

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Pamela McShane of the Tree of Life Church and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Layden, the minutes of September 10 and October 8, 2019 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Zoning

Mr. Kelly reported the two zoning hearings scheduled for October 24th were continued at the requests of the applicants. Application of Mission BBQ will be heard on November 21, 2019, as well as an application for sign variances for Reedman Toll, 770 Baltimore Pike.

Health

Mrs. Sage reported for the month of October, the Health Officer inspected 12 restaurants, 7 retail establishments and 2 reinspections. Mrs. Sage announced last week the Township began picking up leaves throughout the Township. She reminded residents that it is a violation of Township code to rake leaves into the street. Leaves on streets accumulate on storm sewer inlets which creates poor drainage conditions. Leaves can also be placed in compostable paper bags, no plastic is allowed.

Dr. Janiczek announced two adult programs will be held at the Library. On November 18th, a curator of the Boyertown Museum of Historical Vehicles will present a brief history of food trucks from the invention of the chuck wagon in 1866 to modern food trucks. On December 9th, a classical guitarist, Robert Dopira, will be holding a concert in the lower level of the program room at the Library.

Library

Mr. Lanciano reported the Springfield Ice Skating Rink had it biggest weekend to date as 350 skaters enjoyed skating. The Ice Rink will be closed on Thanksgiving. A skating session has been added on Friday, November 29th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department installed new benches in Ellson Glen, Lehigh, Pennsdale, New Netherwood and Indian Rock Parks. They installed new decking on the play system at Pennsdale Park. Faulty decking was discovered during a recent playground safety inspection, necessitating the replacement. Leaf removal in all parks began.

Parks

Mr. Wechsler stated since yesterday was Veterans' Day, he wanted to acknowledge those who served in the armed forces and thanked the people who reached out on social media to thank a veteran.

Veterans' Day

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission will be reviewing a Conditional Use Application on December 5th for Anthony's Fired Coal Pizza restaurant to be located in the Olde Sproul Shopping Village.

Planning

Mr. Layden reported the Public Works Department has generated a punch list from the 2019 Overlay Program for residents who have reported damage incurred by the paving and milling contractor. The list will be forwarded to the contractor. Due to the Thanksgiving Day holidays on November 28th & 29th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Public Works

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Recycling

Mr. Layden reported for October, total trash collected 926.2 tons. Paper recycling was 97.3 tons, single stream/commingled was 76.2 tons, 51.3 tons for bulk items and appliances 1.1 tons.

Golf

Mr. Layden reported total rounds for the month of October was 2,749 bringing the year to date total to 29,379 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$135,258 bringing the year to date revenue total to \$1,404,117. The seven year moving average is \$173,493, leaving a positive variance of \$230,624. The golf course was opened 30 days, and closed only once during October.

Christmas Events

Mr. Rudolph announced that Springfield's annual tree lighting and fireworks will be Sunday, December 8th on Saxer Avenue which is hosted by the Fire Company.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

ORDINANCE #1601
Stop Intersection

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1601 establishing a stop intersection at Lynbrooke Road and Hart Lane facing northeastbound traffic. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1602
Recreational Vehicles

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1602 amending Chapter 138, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Overnight Parking, by adding wording to Section 138-27 and 138-28.D "prohibiting the parking of recreational vehicles upon public highways within the Township between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m." Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

ORDINANCE #1603
Rental Dwelling Units

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1603 amending Chapter 106, Rental Dwelling Units, to include a new Subsection, 106-3G authorizing the Department of License and Inspections to revoke annual Certificates of Use in the event that a property incurs multiple violations of

Township Ordinances and any of said violations remain unabated for a period in excess of 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried

Mr. Layden read the proposed 2020 Budget Ordinance. The 2020 budget calls for expenditures of \$18,425,000 with a millage rate increase to 5.810 mills. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano. Mr. Wechsler said the proposed budget ordinance is read for its first reading to set the proposed tax rate, which can be continued to be worked on between now and the second reading. The second reading will be held next month. The motion carried.

Mr. Wechsler reviewed the history of the Jamgochian property located at 510 Saxer Avenue regarding the attempts of developers to build homes on this property. The final application was for seven homes, which was turned down by the Board of Commissioners. The owners appealed that decision to the county and won. The parcel has storm water issues and the owners have not been able to get a buyer. The Township applied for and will receive funds through a Delaware County open space funding grant. By obtaining the property through eminent domain, the Township will not have to pay a transfer tax.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #20-19 authorizing the condemnation and/or accepting of deed(s) in lieu of condemnation for the property and pay the property owners \$615,000, previously allocated from the General Fund, to fund open space in the 4th Ward. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mrs. Sage moved that the appropriate officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for a Police Facility. Bid packets can be picked up on December 3, 2019 in the Township Building. Bid opening will take place on Monday, January 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanciano.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
2020 Budget

RESOLUTION #20-19
Eminent Domain
510 Saxer Avenue

AUTHORIZE RECEIPT
OF BIDS

BIDS AUTHORIZED

Mr. Wechsler commented that this motion authorizing the receipt of bids is to see if the cost is consistent with the grant funds the Township received and reasonable for the Township budget. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lanciano moved that the appropriate officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., December 6, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following residents voiced their concerns about Mr. Layden's posting of a rape joke and other inappropriate comments on his facebook page. They would like to see the Board of Commissioners hold Mr. Layden accountable requiring his resignation.

- Jeanette Harrington, 449 Maplewood Road
- Karin McCurdy Melfi, 216 Midland Road
- Evan Bradley, 31 Saxer Avenue
- Lori Sabatino, 224 Hillview Drive
- Ina Shea, 319 Madison Road
- Bonny Hodges, 17 S. Hillcrest Road
- Molly Allen, 114 Kent Road
- Laura Evans, 31 Saxer Avenue

Mr. Rudolph stated that hearing from the public on this issue is disturbing. Mr. Layden asked to respond. Mr. Layden stated that he does not promote any sexism and has never attacked anybody personally. He said this is an example of blowing something out of proportion and creating accusations for political purposes.

Mr. Rudolph stated obviously this is very concerning and the Board will certainly review this as requested. Kelly Hayes, Esq. recommended the Board review this issue and make a recommendation at some point. Mr. Wechsler noted that the Board of Commissioners does not review any other Board members Facebook page.

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Mr. Lanciano moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:05 p.m.)