

OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 2012 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

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

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Layden presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Robert Boyle in recognition of the his community spirit demonstrated by his generous gift of \$20,000 to rebuild the baseball field in Springfield's Veteran's Memorial Park. Robert Boyle won a contest wherein he could choose any baseball field diamond throughout the world to renovate. Robert's parents accepted the certificate on his behalf since he is attending college at Penn State. Robert's father thanked the Board for the honor. Mr. Layden noted the renovations to the baseball field will begin next week.

Mr. Lanciano presented lifesaving awards to four lifeguards, in recognition for their actions when each successfully assisted a swimmer in distress. Christina Hess, Pool Manager, accepted the awards on behalf of the recipients who are attending college.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Culp read a Proclamation naming October 23 - October 31, 2009 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Springfield by promoting a drug-free community.

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of September 11, 2012 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Culp announced the Library's fall book sale will be in the Township Building on Saturday, October 20 through Monday, October 22. Mr. Culp reported the display windows located at the upper level of the Library are available to showcase a resident's hobby or craft. Young Poets of Delaware County poetry contest submissions are due by December 7, 2012 for all poets in grades 1 – 12.

Library

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board heard four applications at their September 27, 2012 meeting. Approval for a sign at Chuck E Cheese facing Baltimore Pike was approved, a proposed LED sign facing Andrew Drive was continued for further consideration. There were three applications on residential properties requesting variances, two for non-conforming driveways and third one for the use of a residential home for a commercial insurance office. All three applications were denied. The next Zoning Hearing is scheduled for October 25th.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler announced the Health Department will hold its annual free rabies clinic for dogs and cats of Springfield residents on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Public Works Building.

Health

Dr. Janiczek read Public Works progress report for the month of September. Leaf collection will begin on October 29th. Once the collection schedule is completed, they will continue collection were needed. Due to the Veterans Day on Monday, November 12th, trash and recycling will not be collected. Dr. Janiczek reported, to date, the Township has received \$1,204.50 for recycled oil. Revenue received for recycled paper collected during the month of September was \$4,834.35 and commingled items brought in \$542.11.

Public Works

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Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported for the month of September, total rounds at the golf course were 3,798, bringing the year-to-date total to 31,151. During the month of September, all fall course renovations were completed. Due to continuing wet weather, many hours were spent restoring sand traps, gardens, clearing drains and picking up debris. Five golf course tees were stripped and sodded with Bermuda-grass. Revenue for the month of September was \$150,387.00, which is a positive variance of \$9,395.00 over last year 's revenue. The year-to-date revenue for the golf course is \$1,233,184.00, which is a positive variance of \$164,940.00 over last year.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department progress report for the month of September. The Parks Department has aerified, seeded and fertilized the infields of the Parks baseball fields. Weekly field maintenance continues on the soccer, field hockey and football fields. Two trees in Williams Park that fell during a recent storm were removed.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Rink opened on September 20th for hockey, lessons and ice rentals. The rink was able to open earlier due to the capital improvements that were made to the Ice Rink. Public skating will begin on Friday, October 26th.

Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph stated the Fire Company will be hosting the annual Fire Prevention Open House on Friday evening, October 12th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Fire apparatus will be displayed featuring fire vehicles from surrounding towns in Delaware County. Ambulance Corps and the Police Department members will also be in attendance to educate the community on safety and crime prevention.

Police

Mr. Rudolph reported the 12th Annual Delaware County Run for Heroes 5K Run/Walk took place on the streets of Springfield this past Sunday, October 7th. The run benefits the Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund which supports the children of Police, Firefighters and other Emergency Responders that have died in the line of duty. Over 200

runners/walkers participated, along with members from the surrounding communities police agencies, fire departments, ambulance corps, hospitals and local businesses. This year's event raised approximately \$40,000. Mr. Rudolph announced the Police Department was recently awarded a \$500 grant from PECO/Exelon Corporation for traffic safety equipment. Traffic cones were purchased for all patrol vehicles to be used for roadway closures and accidents. He read a list of safety tips for trick or treating on Halloween evening, October 31st.

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

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, seconded by Mr. Lanciano, the Treasurer's Report for September 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1529 adopting standards and procedures relating to the use of automated red light enforcement systems. He noted the Township meets the criteria set by the passage of Title 75 by the Pennsylvania State Legislation allowing Springfield to consider the use of automated red light cameras. Mr. Wechsler noted the manufacturer or vendor of these systems will not be compensated based on the number of traffic citations issued or any revenue the cameras may generate. A full copy of the ordinance is available at the Township Building for public viewing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1520, which addresses the collection of costs and additional fees and hearing procedures to be followed after following notification of traffic violations, during the administration of the automated red light enforcement system. The costs, which are separate from the penalty, may be imposed on violators who fail to pay the required fine. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1529
Red Light Enforcement
Cameras

ORDINANCE #1530
Red Light Cameras
Costs & Fees

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BIDS: Library
Replacement Windows

Mr. Culp reported two bids were received for Library Replacement Windows. He moved to award the contract to the lower responsible bidder GMI Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$74,500.00. Dr. Janiczek moved to table voting on this matter this evening. He stated the reason being is that we might be throwing good money after bad. The motion was seconded by Mr. Layden. Mr. Rudolph asked for a vote to continue the matter to next month. Only Dr. Janiczek voted aye. Mr. Wechsler and Dr. Janiczek both questioned if postponing awarding the bid this evening would jeopardize the terms of the contractor's proposal.

Mr. Byrne requested a short recess for the Board to discuss the bid submission, terms and time limits, as related to the state grant funding. Mr. Rudolph announced the Board will recess in Executive Session. After a few minutes, the meeting reconvened, at which time Mr. Byrne reported the grant will expire 60 days from today's date, allowing the motion to continue to another date.

Mr. Layden withdrew his second to the motion to continue awarding the bid at a later date. Dr. Janiczek withdrew his motion. Mr. Rudolph declared the motion to continue withdrawn.

Mr. Rudolph announced the motion on the table is to vote on awarding the bid. Mr. Culp moved to award the bid to GMI Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$74,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

RESOLUTION #22-12
Stray Animal
Agreement

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, Resolution No. 22-12 was adopted authorizing Township officials to enter into an agreement with the Animal Protection Board of Delaware County to provide stray animal service for a per animal fee payment. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

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Regina Sheeran, 34 Old State Road, asked for clarification of the Automated Red Light Enforcement Ordinances and if any special public meetings would be held prior any installations. Mr. Byrne replied the provisions do not require any special meetings or hearings, but would probably be brought up during a regular meeting. Mr. Rudolph stated that these ordinances have been passed to enable, but not require, the township to move forward. A decision to continue on with the program is still be discussed and considered and has not been finalized.

Dr. Janiczek moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)