

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

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 13, 2016 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Robert Novak of Life Christian Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Lanciano presented lifesaving awards to two lifeguards; Mary Kate Abbot and Kimberly Pullia, in recognition for their actions when each successfully assisted a swimmer in distress.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Wechsler announced the Board of Commissioners, in association with the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council #4500 in Springfield, PA, presented four Resolutions honoring all First Responders that protect us every day. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for allowing the Board to participate in this honor. Mr. Wechsler stated in conjunction with this, on October 1 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Kevin's Church there will be a catholic mass honoring our brave first responders. Members of the Knights distributed the Resolutions to first responders that were present.

MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Janiczek, the minutes of August 9, 2016 were approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items. Seeing none, the meeting continued.

Library

Mr. Kelly announced that the Springfield Library will hold their fall book sale on September 17th, 18th and 19th at the Township Building.

Mr. Kelly announced that Springfield Township Fun Day known as “Springfield Rocks” will be held on Sunday, October 2 from 11 am to 4 pm. It will be held here at the complex in front of the Township Building and Library. Powell Road will be closed off to motorists. Live music will be provided by Tom Curtis, Jr. and a Monkee’s tribute band, “The Monkeephiles.” There will be also be pony rides, face painting, photo booths, moon bounces, along with various craft vendors and a variety of different food vendors.

Springfield Rocks

Mrs. Sage reported the Parks Department erected goal posts on the football fields at Crowell and Church Road Parks and prepared the field for the upcoming season. The soccer and field hockey fields have been prepared. The crew also removed the old and installed new dugouts at the baseball field in Walsh Park.

Parks

Mr. Wechsler reported the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on September 22 to hear two applications. The first application by Scott Kia for sign variances at 321 Baltimore Pike. The second application is for a residence requesting a setback variance to enclose a front porch at 278 Valley View Road.

Zoning

Mr. Wechsler announced that Aqua customers on W. Springfield Road, from Forest Road to N. Oak Avenue, will be receiving a notification letter regarding a road closure for a new improvement project. Aqua will be replacing the existing 8” and 12” cast iron mains on that street as part of a continuing infrastructure project. This improvement project will not only increase the quality of water, but will reduce the potential for discolored water and improve firefighting capabilities. The project is scheduled to begin Monday, September 19 and will continue through June 2017. Construction will take place between 9 am and 3 pm.

Aqua – Road Closure

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of August, the Health Officer inspected 10 restaurants, 7 retail establishments and performed 3 reinspections. Five citations were issued due to

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violations. There was one dog bite report and two dog nuisance reports. There were two property issues with standing water. The next collection date of Household Hazardous Waste is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at Penn State Brandywine.

Recycling

Dr. Janiczek reported for the month of August, total for trash collected was 873.58 tons, paper recycling was 102.19 tons and commingled/single stream was 76.86 tons.

Police Promotions

Dr. Janiczek announced, effective September 15, 2016, the following officers will be sworn to promotional positions. Sergeant Joseph Sadoff is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, Officers Patrick McKenna and Andrew McKinney are promoted to rank of Sergeants. All of these promotions are based upon a rigorous testing, both written, oral and physiology testing.

Ice Rink

Mr. Lanciano reported the Ice Skating Rink opened the 2016-17 season on September 12th for hockey, lessons, ice rentals and birthday parties. Public skating will begin on Friday, October 14th.

Public Works

Mr. Lanciano reported the Highway Department is in the process of patching, sealing and line painting streets throughout the Township. Due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 10, 2016, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Pool

Mr. Lanciano reported for the year-to-date revenue totals for the pool are: membership fees were \$336,050.00, guest admissions \$43,452.00, swim lessons \$3,940.00, misc. \$373.00, snack bar sales \$57,415.00 and swim team \$13,571.00, bringing the year-to-date pool revenue total to \$454,801.00.

9/11

Mr. Rudolph reflected that this past Sunday was the 15th Anniversary of September 11th, the single most devastating day in our history and on that day all of our lives changed forever. We will never forget.

