

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel of the Blue Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Culp presented a Resolution to Charlie Sexton acknowledging him for being chosen by the American Red Cross Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter to receive the prestigious David Henderson Humanitarian Award for 2013. Mr. Sexton stated he wouldn't want to live in any other place than Springfield. He thanked the Board for keeping Springfield respectable. He stated it has been a pleasure working with the members of the Board over the years both politically and personally with charities and community projects.

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of October 8, 2013, were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Culp announced the Library's annual direct mail fund drive has begun. The Library is once again providing a drop-off site for the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots program. The library is also a drop-off spot for used eye glasses and hearing aids. The Lions Club's well-known program repairs and distributed these items to those in need.

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Veterans

Mr. Wechsler reminded residents that November 10th was the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps and Veterans Day was November 11th. He thanked the veterans that came back from war for providing us our freedom. He also thanked State Representative, William Adolph, for honoring all veterans from Delaware County that served by hosting a breakfast of thanks.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler on October 25th, the Zoning Hearing Board convened and rendered decisions on several commercial and residential applications. On November 21, 2013, the Zoning Hearing Board will continue testimony regard the validity challenge of the Zoning Ordinance pursuant to “off-premises signs”.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek reported that to date the Township has received \$405.70 from FCC Environmental for recycled oil. As the Township received \$60 per ton for recycled paper, revenue for the month of October was \$5,989.20. Total tons of commingled amounted to 80.80 tons. The current rate is \$10.75 per ton and the Township has collected \$868.60 in revenue. He noted during the month of October, the Township paid \$32,571.00 for the dumping of 987 tons of refuse. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no trash or recycling collection on Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29. The Public Works department is currently in the process of collecting leaves.

Health

Mr. Layden announced the American Cancer Society marks the Great American Smokeout on the third Thursday of November each year by encouraging smokers to use that date to make a plan to quit smoking.

Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported that during the month of October, total rounds were 3,096, bringing the year-to-date total to 27,539 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$115,443, bringing the year-to-date total to \$984,342.

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Rink is now open for public skating which takes place on Friday and Saturday evening from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Chick-Fil-A cow will visit the Ice Rink on Friday evening, November 22nd during the public skating session. An assortment of Chick-Fil-A sandwiches will be handed out to skaters.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance for the month of October. The Parks crew installed new dugouts on the baseball field at Crowell Park, installed a new Memorial bench at the football field at Church Road Park, removed old volleyball posts from Walsh Park, continued weekly maintenance to the football and soccer field and began fall leaf removal. Mr. Lanciano noted that the Parks Board picks a yearly project and this year it was the artificial surface to the tennis courts in Williams Park. In 2014, they are targeting a new tot-lot in Memorial Park, focusing on children up to 3 years old. The Park Board is also discussing adding artificial playing surface fields in some of the parks.

Parks

Mr. Rudolph reported that through a land-lease agreement, the Marriott hotel was built on a site of under utilized land at the Springfield Country Club. The project cost was \$17 million for a new hotel, outdoor restaurant and related amenities. Job creation was 191 construction jobs and over 140 permanent jobs were created. This project was a prime example of successful private/public partnership delivering a project which benefits both sectors. The local economy will grow due to the additional spending by guests, employees and patrons of the restaurant.

Marriott Hotel

Mr. Rudolph announced the Springfield Police Department will be offering seminars in recognizing drug use in children. These seminars will demonstrate the physical characteristics associated with drug use in children, along with some other drug paraphilia that could be found by parents.

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These seminars are designed to help parents recognize what they are seeing in children and adults early on before the dangers of drug addiction are realized. The seminars are being presented by Officer Sean Clifton at the Township Building.

Mr. Rudolph reported there has been a steady flow of thefts from vehicles throughout the Township. The theft occurs in the overnight hours and usually involves unlocked vehicles. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles at all times and remove all valuables. He stated never hesitate to call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Mr. Rudolph announced the Christmas tree lighting will be held December 8th from 5 to 7 pm. It was a tremendous event last year and there are some special surprises in store for everyone this year. Santa Claus is coming to the Fire House on December 14th from 11 am to 2 pm.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Culp, the Treasurer's Report for October 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

**ORDINANCE #1543
Stop Sign**

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1543 creating a four-way stop intersection at Alliston and Rose, facing eastbound and westbound traffic, Avon and Alliston facing southbound traffic and Avon and Lynn Roads facing northbound traffic. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

**BIDS: GASOLINE
DIESEL FUEL**

Mr. Lanciano moved to award the sole bid for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Superior Plus Company at \$2.8099 per gallon for gasoline and \$3.1852 per gallon for diesel fuel. He noted that the price for gasoline and diesel has dropped compared to last year. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Dr. Janiczek reported six proposals were received for Investment Consulting Services for the Police Pension Plan. The Police Pension Plan Committee met with the three that offered the lowest proposals. He moved to accept the Police Pension Committee's recommendation to hire InR of Media. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Investment Services
Police Pension Plan

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #17-13 designating Crozer Keystone Health System as the primary provider of Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services. The Township Solicitor was directed to proceed with developing a legal agreement between Crozer-Keystone and the Township. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #17-13
ALS Emergency Medical
Services

Mr. Wechsler stated Springfield Township, along with other municipalities, participates in a regional sewer waste collection facility. This is regulated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection and the Delaware County Planning Department who offers guidelines for compliance. In order to provide environmentally safe conditions for moving wastewater, the Township needs to update the plan in order to comply with new Act 537. Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #18-13 approving the continuation of the planning requirements of the Delaware County Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #18-13
Delco. Sewage
Facilities Plan Act 537

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining escrow funds (\$93,313.35) in connection with the construction of Miller's Ale House. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

On motion of Mr. Layden, the 2014 C. C. Golf permit and daily playing fees were approved. The fees will be increased by one dollar over 2013 rates. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

2014 GOLF FEES

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Mullen, 624 Old School House Drive, asked when the Township is going to get the red light traffic cameras. Mr. Rudolph replied that it is still in the review process. Mr. Mullen questioned the cost of keeping the sewage plan up to Act 537 specifications. Mr. Fulton replied that this Resolution adopts the County Plan. Delcora has already made an agreement with the Philadelphia Sewage Treatment Plant to handle our waste. The Township is currently paying a high rate for our sewage, but there is no anticipated expense increase at this time.

Police Chief Joseph Daly stated he is here tonight to talk about adding two additional police officers to the police force. He noted in 2004 there were 36 sworn police officers, today there are only 30 sworn officers. He said part of the problem is that crime is associated with the economy. When you have a bad economy, crime is up. Beginning in 2010 crime has been on the rise. He noted that the police officers work 12 hours shifts with 3 officers on each shift. Officers are continually training to maintain their certification and that is why in most cases there are only three officers working most of the shifts. By adding two full-time officers will certainly help and also will cut down on overtime.

Chief Daly stated the Police Department needs a new Public Safety building. He explained that the township building was built in 1955 and the police department was built to house 12 police officers and one clerk. Today with 30 police officers, prisoners and officers have to share the same space. He invited any residents who wish to see the current conditions of the police department to call and make an appointment for a tour.

ADJOURNMENT
(8:51 p.m.)

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