies, Capital Towing and Bill’s Auto Body for the year 2018. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

POLICE TOWING

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. Lanciano and carried.

MID-WINTER CON-
FERENCE, PSATC
CONVENTION

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Charles Hopkins, 447 Kerr Lane, was reappointed to a four year term as the Township’s representative on the Muckinipates Sewer Authority. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

Mr. Kelly moved for the reappointment of Nicholas Orloff, 332 Hawarden Road, to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

GOLF ADVISORY
BOARD

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Samuel Adolph, 257 W. Leamy Avenue, to a four year term the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved for the reappointment of Richard Megaro, 344 Lester Road, to a four year term on the Golf Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler 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. Kelly and carried.

Mr. Layden moved for the reappointment of Marianne Revello, 305 Butler Road, to a three year term on the Library Board. Seconded Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PARK BOARD

On motion of Mr. Kelly, Patrick Warner, 225 Avon Road, was reappointed to another five year term on the Park Board. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the reappointment of Amy Foran, 121 S. Rolling Road, to another five year term on the Park Board. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:25 p.m.)

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