

NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 9, 2021, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Rob Landonne from the Blue Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Layden.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Kennedy presented the Springfield Ambulance Corp. with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners for being recognized as the 2021 Pennsylvania EMS Agency of the year and also presented Kelly Sweeney with a Certificate of Appreciation for being recognized as the 2021 Pennsylvania's BLS Practitioner of the year. Mr. Rudolph stated thank you for what you do and noted these awards are very highly esteemed.

MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Sage, the minutes of October 12, 2021, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

ICE RINK

Mrs. Sage reported that the Springfield Ice Rink is open for public skating and doing very well after being shut down last year because of the pandemic. Skating will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings from

8:00pm till 9:30pm and Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm till 3:30pm. Admission is \$8.00 and all sessions are open to the public. The Rink is also scheduling Birthday Parties as well as ice rentals for groups, scouts and Hockey. Skating lessons are also underway with group or private lessons. To schedule an event or for more information visit www.springfieldicerink.com.

Mr. Kennedy stated he wanted to make sure everyone is aware that Thursday, November 11, 2021, is Veterans Day and to please thank all veterans for their service to our country.

Mr. Kelly reported Public Works has started the Leaf collection which began on November 1, 2021, per the schedule that is on Springfield Township’s website. In addition, Public Works is preparing their equipment for the upcoming winter season. Due to the upcoming Veteran’s day Holiday on Thursday, November 11, 2021, their will be no trash or recycling picked up that day. Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holidays on November 25th and Friday, November 26th, their will be no trash or recycling picked up those days. The totals for October are as follows: Municipal waste 911 tons, paper 80 tons, commingled a little over 80 tons and bulk waste at 8.7 tons.

PUBLIC WORKS

There were thirteen restaurant inspections, five retail and three re-inspections. Harlee Manor was inspected as well and there was a small fire at the Courtyard Marriott which required an inspection. One citation was issued. The health Department held a rabies clinic on October 30, 2021, and responded to various animal complaints.

HEALTH

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Layden reported for the month of October, the total rounds were 4,208 bringing the year-to-date total to 36,551 rounds. The total revenue for the month was \$230,626.00, bringing the course year-to-date revenue total to \$1,930,805 dollars. The seven-year moving average year to date is \$1,254,601.00 giving us a positive variance of \$676,204.00. The Golf shop total revenue for the month was \$14,842.00, bringing the shop's year to date total sales to \$123,358.00. The course was opened 28 days during the month. Preparing irrigation system for winterization. All surrounding hedges and bushes are being trimmed back and cleaned out. Fall cleanup of pinecones, leaves and debris continues. Regular daily maintenance of the golf course continues.

ZONING

Mr. Layden reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a special meeting on October 28, 2021, at 7:30pm, to hear and render decisions of the following applications: ZH-21-03: the continuation of the application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC, the property is located in the "E" Business and TND-3 Overlay Districts and is known as 675 Baltimore Pike. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a regularly scheduled public meeting on November 18, 2021, to hear and render decisions on the following Zoning Hearing Applications. ZH-21-03: The continuation of the application of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, LLC, the property is located in the "E" Business and TND-3 Overlay Districts and is known as 675 Baltimore Pike. ZH-21-11: Application of Larry Robinson, petitioner, on behalf of Paul Carboni, owner, seeks the following dimensional variance from the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction and attachment of an 18' x 24'- 6" two story addition and accessory deck to an existing detached garage. Section 143-16. A (8) requires two side yards having an aggregate width of 30 feet and no side yard less than 10 feet in width, wherein 16 feet and 4 feet is proposed. The property is located in the "A" Residence district and is known as 458 Kent Road.

