

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend James Anderman of Covenant Methodist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Daly presented a Citizen Commendation to Edward Robinson, an off-duty police officer, for intervening in a stabbing incident on August 2, 2013 in front of a real estate office on Baltimore Pike. Mr. Robinson was present to accept the Commendation.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Wechsler presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ronald Fahnestock in recognition of his 26 years as coach of the Springfield AA Blue Baseball teams. He stated that players and fellow coaches came to the Park Board and requested the dedication of a bench at Memorial Park with a plaque honoring Mr. Fahnestock. Mr. Fahnestock thanked the Board for their recognition. He requested the following: the bench be placed on the hillside overlooking the home team bench, plaques of recently retiring coaches Nick Spinosa and Stan Kutufaris being officially honored and their names added to the bench, establish a new tradition referring to the new bench as the "coaches box" and that park benches be placed overtime in other Springfield Parks honoring other deserving coaches in sports of all kinds, He also requested that Nick Spinosa, with his 37 years of coaching, be given special recognition by the Board and that they take whatever steps necessary to have the baseball field at Springfield Veterans Memorial Park, officially named the "Nick Spinosa Field."

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of August 13, 2013 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Culp 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 Fall 1 Session Youth Programs began on September 9th. The fall series will run through October 18th. He reminded homebound residents living in Springfield or Morton that they can receive library material at home. This free service provides reading and listening material to residents who are unable to come to the library. Delivery service is provided by the Women's Club of Springfield.

Mrs. Sage reported at the September 5th meeting of the Planning Commission, a recommendation for approval of a Conditional Use was given for a communications antenna in the steeple of Covenant Methodist Church.

Mr. Wechsler announced the Zoning Hearing Board will hold a meeting on September 26th at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda for that evening are continued hearings on the proposed billboard site locations, as well as several other matters that require zoning relief.

Dr. Janiczek reported to date the Township has received \$313.90 for recycled oil. As the Township received \$60 per ton for recycled paper, revenue for the month of August was \$7,320.00. Total tons of commingled amounted to 67 tons. The current rate is \$-3.21, which the Township owes \$215.07. He noted during the month of August, the Township paid \$31,138.80 for the dumping of 943.6 tons of refuse.

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Golf Course

Mr. Layden reported that during the month of August, total rounds were 2,626, bringing the year-to-date total to 19,064 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$80,993.00, bringing the year-to-date total to \$709,664.

During the month of August, the course was opened 19 days, closed 10 days, opened late 4 days. Rainfall totaled 5.9". All Bermuda-grass areas of the golf course are open for play. Members of the U.S.G.A. inspected the golf course and they were happy to see that the new grass is coming in ahead of schedule.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano announced the Ice Skating Rink will open Monday, September 18th for hockey, skating lessons and ice rental for parties. Public skating will begin on Friday, October 25th.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of August. The Parks crew began fall field maintenance, which includes cutting and lining football and soccer fields. Renovations began to the upper tennis court at Williams Park. Installation of a new net and a new type of turf surface should be completed by the end of the week. He also reminded residents that are in the parks with their dogs, that they must clean up after them and keep them leashed at all times.

Police

Mr. Rudolph stated with schools now open means more pedestrian and vehicle traffic around Springfield schools. Drivers are reminded to obey school speed limits and be alert. Police officers will be actively enforcing traffic regulations. Residents that park commercial vehicles on their property or in private lots are asked to secure their vehicles. The Police Department has seen an increase in commercial vehicle thefts over the past few weeks.

Remembrance of 911

Mr. Rudolph requested residents to take a moment tomorrow the 12th anniversary of September 11th, to reflect and remember what tomorrow means too many of us.

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

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, seconded by Mr. Layden, the Treasurer's Report for August 2013 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Culp moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1540 creating a "No Parking" zone on the north side of Wayne Avenue, extending 15 feet in an eastwardly direction from N. Brookside Road. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved to approve the sale of Township vehicles and equipment sold through the MuniBid website to public entities. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried. Sales totaled approximately \$16,000.

Mr. Wechsler moved to approve a Conditional Use Application, subject to comments made by the Planning Commission, for Covenant United Methodist Church, 212 W. Springfield Road, and AT & T, to install a telecommunications facility in the upper portion of the church steeple. Mr. Wechsler stated the Planning Commission reviewed the application on September 5th and recommended its approval. The Board of Commissioners held a special hearing this evening at 7:00 p.m. to review the application. Verbatim testimony was taken by Court Reporter, Lori DiFabio. The motion for approval was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

Mr. Layden read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 48, Article I, entitled "Firearms" establishing revised regulations in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, Chapter 61, for the discharge of firearms and other weapons and providing for violations and penalties. He moved the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

BILLS SUBMITTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1540
No Parking Zone

SALE OF SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT

CONDITIONAL USE
212 W. Springfield Road

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Firearms

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Park Regulations

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 89, entitled "Parks and Playgrounds," by adding supplemental park regulations on firearms to bring into compliance with the updated Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, Chapter 61. He moved the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL
OBLIGATION

Dr. Janiczek moved to authorize the approval of the Township's 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Civilian Pension Plans. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted \$1,514,155. The Civilian Pension Plan has been budgeted \$324,574. Since the state contributes \$500,000, the Township's Minimum Obligation will be approximately \$1,380,000. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

REQUEST FOR RFPs
CONSULTING SERVICES

Mr. Culp moved to authorize the acceptance of "Request for Proposals" for Investment Consulting Services for Springfield Township's Police Defined Benefit Program Plan to be accepted by 10:00 a.m. on October 22, 2013. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer to release the remaining balance of \$17,944.00 in the escrow account for the Chuck E. Cheese Redevelopment, 381 Baltimore Pike, contingent upon the posting of an 18 month maintenance bond. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

DCJA

Mrs. Sage moved that Mr. Daniel Kelly, 1054 West Avenue, be appointed to the unexpired term as the Township's representative on the Darby Creek Joint Authority. Seconded by Mr. Culp and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Regina Shearer, 34 Old State Road, stated she saw in the news recently controversy about red light camera system in Gloucester County, NJ. She questioned what the status of implementation of red light camera system is in Springfield Township. Mr. Byrne replied the Board is still reviewing the

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matter. Mr. Rudolph commented there are differences between what is being proposed in Pennsylvania and the way it is proposed in New Jersey. Each municipality collects the money in New Jersey. In Pennsylvania, the fines go to the state. In Pennsylvania, you need to have an accredited police department in your township to qualify for the red camera system. In New Jersey, any municipality can apply.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:52 p.m.)