

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 in the Township Building.

REGULAR MEETING

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.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Rudolph asked for a moment of silence to reflect back to eleven years ago today and remember the families, first responders and of the loss of approximately 3000 people that day.

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Chief Joseph Daly presented a Commendation of Merit to Police Officer Stephen Hurwitz for doing an exceptional job on July 23, 2012. While on patrol on Baltimore Pike at 2:00 a.m., Officer Hurwitz apprehended an armed career felon that was robbing money from a vending machine.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Culp presented a Resolution to the Springfield Athletic Association's 12-U Blue Storm Baseball Team for winning the 2012 Cal Ripken PA State Championship, 2012 District 1 Championship and Runner-up at the 2012 Cal Ripkin Mid-Atlantic Regionals. Coaches and team members came forward to accept their Resolution.

RESOLUTION

On motion of Mr. Wechsler, the minutes of August 14, 2012 were approved. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MINUTES

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rudolph called for Committee Reports.

Library

Mr. Culp announced this month's movie at the Library is "Hunger Games" and will be shown on Saturday, September 15th at 1:00 p.m. He stated the Library provides a homebound delivery service for residents living in Springfield or Morton. Delivery services if provided by the Women's Club of Springfield.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board held a special meeting on August 23rd to render a decision on ZH-12-11. The applicant's petition is to use the premises as a tobacco shop and smoking lounge. The application was approved with conditions that there can be no carry-out sales and the applicant will purchase an ID scanner to verify the age of persons entering the establishment. The next Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for September 27th, at which time there will be four applications to review.

4th Ward – House Fire

Mr. Wechsler stated there was a house fire in the 4th ward, as a result of a downed PECO pole. One house was completely destroyed and the neighborhood was without electricity for a period of time. He commented on what a great job our fire and police departments did in responding on a weekday afternoon. He also complimented Lori Devlin, Health Officer, for assisting the families in obtaining help from the Red Cross.

Public Works

Dr. Janiczek stated that the Springfield and Marple's Public Works Departments are working together installing a forced sanitary sewer main in the Beatty Hills subdivision. Due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 8th, 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 August was \$7,349.40, commingled items brought in \$758.26. He noted the Township paid \$23,122.88 for dumping 986 tons of our refuse the month of August. The recycling program helps offset the cost of disposing of refuse.

Mr. Layden reported for the month of August, total rounds at the golf course were 4,781, bringing the year-to-date total to 27,353. Total revenue for the month was \$167,096.00, which is \$25,621.00 over last year's revenue at this time. The year-to-date revenue for the golf course is \$1,082,797.00, which is a positive variance of \$155,545.00 over last year's revenue. He encouraged residents to visit the golf course.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department monthly report. The Parks Department crew has been preparing the football, soccer and hockey fields for the fall sports season. They have also been spending most of their time grass cutting in all parks and Township-owned properties.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano reported the Ice Skating Rink will open next Thursday, September 20th. Public skating will begin on October 26th. Currently, the ice is being put down and painted for ice hockey. The new dehumidifier units that were installed this summer are doing a great job in keeping the building dry and comfortable.

Ice Rink

Mr. Rudolph announced on Saturday, September 29, 2012, the Police Department will collaborate with the DEA and conduct a "National Take-Back Initiative" for expired, unwanted or unused medications. A collection box will be available at the Police Department between 10 am – 2 pm. Mr. Rudolph stated that now that school is in session, he reminded drivers to obey the school speed limits and be cautious of students and crossing guards. Mr. Rudolph reported this past July the Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$16,646 from the PA Liquor Control Board. The funding for this program targets underage drinking. Starting September 21st, the Police mountain bike unit will begin weekend patrols in Township parks and other areas where juveniles congregate.

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Fire Company

Mr. Rudolph read the fire safety tip for the month of August, entitled "Move Right for Sirens and Lights" Drivers must yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle. He read a list of rules for drivers to follow when on the road and encountering an emergency vehicle whose lights are flashing, whether the siren is sound or not.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Wechsler, the Treasurer's Report for August 2012 was accepted and ordered filed.

ORDINANCE #1528
DELCORA Regulations

Mr. Layden moved to adopt Ordinance #1528 approving DELCORA Standards, Rules and Regulations of 2011, the City of Philadelphia's Wastewater Regulations and the Local Limitations for the Eastern Service Area for all discharges of wastewater. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

BIDS: Library
Replacement Windows

Mr. Culp moved to reject the one bid received for Replacement Windows for the Library and to rebid the project to be received by 10 am on October 5, 2012. He stated the bid was rejected since the required bid bond or certified check was not included with the bid proposal. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Red Light Enforcement

Mr. Lanciano summarized a proposed ordinance adopting standards and procedures relating to the use of automated red light enforcement systems. He noted the Township is the only Delaware County municipality meeting the criteria of PA Legislation, Title 75 relating to traffic control signals. The municipality must have a population that exceeds 20,000 and an accredited police department. A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Building for public viewing. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved and advertised. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Dr. Janiczek summarized a proposed ordinance concerning the collection of costs and additional fees, as well as informal hearing procedures following notification of traffic violations in relation to the use of the automated red light enforcement system. The costs, which are separate from the penalty, may be imposed to violators who fail to pay the required fine. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Red Light Camera
Costs & Fees

Mrs. Wechsler moved to authorize the approval of the Township's 2013 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Civilian Pension Plans. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted \$1,190,608. The Civilian Pension Plan has been budgeted \$317,284 and \$9,427 for the Defined Contribution Plan. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL
OBLIGATION

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, commented he is still trying to figure out how to do away with refuse fee and to incorporate it into the tax millage. He asked about upgrading of the tennis courts in Williams Park. He raised questions regarding the lease for at hotel at the Country Club. He asked what would happen to the hotel's lease agreement when the 30 year lease expires. Mr. Byrne responded the building will become Township property. Mr. Miller asked if the building be rehabilitated before the property is turned back over to the Township. Mr. Byrne replied that according to the lease, the building will be in good repair, with normal wear and tear. Mr. Miller asked what the percentage of yearly increase was over the thirty year lease. Mr. Miller said this information could be provided to him at next month's meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:45 p.m.)