

MARCH 13, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were also present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Culp, Wechsler, Layden, and Lanciano. Dr. Janiczek was absent. Also present were Messrs. Fulton and Byrne, as well as Mrs. Warner.

INVOCATION

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

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Culp presented a plaque to Lieutenant William Clark in recognition of over 36 years of outstanding service and exceptional dedication as a Springfield Township Police Officer. Bill Clark thanked the Board of Commissioners, as well as the 1975 Board Commissioners in for hiring a “product of Springfield.”

Delaware County Council Chairman, Mr. McGarrigle, presented a Resolution commending and congratulating Lieutenant William Clark on his retirement from the Springfield Township Police Department. He stated Bill has always generously contributed his time, energy and resources in charity work. Bill thanked Mr. McGarrigle for the recognition.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation declaring March 2012 as “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.” Mrs. Hollenback, of Crozer Regional Cancer Center came forward to accept the Proclamation.

Mr. Wechsler read a Resolution declaring the month of March 2012 as “Irish-American Heritage Month.” The annual observance of St. Patrick’s Day will include Springfield Township’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Mr. Steve Burns thanked the Board for the honor and accepted the Resolution on behalf of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, as well as the marshals from the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 65

that worked very hard to organize the parade. Mr. Burns also thanked the support of the Board of Commissioners, and many departments of Springfield Township.

Mr. Layden presented a Proclamation to John Gallagher, who has been named Grand Marshal of the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Gallagher thanked the Board. He stated that it has been a pleasure to serve the Police Department and Fire Company, and now the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He stated it is a privilege to be serving as Grand Marshal, which is another example of how proud I am to be a member of the Springfield community and the Irish community.

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of February 14, 2012 were approved. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp reported the Winter 2 Series of Youth Programs began on March 12 and will continue through April 6<sup>th</sup>. A special Star Wars program will be held at the Township Building on Saturday, March 24 from 1 – 3 pm. He reminded residents that the Springfield Township Health Department will hold Blood Pressure Screenings every Thursday from 1 – 3 pm in the lower level of the Library. The Friends of the Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on April 21 – 23 in the Township Building.

Mr. Wechsler reported that the Zoning Hearing Board denied an appeal to permit a massage/acupuncture studio in the Springfield Mall at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Board heard an application to permit freestanding signs at 905 W. Sproul Road and the variance was granted. The Board also heard a request for a setback variance to permit

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library

Zoning

an addition on a property on Springfield Road. That decision will be rendered at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mr. Wechsler noted, at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, a hearing will be held for a sign variance at the proposed Miller's Ale House, 16-18 Baltimore Pike.

Environmental

Mr. Layden stated as warmer weather approaches, residents are reminded to comply with all township ordinances that relate to maintaining their properties. To reduce mosquito breeding, all standing water from your property should be removed. To prevent wildlife and rodents from moving into your yard, all piles of brush, dirt and debris should be removed. The Township will be picking up yard waste on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month through September.

Mr. Layden announced Springfield Township is sponsoring a free disposal of electronics on Saturday, March 24 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Township Building parking lot. The recycling is being done by Eforce Recycling.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported for the month of February, total rounds was 1,084, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,839 rounds. Total revenue was \$37,981, bringing the year-to-date revenue to \$63,688. This is \$51,849 over last year's total at this time. The seven year moving average in revenue is \$33,933, making a positive variance of \$29,755.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported during the month of February, 1,145 skaters participated in public skating at the Ice Rink, with 560 pairs skates being rented. Both figures represent the highest totals in 8 years for public skating. The Ice Rink held 7 birthday parties and 144 ice times were used for hockey games and practices. The public skating will end for the season this weekend, but will remain open until April 14 for hockey, birthday parties and skating lessons. Because of the new dehumidifier system being installed in April, the Ice Rink will open next season in September instead of October.

Mr. Lanciano announced the ball fields were opened on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Parks Department spent most of the month getting the fields ready for the spring baseball season. The basketball backboards in several parks have been reconditioned. Fences were replaced along the tennis courts and lacrosse field in Memorial Park.

