

MARCH 12, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 in the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Culp, Janiczek, Layden and Lanciano. Mr. Wechsler was absent. Also present were Mr. Fulton and Mrs. Warner, as well as James Halligan, Esq. of McNichol, Byrne & Matlawski.

The Invocation was given by Father Riccio, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation recognizing March 11-17, 2013 as "MS Awareness Month" in Springfield Township. Sandy Carter representing the National MS Society came forward to accepted the Proclamation.

Mr. Layden presented a Proclamation to Father Riccio, who has been named Grand Marshal of the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Dr. Janiczek read a Proclamation declaring the month of March 2013 as "Irish-American Heritage Month." Springfield Township's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Parade Coordinator, Steve Burns, accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and thanked the Board members and Township departments for their support and cooperation. Mr. Rudolph congratulated Mr. Burns for receiving the Paul J. Phillips, Jr. Award for outstanding parade marshal at the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day parade that was held on March 10, 2013.

On motion of Mr. Culp, the minutes of February 12, 2013 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PROCLAMATIONS

MINUTES

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library

Mr. Culp reported that new replacement windows were installed at the Library. The project was funded through a Keystone Grant, along with matching funds from the Township. Mr. Culp read a list of special activities being held at the Library. The first spring session takes place from March 4 – April 12.

Health

Mrs. Sage reminded residents that Township Ordinance prohibits the placement of trash, yard waste, recyclables or bulk items in front of your home prior to sundown the day before your scheduled pick-up and containers must be removed from the street within 12 hours after pick-up. She also stated Springfield residents and commercial business owners are required to recycle paper products, aluminum cans, glass and plastics coded 1 – 7. Township Ordinance requires pet owners to keep dogs leashed at all times when walking in public and parks. Dogs are not permitted to enter designated tot lots in Township parks or playgrounds. Dog owners are required to immediately clean up after their animals.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek announced that due to the Good Friday holiday on Friday, March 29th, trash and recycling will not be collected. He indicated the amounts of commingled and paper recycling is lower. He noted the Township is receiving \$60 per ton collected and it is projected that the price will go up to \$65 per ton in March.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden noted for the month of February, total rounds were 353, bringing the year-to-date to 914 rounds. Total revenue was \$13,474. the seven year moving average is \$12,725, bringing a positive variance of \$749. Total year-to-date revenue totaled \$31,335. He stated the sand bunker drainage project continues and has started the construction of new forward tees on holes 1, 2 and 10.

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of February. The Parks Department has completed renovations to all picnic tables and returned them to their respective parks. Renovations were made to the entrance signs of various parks. The baseball fields will open on March 10 for the youth organizations in the Township. Baseball infield maintenance has begun.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano announced public skating will end for the season on Sunday, March 24th. Sponge Bob will be at the ice rink at the 2 pm skating session to meet and greet all the skaters. The Ice Rink will remain open until mid-April for hockey playoffs and tournament competitions.

Ice Rink

Mr. Rudolph reported the Police Department will begin to use its traffic trailer to monitor speed at various locations throughout the Township. Other traffic devices will be put into service in order to conduct surveys and enforce speeding. He minded motorists to drive within the posted speed limit and be cautious of “children at play” in all residential areas.

Police

Mr. Rudolph announced the St. Patrick’s Day parade will be held on Saturday, March 16th at noon. Residents living along the parade route are reminded that “no parking” signs will be posted throughout the area the night before the parade. He asked residents to move their vehicles onto their driveways or park on neighboring streets off the parade route.

St. Patrick’s Day

Mr. Rudolph read the safety tip for the month of March, entitled “Careless Smoking Habits = FIRE”. One of the common causes of deaths in home fires is careless smoking. He read a list of precautions to be taken to avoid a cigarette fire.

Fire Company

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

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ORDINANCE #1538
Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1538 setting the annual compensation for Township Treasurer/Tax Collector at \$10,000 as Treasurer, and for the collection of Mercantile, Business Privilege, OPT and other Township monies, the sum of \$21,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

ORDINANCE #1539
Automatic Fire Alarms
Rental Properties

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1539 amending Chapter 134.6, Paragraph D, "Automatic Fire Alarm Systems", by requiring non-owner occupied single family detached and semi-detached dwellings, upon change of occupancy or ownership, must install and maintain a fire alarm system. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #7-13
Certificate of Use

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #7-13 amending the residential Certificate of Use inspection regulations. The condition requiring homes to have at least one tree in the front yard for each 60 feet of frontage in order to obtain a certificate of use has been eliminated. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PA DEP MS4 PERMIT
RENEWAL

Dr. Janiczek moved accepting the issuance of the new MS4 permit issued by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The previous 10 year permit expired on March 9, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Layden moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for Roof Replacement at Old Central School to be received no later than April 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried

2013 POOL RATES

Mr. Lanciano moved that the 2013 Country Club Pool Rates remain the same as 2012. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried. Mr. Lanciano noted that this is the first year that the Township will not be mailing out the Swim Pool applications. They will be available at the Township Building, emailing notification to previous members, a global connect notice will be sent out, and available on the Township website.

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Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release \$159,876.97 from the escrow account for Miller's Ale House, 18 Baltimore Pike. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

ADJOURNMENT
(8:35 p.m.)