

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Springfield Country Club Ice Rink. At 7:00 p.m., the Board held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the Ice Rink facility.

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 Mark Young of Covenant Methodist Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION
Police Accreditation

Mr. Wechsler read a Resolution recognizing the Springfield Police Department for their diligence in achieving prestigious accreditation status from Pennsylvania's Chief of Police Association, thus becoming the "first" Accredited Police Department in Delaware County. Police Chief Daly thanked the Board for the Resolution. He stated in Springfield we can proudly say we are in compliance with the national standards. It took 22 months to accomplish and everyone in the department helped to reach this goal.

Joseph Blackburn of the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Board presented the Certificate of Accreditation to the Police Department. He stated only 75 police departments out of 1,200 in the Commonwealth hold this certification. To become accredited, the police department must meet the majority of 298 nationally recognized best practice standards and sub-standards of performance and operation.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Layden presented a Resolution to the Springfield Athletic Association's Under-11 Baseball Team for winning the 2011 PA State Championship, 2011 District 1 Championship and 2011 Cal Ripkin Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship. Coaches and team members came forward to accept their Resolution.

Mrs. Sage introduced Amy Winnemore, Assistant Manager of the C.C. swim pool. Ms. Winnemore began a 1000 Lap Club this season, with six finishing the program. Mrs. Sage presented lifesaving awards to five lifeguards in recognition for their action when each successfully assisted a swimmer in distress. Four were received in absentia, while Jake Nave was present to receive his plaque.

PRESENTATION

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, the minutes of August 9 & 16, 2011 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MINUTES

Mr. Mahoney asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Edward Hitchens, 508 Briarhill Road, expressed his gratitude to the Board and on behalf of those who skate in the OGL hockey league for having the rink reopened.

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sage reported total membership fees, admission, swim lessons and misc. fees for the 2011 season was \$249,944. Total sales for the snack shop was \$42,314. The Pool is now closed for the year and winter maintenance of the facility will now begin.

Pool

Mrs. Sage announced the Ice Rink is scheduled to open on October 6th for hockey, skating lessons, ice rental and birthday parties. Public skating will begin on October 28th. For more information call the Ice Rink at 610-543-3118.

Ice Rink

Dr. Janiczek stated as a result of hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee, 61 residential dwellings and 4 commercial buildings were inundated by flood waters or damaged by downed trees. The Township will be a liaison resource for FEMA/PEMA assistance. He also noted anyone wishing to be added to the emergency alert system should contact the Township Administration.

Code Enforcement

Environmental

Mr. Wechsler reported that the Township, in connection with Pennoni Associates, was awarded a grant from the Tree Vitalize Program. This grant will fund the purchase of trees for planting at both Walsh & Rolling Green Parks. Volunteers are needed to help plant the trees on October 15th from 9 – 11 am.

Health

Mr. Wechsler stated September is the 8th Annual Preparedness Month, sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. The Center for Disease Control has a website, “Emergency Preparedness and You” which answers common questions about preparing for unexpected disasters.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph read the monthly Public Works report. Due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 10th, trash and recycling will not be collected. In regard to the earthquake and hurricane occurring within a few days of each other, he reported various township departments worked like a team and were well prepared. They were out during the hurricane removing trees from roads, blocking off areas where power lines came down and responding to sewer back-ups. Roads closed were W. Rolling Road, N. Bishop Avenue, E. Scenic Road, Doe Run Lane, Beatty Road and Eagle Road. He announced a public meeting will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at 11:00 am for residents living in low lying areas who have had repetitive water damage to their homes. He stated that he, along with Commissioner Layden, will be hosting the meeting with Congressman Meehan, State Senator Erickson and State Representative Adolph.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the golf course maintenance report for the month of August. He noted July was the hottest month on record, while August was the wettest month on record. Fall renovations have been completed of greens, tees and fairways. Due to extreme wet weather, most of the time was spent restoring sand traps and gardens, clearing drains, cleaning up debris and pruning trees. For the month of August, total rounds were 3,958, which brings the year-to-date total to 22,275 rounds. Total revenue of \$141,475 brought the year to date revenue to \$927,252.

Mr. Lanciano reported the Parks Department continues to clean up the parks and township property from the recent hurricane. They completed baseball field maintenance for the year and have removed all temporary outfield fencing. Football and soccer fields have been prepared for the upcoming season. A new scoreboard was installed on the game field at Church Road Park. This scoreboard will be used for CYO football in the fall and Springfield A.A. lacrosse in the spring.

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

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

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 12-11 designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to assist in obtaining a Keystone Recreation, Parks & Conservation Fund Grant up to \$50,000 to be used for the replacement of fifty existing windows for the Library. The Township will allocate municipal resources in the amount of \$37,500 for the project. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Rudolph moved for the adoption of Resolution No.13-11 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a Master Casting Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Sage moved to authorize the approval of the Township's 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. The Civilian

Parks

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION #12-11
PA Keystone Grant

RESOLUTION #13-11
Master Casting
Agreement

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL
OBLIGATION

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Pension Plan has been budgeted \$310,691 for the Defined Benefit Plan and \$6,274 for the Defined Contribution Plan. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted \$968,944. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Dr. Janiczek moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining funds (\$3,500.00) from the escrow account for Springfield Square South. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

AUDIENCE

George Miller, 301 Alliston Road, commented on lifeguard wages and the cost to run the golf course. He requested the Board add 50¢ in the budget from each household for the purchase of flags and to do away with the refuse fee and include that charge in the taxes.

Mike Petrocelli, a township employee thanked the Board for reopening the Ice Rink.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:05 P.M.)

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