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Mr. Rudolph talked about the preliminary budget, according to Municipal Code, we must have a first reading, and a final reading before the year end. We will have the first reading tonight on the budget. This is a preliminary budget, this year has been extremely difficult to predict due to cost of goods rising, several collective bargaining agreements with salary increases and we have an unknown with the health Department. The Township is being told the County is taking over the Health Department on January 1, 2022. For the last two months, the Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager and Department heads have been working on the budget line by line. Last year we had a zero increase and our goal is to have a zero increase every year. Sewage and trash fees have gone up double digit increases for next year. This budget has no capital in it, we have taken it out completely and that is not a healthy way to continue but to get the budget down to a reasonable value, these are the decisions we have made. Due to Covid challenges, loss of revenue, health and safety concerns. Price increases across the board which are out of our control. Sanitary sewer fees are increasing significantly, municipal solid waste disposal price is going from \$58.00 to \$78.00 a ton, Springfield disposes of approximately 12,000 tons per year. Revenue uncertainties due to the County Health Department. Our vehicle fleet constantly needs replenishment. The Sewer Authorities in the last three years have increased their fees over more than a million dollars in order to address these increases. This budget is based upon an increase of 2.98% in property taxes and \$280.00 per year residential unit increase in the trash fee and an increase in sanitary fees of .45cts per thousand gallons. We will continue to work to scale down any increases, however based on these challenges we respectfully present the 2022 Preliminary Budget.

PRESIDENT
RUDOLPHS
ANNOUNCEMENT

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BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the bills as submitted and reviewed by department heads, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 14-21
Multimodal
Transportation Fund
Grant

Mrs. Sage read Resolution # 14-21 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant-Traffic Signal improvements on State Road, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

Resolution # 15-21
Dom & Mia's

Mr. Kelly read Resolution # 15-21 Dom and Mia's – who has proposed the development of a parcel of land and described in the attached Sewage Facilities Planning Module, and proposes that such subdivision be served by: Sewer Tap ins, second by Mr. Layden and carried.

SPRINGFIELD TRAIL
IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT

Mr. Dion read the receipt of bids notice for the Springfield Trail Improvements Project, the project involves the construction of improvements along the Springfield Trail, Including establishing a connection to Jane Lownes Park, creek crossings, and drainage facilities, second by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE # 1615
2022 Budget

Mr. Layden read the proposed 2022 Budget Ordinance. The 2022 budget calls for expenditures of \$19,740,200.00. The total millage is 3.63 mills. Seconded by Mr. Dion with a roll call vote requested. Mr. Layden – aye, Mr. Kelly – aye, Mr. Rudolph – aye, Mr. Kennedy – nay, Mr. Dion – aye and Mrs. Sage – nay. The motion carried 4 to 2.

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Mr. Kelly read a proposed ordinance setting the Sewer Rent Rate for the year 2022 at \$10.70 per one thousand gallons of water consumed. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
Sewer Rent 1616

Mr. Dion read a proposed ordinance amending the garbage and rubbish fee for the year 2022 to \$280 per residential dwelling unit. For persons who qualify under the Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program, by receiving a rebate check from the State, may request a rebate equal to 25% of the amount of the state rebate check but will not exceed \$150 from the Township. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved on its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE 1617
Garbage and Rubbish

Mr. Layden made a motion to increase the 2022 Golf fees to market value and streamline. In lieu of having multiple golf fees (currently 27), have multiple flat fees (11) and offer discounts. The recommendations will approximately increase the golf course revenue by \$40,000 dollars. Second by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

2022 GOLF FEES

Mr. Dion made a motion to appoint Mr. Edward McManamy, 901 Stewart Avenue, to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Kevin Dion who Resigned from the Planning Commission. The 4-year term will expire on November 9, 2024. I so move. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

APPOINTMENTS
Planning Commission

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Scott Brady, 79 Nield Road, spoke about the proposed budget and asked if it could be put on a PDF so residents can read it and do not have to come to the Township building in person, due to COVID. Are we going by the GAP standard? Mr. Rudolph answered for the sewer fee and refuse fee. Mr. Brady stated Springfield Township pays more refuse fees than Havertown and Broomall. Mr. Layden stated that Springfield Township does not pay more than Havertown and Broomall and explained that all municipalities sign a contract with the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority and pay the same amount for garbage and refuse fees.

Mr. Joseph Fabiani, 404 Yale Avenue, has concerns about a swimming pool at 411 Yale Avenue, that is not being maintained properly. Mr. Fabiani, stated Mellon Co., came to pump out the pool as per Springfield Township and was concerned about contaminants from the pool water that was running down the street.

Mrs. Helene Markos, 2 Wildwood Avenue, has concerns About 411 Yale Avenue, property not being maintained.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kelly and carried. (8:55p.m.)