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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

ZONING AMENDMENT
Flood Hazard District

Mr. Byrne explained that the proposed zoning ordinance amends Chapter 143, entitled "Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance of 2010, as amended," pertaining to floodplain regulations which are governed by the State. The State recently updated their model floodplain ordinance and in order to maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, municipalities are required to amend their floodplain ordinance to comply with their regulations. The amendments sets forth certain minimum requirements for new construction or development within areas of the Township which are subject to flooding and establishing penalties for any persons who fail to comply with these requirements.

A copy of the ordinance is available for public viewing at the Township Building. The proposed ordinance was advertised in the *Daily Times* on July 19 & 26, 2015. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of the PA Municipalities Planning Code, the proposed zoning amendment was reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission and Springfield Township Planning Commission, which recommended approval.

Mr. Byrne asked for public comment from the Board and members of the audience. Seeing none, the hearing was closed and the Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Byrne announced further action will be taken on the proposed amendment at the regular meeting.

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 in the Township Building.

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

The Invocation was given by Father John Gabin of Holy Cross Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Daly presented Commendations of Merit to Folcroft Police Officer, David White, Springfield Police Officers Sean Clifton and Andy Graf for their life saving efforts during a house fire at 331 Ballymore Road

Fire Chief Woolson presented firemen Ed Abel, Jr., John Fox, Jack Redding, Patrick Klaus, William Lavery and Ken Felker the Unit Citation for Valor, which is the highest award that the Fire Company can give. This was for their courageous efforts in saving the life of a Springfield resident during a house fire at 331 Ballymore Road.

Mr. Rudolph thanked police officers and firemen on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and every resident in town.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of July 14, 2015, were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Layden 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.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS
Public Safety
Commendations

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf Course

Mr. Kelly reported total rounds for the month of July was 3,153 bringing the year-to-date total to 12,722. Total revenue for the month of July was \$105,323, bring the year-to-date revenue total to \$550,962. The total merchandise sales was \$14,787, bring the year-to-date total to \$59,634.

Parks

Mr. Kelly read the Parks Department maintenance report for July. The crew removed a tree from Indian Rock Park that had a damaged baby swing set. The swing set will be replaced. A slide that was vandalized in Williams Park was replaced. Goalposts were installed on the football field at Crowell and Church Road Parks in preparation for the upcoming season. The crew also completed all parks responsibilities in preparation for, and clean-up for the Township's first movie night.

Zoning

Mrs. Sage stated the Zoning Hearing Board met on July 23, 2015 at which time they denied the application regarding a use variance to permit the use of their residence as a home office business at 375 Gleaves Road. Applications for Enterprise Leasing and Scott Kia were approved. The application for the construction of a Wawa convenience store and bank building, 675 Baltimore Pike, has been continued until the September 24, 2015 zoning hearing.

Planning

Mr. Wechsler reported the Planning Commission held a special meeting on July 9th, at which time sketch plans for Scott Kia and Wawa were reviewed, a preliminary subdivision plan was reviewed for a proposed seven lot subdivision at 500 Saxer Avenue. The Commission also reviewed a zoning amendment concerning the floodplain ordinance.

Library

Dr. Janiczek reported that the Library had another successful Summer Reading Club Program which will end on August 14th. Programs will resume on September 8th. The fall book sale will be held on Saturday, September 12, Sunday, September 13 and Monday, September 14 at the Township Building. He reminded residents that the Library is selling

raffle tickets to see the Philadelphia Union match on Saturday, September 20 at 7 p.m. The winning ticket will be selected on September 9th at Delaware County Council.

Dr. Janiczek announced that due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th, trash and recycling will not be collected.

Mr. Layden reported total pool revenue for the month of July was \$56,470.50, bringing the year-to-date revenue totals to a record number of \$413,941.50, which is a positive variance of \$169,543.25 over last year's total. He congratulated the league champions of the Springfield Country Club Pool for winning their 4th consecutive championship. The Pool is open 7 days a week from 11 am to dusk until Labor Day.

Mr. Lanciano encouraged residents to reduce their amount of trash and increase their recycling. It costs the Township \$33 ton to dispose of our trash. For the month of July, the Township collected 1,006 tons of refuse versus 1,043 tons in July 2014 for a negative variance of 37 tons. Again, for the month of July, the Township collected 97 tons of paper versus 96 tons in 2014. Plastic single stream pick up was 87 tons versus 93 tons in 2014 for a negative variance of 6 tons. Mr. Lanciano stated the Township has found another vendor to take over the collection of commingled recyclables.

Mr. Lanciano reported for the month of July 2015 that the Township had 169 emergencies with the Springfield Ambulance Corps responding to 244 on those emergencies for a 83% response rate. The average number of minutes for the EMS response time in Springfield is 6.3 minutes.