Parks

Mr. Rudolph reported during February, the Fire Company responded to 14 fires, 29 non-fires, 22 mutual aid and held 10 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$1,500. Mr. Rudolph read a fire safety tip on what to do in case of an electrical fires.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph reported once again the Global Connect Emergency Notification System has proven to be an invaluable asset. An alert went out to subscribers concerning a fraudulent chimney cleaning business. After sending out the alert, within hours a resident contacted the police department and the suspect was arrested.

Police

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1519 creating a two-way stop intersection at N. Norwinden Drive and Claremont Road facing southeast and northeast bound traffic. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried

ORDINANCE #1519  
Stop Signs

Mr. Culp moved to award the sole bid for a 2012 20-Yd. Sanitation Vehicle to Ransome International Trucks at the bid price of \$156,453.00. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

BIDS: 20-Yd.  
Sanitation Vehicle

Mrs. Sage moved to table awarding the bid for a skid-steer loader. She noted Jeff Bickel, Public Works Director, recommended additional time for review of the five bids received. Seconded by Mr. Culp and seconded.

BIDS: Skid-Steer  
Loader

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BIDS: Pick-up Trucks

Mr. Layden moved to award the bid to the low bidder, Brian Hoskins Ford of Coatesville, for two Pick-up Trucks with power angling plows at the price of \$56,800.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS: Dump Trucks

Mr. Wechsler reported three bids were received for two Dump Trucks with power angling plows. He moved to award the bid to the low bidder, Brian Hoskins Ford, in the amount of \$153,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS: 5-7 Yd. Dump  
Truck Bodies

Mr. Lanciano reported two bids were received for two 5-7 Yd. Highway Stainless Steel Truck Bodies. He moved to award the bid to the low bidder, Intercon Truck Equipment of Boothwyn, at the bid price of \$45,906.00. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

RESOLUTION #11-12  
Designation of CAO  
Act 205 Certification

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #11-12 designating the Township Manager as Chief Administrative Officer, as required by the Department of the Auditor General and in accordance with the General Municipal Pension State Aid Allocation Program. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #12-12  
Intergovernmental  
Sewer Agreement

Mr. Lanciano moved for the approval of Resolution #12-12 authorizing the proper officials of the Township to execute an Inter-Municipal Sanitary Sewer Agreement with the Township of Marple. The Agreement is for the installation and operation of the Beatty Hills low-pressure sanitary sewer system. The Beatty Hills low pressure sanitary sewer system will give 95 homeowners in Springfield and Marple townships the option of replacing their septic systems with a township sewer hookup. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL  
LAND DEVELOPMENT  
Miller's Ale House

Mr. Byrne provided background information on a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan at the site of the old Knights of Columbus. He noted the applicant has been to the Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing Board. There is also another matter regarding the Miller's Ale House

still pending before the Zoning Hearing Board which will be heard at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mr. Byrne noted under the terms of the MPC, the Board has 90 days from the date of the first Planning Commission meeting which they appeared at on March 1, 2012.

Mr. Byrne stated the Planning Commission has made a few suggestions on the plan and that he has not had enough time to go over them. He suggested the plan be heard this evening and the Board of Commissioners will render a decision at their April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mark Damico, Esq. representing Miller's Ale House, 16-18 Baltimore Pike, introduced Jeff Hoffman, a principal of 1618 Baltimore Pike, L.P. Mr. Damico explained the applicant is proposing to completely demolish all structures on the site and a new Miller's Ale House will be constructed. The family themed/sports bar type restaurant will be 9,500 sq. ft. in size. The applicant hopes to open the restaurant in the fall.

Mr. Lanciano moved that the Country Club Pool Rates remain the same as 2011. The only revision is a change is lowering the Adult age from 19 to 18 years of age. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Culp moved that the proper officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Patching Material to be received by April 6, 2012 by 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Greg Swartz, 227 Gibbons Road, and Mrs. Donna McGann, 427 Burns Drive, representing the parents of the Springfield County Club Swim Team, requested the lanes be moved from the one end of the pool to the other end. The swim team would like to begin holding swim team championships. Mr. Lanciano replied that he met with Mr. Simpson, Country Club Director, to discuss the situation

2012 POOL RATES

AUTHORIZED  
RECEIPT OF BIDS

AUDIENCE

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ADJOURNMENT  
(8:57 p.m.)

and we will do whatever we can to insure that you will be able to have the races, but we have to make sure we are in compliance in regard to the depth of the diving pool.

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