Mr. Rudolph announced on Sunday, October 9th, Springfield Township will host the annual Delaware County Run for Heroes 5K Run/Walk. Funds raised benefits the Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund providing children of police, firefighters and emergency responders who have died in the line of duty with scholarships.

Mr. Rudolph stated that now that school is in session, he reminded drivers to obey the school speed limits and be cautious of children crossing the street.

Mr. Rudolph announced the School District has filed a Land Development application to come before the Springfield Township Planning Commission. He read excerpts of a letter that every resident will receive in the mail. It states that “Springfield School District has recently filed a Land Development Plan with the Township for the construction of a new high school. Springfield School District and Board of Commissioners are two independently elected entities responsible for different services. Occasionally, there are areas of interaction and this Land Development application for the construction of a new high school is one of those. The Board of Commissioners thought it would be helpful to communicate to the residents about the process for this project and any upcoming meetings. First and foremost, it is important to know that the upcoming discussions at the Planning Commission meetings and possibly Zoning Hearing Board meetings are not about whether the School District should build a new high school or renovate the current facility. That decision has already been made by the elected School Board. All comments or concerns regarding the cost of the project or its impact on school taxes should be addressed to the School Board, because they are the entity that possesses this information. The initial phase of the Land Development process is a review of the plan by Township personnel to determine if whether they comply with Township Codes and Regulations, and whether the plans need any zoning variance waivers, Land Development Ordinances or any other accommodations.

Run for Heroes

Back to School

Springfield High School

As with any other Land Development project, Township personnel will communicate those findings and recommendations to the representatives for the School District in preparation for any upcoming meetings. The first Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 6th at 7:30 p.m. The Board of Commissioners wishes to ensure all residents that the Springfield Township Land Professional experts, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and the Board of Commissioners are committed to having an open dialogue and public process for this project. All the public meetings and notices on this matter will be posted on our website, legally advertised and posted on the Township Facebook page.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

**ORDINANCE #1571
Stop Intersection**

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1571 establishing a stop intersection at Williamson Lane and Snyder Lane facing northwestbound traffic on Williamson Lane. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

**ORDINANCE #1572
Minimum Standards of
Contractor Responsibility**

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1572 establishing minimum standards of contractor responsibility and eligibility for public works contracts that are \$100,000 or over and paid for with public funds by the Township. The contractor shall submit a Contractor Responsibility Certification at the time of bid submittal. If the contractor is using a subcontractor on any work performed in the Township, they will have to be identified on its Subcontractor List and provide a Subcontractor Responsibility Certification. The Township shall issue a Notice of Intent to Award Contract to the firm offering the lowest responsive bid. This allows a period of 21 days for a public review period. The proposed ordinance has been filed at the Township available for review. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

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Mrs. Sage moved to authorize the approval of the Township's Police and Civilian Pension Plans. The Police Pension Plan has been budgeted at \$1,652,349. The Civilian Pension Plan has been budgeted at \$336,336, and \$33,565 for the Defined Contribution Plan. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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OBLIGATION

Mr. Howard Lownes, Trappe, PA, 10th generation of Janes Lownes, stated he has additional information on his relative that he has put onto a new hard drive. Mr. Lanciano stated that he believes that a member of the Park Board contacted you and that you will be attending a Park Board meeting. Mr. Lanciano stated the Park Board has approved the construction of a display to include information about your family and the history of Jane Lownes. An Eagle Scout will be constructing this display and the Historical Society was also contacted to be a part of the project. It has taken on a community type of atmosphere. The display should be ready sometime in the spring of 2017. Mr. Lownes noted that the additional information he received was documents of William Penn. Janes Lownes patented 150 acres from William Penn.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Betsy Mason, Parker Lane, stated that at the Run for Heroes Run on October 9th several of the runners will pass the parked Ambulance which is at the halfway point and a lot of runner ask for their split times. She asked if the Ambulance Corps could be given a split time calculator in order to provide the times. Mr. Rudolph replied that the request will be passed on.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(8:46 P.M.)