

MAY 11, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Mmes. Sage and Hoffman, Messrs. Kelly, Layden, Lanciano and Kennedy. Also present was Messrs. Fulton, Lucas, and Byrne.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Lanciano followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION
LOYALTY DAY

President Rudolph spoke about Loyalty Day and how it is a day that we proclaim our allegiance to the United States of America. Due to COVID we are having our ceremony inside and look forward to having them outside in the future.

Mr. Albert Evangelist is with the VFW and has been the spearhead of Loyalty Day for many years and keeping this alive and the beautiful ceremony it has always been.

Mr. Kelly read the Loyalty Day proclamation and Mr. Layden presented last year's 2020 Loyalty Day Award to Firefighter John Hinchcliffe and this years 2021 Loyalty Day Award is presented to Firefighter Kenneth Felker, Jr..

Mrs. Sage presented the 2021 Loyalty Day Award to Police Officer Joseph O'Berg and Mr. Kennedy presented the 2020 Loyalty Day Award to Emergency Medical Technician Daechaton Pumpuckdee and the 2021 Loyalty Day Award was presented to Emergency Medical Technician : Membership of the Springfield Ambulance Corps. All the Loyalty Day Awards presented this evening were for outstanding service to our community and presented with appreciation, gratitude, and sincere thanks from the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners, The Veterans of Foreign War and State Representative Jennifer O'Maras office.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Lanciano spoke about Mr. Stan Kutufaris and acknowledged all of his accomplishments, volunteering in various community activities, Coaching football and baseball

from the 1970’s until present and thanking him for all he has given and still is giving to Springfield Township. President Rudolph also stated that Mr. Kutufaris’s legacy will live on and thanked him for all the hours he has given to our community.

On motion of Ms. Hoffman, the minutes of April 13, 2021 were approved as submitted. Second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly congratulated the Springfield High School Graduating class of 2021 and wished them well. Mr. Kelly reported during the month of April, there were two sewer emergencies, no vehicle accidents, which resulted in no damage or work-related injuries. Continuing to follow the regular yard brush pickup schedule of every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 31st, trash, and recycling will not be collected. Trash normally collected on Mondays and Thursdays will only be collected on Thursday, June 3rd of that week. Recycling is to be held until the following Monday, June 7th. We are in the process of hiring college students for summer employment who will be starting later in May. We are currently accepting applications. We are in the process of filling potholes, residents are asked to report any potholes that need patching to the Public Works office at 610-543-2837, if potholes are located on state Highways, we will forward those locations to PADOT for Repairs.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kelly reported 13 restaurants, 6 retail establishments, there was 1 re-inspection with one citation issued. There were three dog bites, four animal nuisances along with two noise complaints. Please keep your dog on a leash and be mindful if your dog barks a lot do not leave them outside unattended.

HEALTH

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ICE RINK

COVID 19 vaccines are now available for everyone 16 and Older, it is important to get vaccinated to help stop the spread of this terrible disease. Go to delcopa.gov/covid or call 484-276-2100 to schedule an appointment.

Mrs. Sage reported the Ice Skating Rink closed the end of April. Considering all the COVID restrictions, the ice rink ran very well this season. Congratulations to the team over at the ice rink, they did a great job and hopefully next year we will get back to a more normal season. The Springfield Country Club Pool will be opening on May 29, 2021, we are looking forward to a great season while following present COVID restrictions as well as CDC and PA Department of Health restrictions. 2021 Pool Membership applications are being accepted. For more information, or if you have any questions, please visit <http://www.springfieldccpool.com/>.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Hoffman reported on the Library, Primary Election Day is May 18, 2021 and the Library will be open from 9:30am until 8:00pm. A hidden gem at the Library is the Display window, applications are available, you can display clubs, crafts, hobbies, etc. Time slots are still available for 2021, if your interested please contact Mrs. Rushton at 610-543-2113. First Friday Bingo is back on June 4, 2021, at 7:00pm, registration is required by June 1, 2021, prizes are compliments of O'Connell's, Hair By Michael, Thunderbird, and Dairy Cottage, plus some free book giveaways. There is a program called Story Walk at Rose Tree Park, there are 18 different reading stations, it is a nice event for parents and their children, the program promotes health and literacy for children, ages 1-7, the location is the upper field behind the amphitheater,

Mr. Kennedy stated a long time Springfield resident, Mr. Bruce Lord, President of the Springfield Township School Board, lost his father and on behalf of the Springfield township Board of Commissioners, Mr. Kennedy wanted to let the family know they are in their thoughts and prayers and express their condolences.