Mr. Rudolph read the safety tip of the month "In a Fire, Seconds Count." Each year many fires that start out small end up causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages

Public Works

Pool

Environmental

Ambulance Corps

Fire Company

Pope Visit

because someone was afraid or too embarrassed to call 911. He advised residents to call the fire company, even if the fire is small. Small fires can grow quickly.

Mr. Rudolph stated on September 26 & 27, the Pope is visiting Philadelphia. Chief Daly has organized a meeting that was held today to discuss the effect of the papal visit on Springfield Township. At the meeting, representatives from Crozer-Keystone Hospital, Target, SEPTA, Springfield Mall security, Springfield Police, Springfield Public Works, Springfield Ambulance Corps, Springfield Township Fire Marshal and Springfield Emergency Response Director were present. SEPTA plans on having two locations in Springfield for pick-up and delivery of people wishing to go into the city. The two sites are the Springfield Mall stop and the Leamy Avenue stop. The preliminary estimates are to issue 2,800 advanced date and time restricted passes to each location for a daily total of 5,600 tickets or 11,200 for both days. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss logistics, challenges, parking, pedestrian and traffic and crowd control. The concern is the spillover effect that this event will have on the residents of Springfield and be prepared for any type of emergency. The final plan is due to be completed on August 21.

National Night Out

Mr. Rudolph stated that Springfield Township's National Night Out was held last Tuesday evening at the Country Club and was a huge success.

Movie Night

Adding to Mr. Kelly's report, Mr. Rudolph reported the Township sponsored their first movie night several weeks ago. He announced a second movie night is scheduled on August 26, with a rain date of August 27. The featured movie is "The Goonies."

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

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On motion of Mrs. Sage, seconded by Mr. Wechsler, the the Treasurer's Report for July 2015 was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance #1558 updating the floodplain regulations in accordance with FEMA's model Floodplain Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance will be on file at the Township for public viewing. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1559 amending Chapter 106-02, entitled "Rental Dwelling Units, "Definitions & Word Usage" by revising the definition of "Code" by updating the "the International Property Maintenance Code, to the 2015's Edition." Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Wechsler summarized a proposed ordinance which brings various chapters of the Township Code regarding license and permit fees in accordance with the fees listed in Chapter 40 "Consolidated Fee Schedule." He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

Mr. Lanciano read a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 54-13.E. requiring commercial, municipal and institutional establishments shall now be responsible to collect plastics #1 through #7 to their collection of recycled material. Currently only plastics #1 and #2 are required. He moved that the proposed ordinance be approved for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #13-15 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to transfer \$750,000 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund into the Enterprise Fund. The loan will be repaid by transferring a flat amount of \$75,000 per year over the next ten from the Enterprise

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1558
Zoning Amendment
Flood Hazard District

ORDINANCE #1559
Rental Dwelling Units

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Code - Fee Schedule

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Recyclables

RESOLUTION #13-15
Transfer of Funds

Fund to the Sanitary Sewer Fund. The interfund transfer will enable the enhancement of the Springfield Country Club Complex. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

RESOLUTION #14-15
MTF Grant

Mr. Kelly moved for the adoption of Resolution #14-15 authorizing the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate obtaining a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of up to \$945,000. The monies will be used for the Saxer Avenue and Brookside Road Improvements Project. Seconded by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #15-15
PennDOT – Winter
Traffic Serv. Agreement

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution #15-15 authorizing the proper officers of the Township to execute a Five-Year Winter Traffic Services Agreement for the removal of snow & ice on certain state highways. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina Shearer, 34 Old State Road, asked for clarification of the following:

- the proposed recycling ordinance
- the resolution on the transfer of funds from the sanitary sewer fund to the Enterprise Fund
- the grant application for improvements to Saxer Avenue & Brookside Road

Kevin Dion, 913 Stewart Avenue, questioned the importance for commercial, retail, institutional establishments to recycle. Mrs. Warner replied that it is state law for commercial businesses to recycle. The only change in this ordinance is that commercial establishments will be required to recycle plastic containers with codes #1–7 on the bottom instead of what is currently collected which is #1-2.

Kevin Sheehan, 400 Northcroft Road, asked the Board if there are any laws in the books for drone usage in the Township, and if there are none, he suggested the Board should consider it. Mr. Byrne replied that it is a good idea to look into it, but added that there are a number of issues of

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preemption both by federal (FAA) and Pennsylvania laws. He stated if the Board directs him to look into it he would.

George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, stated that with commercial establishments recycling that means the landfills will stay empty longer. He stated at last month's meeting he asked about the new pool and if there were any punch list items and was told no. He said during National Night Out, he walked through and noticed cracks in the concrete. He recommended to core drill the concrete and have it tested. He said that you are going to find that it is deficient. Mr. Layden replied that the cracks were brought to the contractor's attention and that it will be addressed at the end of the season. Mr. Miller asked to be kept informed.

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

ADJOURNMENT
(9:00 p.m.)