

JUNE 8, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph, Devenney and Lanciano. Also present were Messrs. LeFevre and Byrne, as well as Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

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

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Devenney read a Proclamation naming the week of June 6 – 12, 2010 as “National Garden Week” with special appreciation extended to the Garden Club of Springfield for their numerous contributions to the beautification of our town. Mrs. Clendenin, President Elect of the Garden Club of Springfield, came forward and thanked the Board for their support.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, the minutes of May 11, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Ice Rink

Mrs. Sage stated the Township has yet to receive the report from the insurance company’s engineer on the ice rink roof.

Pool

Mrs. Sage reported year-to-date total membership and admission fees totaled \$132,442.00. All spring maintenance has been completed and the pools are open and fully operational. The pool will be opened full-time beginning Saturday, June 19th until Labor Day.

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Mr. Wechsler reported June is Home Safety Month. He encouraged residents go to www.homesafetycouncil.org for tips on making their home safe.

Health

Mr. Wechsler reported construction has been completed on the drainage swale project behind the municipal building. This improvement will increase the ability to absorb much of the rainwater runoff. As part of the project is funded by state grants, he requested the engineer not to spend more funds than budgeted. He also requested the Environmental Committee come before the Board to give an update on the project.

Environmental

Mr. Rudolph read the Public Works report for the month of May. The highway department is in the process of performing base repair throughout the Township to prepare for our annual 2010 overlay season. The Highway Department is currently painting crosswalks, turnarounds, stop lines on all state highways and township streets. There will be no trash and recycling collection on Monday, July 5th. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of May was 123 tons. Total tons of commingled for the same period was 66. Total tons of trash collection for May was 1,040 tons.

Public Works

Mr. Devenney asked residents to take a short survey on Library services. The Summer Reading Program will have a kick-off program at the Township Building on June 18, 2010 at 4 p.m. featuring a "Makin Music". Registration for this year's reading program entitled "Make a Splash" will begin on June 14th. He read a list of new programs being held at the Library this summer.

Library

Mr. Lanciano read the weather summary report for the month of May. He also read the Golf Course maintenance report. Installation of a new storm sewer drainage system on

Golf

the 10th hole continues. Trees along the 9th hole were trimmed. Miscellaneous irrigation system repairs were completed. Pool grounds were prepared for the pool season and all flowers beds and urns surrounding the clubhouse have been planted and mulched. He also read a list of promotions being held at the Golf Course during the month of June. He noted prices at the golf course has not risen for the past eleven years. For the month of May, total rounds were 4,531, bring the year-to-date total to 10,375 rounds. Total revenue was \$190,569 bringing the year to date revenue to \$422,245, which is \$37,760 over last year.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of May. Several fallen trees from Rolling Green Park and Township property on Kelli Lane were removed. The lacrosse field maintenance was completed and weekly baseball field maintenance continues. He also noted Springfield was one of five townships/boroughs that received a \$5,000 Green Region Grant from PECO. The funds will be used to purchase 200 native bare root trees and distribute them to residents of the Township that want them for their properties. The residents who participate will be required to attend a presentation on the proper planting, care and maintenance of these trees.

Police Department

Mr. Mahoney announced on June 3, 2010, Police Administrative Assistant, Louisa Seminole, was presented the First Annual CORE Award. The award is based on outstanding and exceptional contribution to the Police Department and community. Mrs. Seminole, a 15 year member with the Police Department, has provided extraordinary service in a multitude of capacities. Her work demonstrates the department's core of values of integrity, professionalism and respect.

He also noted the Police Department is in the process of submitting a COPS Grant through the US Department of Justice in order to hire three additional police officers. This grant would fully fund these officers for a three-year period and allow the department to establish a Community Policing Crime Prevention Unit.

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This unit would perform a variety of specialty functions, including bicycle patrols, traffic enforcement, undercover assignments and surveillance.

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of May, the Fire Company responded to 11 fires, 33 non-fires, 24 mutual aid and held 12 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$101,000.00.

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

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Mr. Devenney, the Treasurer's Report for May 2010 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance No.1506 updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Dr. Janiczek moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the terms of the recommendation of the Chief of Police in the termination of a police officer. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Rudolph moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 15-10 approving the revision to the Sewer Facilities Plan Module for Coventry Woods. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, Resolution No. 16-10 was adopted reappointing Mr. Edward Porter, 555 Sheffield Drive, to another five-year term as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Charles Ervin, 426 Sherman Road, be reappointed to a three year term as an alternative of the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Fire Company

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S
REPORT

ORDINANCE #1506
Fee Schedule

POLICE PERSONNEL
MATTER

RESOLUTION #15-10
Coventry Woods

RESOLUTION #16-10
Zoning Hearing Board

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PENSION
GUIDELINES

Mr. Devenney made a motion for the adoption of policies and procedures set forth by the State in Act 44 in connection with the selection of qualified professionals for the Municipal Pension Plans. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mr. Lanciano moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining funds (\$36,686.72) from the escrow account for the Springfield Chase Subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Devenney and carried.

CIVILIAN PENSION
PLAN COMMITTEE

On motion of Mrs. Sage, Commissioners Mahoney and Wechsler, and employee representative Mr. Lawler were reappointed to a two year term on the Civilian Pension Plan Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Ron Tegethoff, 773 Beatty View Lane, representing the residents of Beatty View Lane, raised concerns regarding a safety issue on Beatty Road. Due to the curve close to their street the sightlines are inadequate, especially now due to overgrown brush and trees. He stated PennDOT has identified four trees that need to be removed, but nothing has been done yet. He suggested the Township send a letter which may help getting action to improve the situation. Mr. Tegethoff also noted since Beatty Road is closed, it would be an ideal time for his street to be resurfaced. Mr. Mahoney replied the road resurfacing program has been established for the year. Mr. Lanciano stated he will keep the road in consideration for next year's program.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)

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