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REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Salvatore Riccio of the St. Francis of Assisi Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE
COMMENDATIONS

Chief Daly and Detective Rob Nutley presented the 2011 Annual CORE Award to Detective James Devaney. The award is based on outstanding and exceptional contribution to the Police Department and community. Mr. Devaney has demonstrated the department's core values of integrity, professionalism and respect.

Chief Daly presented commendations to three civilians, as well as police personnel who participated in the apprehension, investigation and conviction of a man murdering a victim at the Old Sproul Shopping Center on June 21, 2010.

Citizens Commendations were presented to Douglas Leake, Diane Daley-Leake and Heather Artis for their assistance in identifying the vehicle description, and description of the actor and the direction the vehicle was traveling when it left the parking lot, as well as testifying at the trial. Commendations of Merit were presented to County Detectives Fuss & Frey for following the vehicle, Springfield Police Sergeant Sellers and Officers Pendergrast, Shull, McKenna for gathering evidence at two crime scenes, Detective-Sergeant DiTrollo for handling the entire case and Detectives McNeely and Nutley for conducting the intensive investigation. Stephanie Wills, Esq. of the District Attorney's office who prosecuted the case which lead to a successful conviction in the 1st degree murder charge was also acknowledged.

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Mr. Wechsler read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2011 as "Poppy Day's" in Springfield Township.

PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Sage presented a Resolution to members of the Springfield High School 2011 Boys Ice Hockey Team for becoming the Central League Champions and Class A-Flyers Cup Champions. Members of the team came forward to receive a copy of the Resolution. Head Coach, Phil Eastman, thanked the Board for their recognition.

RESOLUTION

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of April 12, 2011 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, seconded by Dr. Janiczek the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2011 was accepted and ordered filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Layden moved to table awarding the bid for Mechanical Systems Replacement Project until next month to allow additional time for further investigation and review. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS TABLED

Mr. Rudolph reported four bids were received for Road Milling. He moved to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$50,393.88 to Innovative Construction of Folcroft. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

BIDS: 2011 Milling

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BIDS: 2011 Overlay

Mr. Rudolph reported four bids were received for the 2011 Overlay Program. He moved that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, A.F. Damon, Inc. of Upland in the amount of \$228,606.45. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #8-11
Stray Animals

Dr. Janiczek moved to approve Resolution No. 8-11 approving the Council of Governments' action to develop and work on a solution for the management of stray animals after June 30, 2011. It is acknowledged this is a non-binding resolution and a formal agreement will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board.

RESOLUTION #9-11
2011 Overlay Program

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, Resolution No.9-11 was adopted making application to the Pennsylvania Department 2011 Overlay Program of Transportation for approval of the expenditure of funds for the resurfacing of Township streets. The cost of the resurfacing project has been budgeted at \$282,900.00. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

CIVIL SERVICE
RULES & REGULATIONS

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of amended Civil Service Rules and Regulations, as recommended by the members of the Civil Service Commission and Police Chief. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

SHADE TREE
COMMISSION

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, John Caramanico, 675 Beatty Road Road, was reappointed to a five year term on the Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Mahoney stated at the end of last month's meeting he had asked Mr. Byrne to complete a report in response to the complaints made by Marilou Regan.

Mr. Byrne reported in regard to her complaint about the Township removing old trees resulting from storm sewer runoff. He stated the Township doesn't remove old trees unless it is a safety issue. According to the Township's

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Shade Tree Ordinance, a permit is required to take down a tree and new tree must be planted in its place. In response to her request for an inventory of all the old trees throughout the township and that an arborist be hired to inspect of health of these trees, Mr. Byrne stated after review by the Board that there is no way the Township can afford to do this.

Mr. Byrne reported in regard to the issue of Mr. Fulton being employed full time as Township Manager, as well as full time as Township Fire Marshal. He commented the Township Fire Marshal position is now and always has been a part-time position. Mr. Fulton has held the Fire Marshal position since 1981. Mr. Fulton, who has also worked at the Township some years ago, had applied for the position of Township Manager and the job was given to him. There are no double salaries, no double benefits and nothing is ethically wrong. He added that economically it was a good move for the Township.

In regard to the issue with Mr. Fulton using a government position to advertise, as she saw an advertisement of Mr. Fulton in a Fire Marshal outfit talking about benefits of a local hospital. Mr. Byrne stated that it was not a paid advertisement. Unfortunately, Mr. Fulton went through some medical difficulties last year and he believes the hospital saved his life and in return he did an endorsement for the hospital without payment.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:35 p.m.)