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Mr. Layden announced on Saturday, May 8, 2021, 10:00a.m. at the Springfield Fire House on Saxer Avenue there was a beautiful ceremony, a flag was unveiled in honor of Firefighter Matt Letourneau who paid the ultimate price in a Fire in Philadelphia. Matt was a 6th ward resident and a friend and I just wanted to make everyone aware of the beautiful flag and if you are in that area, please make sure you take a look.

Mr. Lanciano gave a status update on Meadowgreen Park. Mr. Lanciano has a meeting tomorrow, May 12, 2021, with the project managers to check on the schedule and work progress. When they start to do earthmoving, we will tie in with neighbors for their input to beautify the park. Springfield Trail is getting ready to begin the second phase. Thanks to Kevin Dion, the trail looks great and Mr. Lanciano wants to complement our field crews the fields look great, he has received a lot of good feedback and he really appreciates all the hard work they do.

President Rudolph reported on how important volunteerism is and how it is struggling throughout the country. I Can't think of a greater service than serving your own community. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact the Springfield Ambulance Corps, Springfield Fire Department or Chief Daly for Town Watch. We are trying to be proactive.

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to accept the bills as submitted. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PRESIDENT

RUDOLPHS
ANNOUNCEMENT

BILLS SUBMITTED

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UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Lanciano moved for the adoption of Resolution #21-6 that Springfield Township of Delaware County hereby requests a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) grant of up to \$300,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for streambank restoration improvements in the Crum Creek Watershed. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mr. Kennedy moved for the adoption of Resolution #21-7 by authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Springfield, Delaware County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Township Manager and Supt. of Public Works of Springfield Township are authorized and directed to submit the Commonwealth and Municipal Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign this Agreement on behalf of Springfield Township. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion for the Release of Escrow funds #1 for 4 & 6 Myrtle Avenue, with the conditions that the damaged curb on Myrtle Avenue be repaired by the Contractor and an as-built plan be submitted to the Township Engineer for approval for the stormwater management facilities prior to release, the escrow amount is \$49,252.50 leaving a zero balance. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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Mr. Layden made a motion to recommend approval of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Mr. & Mrs. Stan Johnson, 461-465 Lynbrooke Road contingent upon Compliance with all comments noted in the Township Engineer’s report dated May 3, 2021 and the granting of waivers for the filing of a Preliminary/Final plan, offering additional right of way width and exhibiting existing trees on the plan. Mr. Kelly went on record to recuse himself from this vote. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL
SUBDIVISION PLAN
461-465Lynbrooke Rd.

Mrs. Sage made a motion to approve the purchase of 11 vehicles by Springfield Township from Municipal Leasing Consultants for the Police, Public Works, and Facilities Departments in the amount of \$504,957.00 from Capital Vehicles Fund. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

PURCHASE OF
TOWNSHIP VEHICLES

In January 2022, there will be two Police Employees who will be the first two Springfield Officers to retire under the (DROP) Deferred Retirement Option Program. The departure will Create two (2) vacancies within the ranks of the Police Department. To meet this need the lengthy recruitment Process must begin soon. Chief Daly is requesting the Board of Commissioners consider for approval a recommendation authorizing the Township Manager to direct the Civil Service Commission to conduct entry level examinations for the position of Police Officer and at the end of the process to

RECRUITMENT
CAMPAIGN

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present the Board with a list of eligible candidates. Second by Mrs. Sage and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kelly reported that there were no public comments received by email this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Layden and carried. (8:45p.m.)