

AUGUST 10, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 in the Township Building.

The following other Commissioners were present: Mrs. Sage, Messrs. Janiczek, Wechsler, Rudolph and Lanciano. The 6th Ward Commissioner seat is currently vacant. Also present were Mrs. Warner and Mr. Byrne.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Robert Kinzel of the Blur Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Sage read a Proclamation declaring their support for the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation's "Turn the Town Teal Campaign" and proclaiming September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Dr. Janiczek read a Proclamation recognizing the week of September 5 – 11, 2010 as "Suicide Awareness Week".

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of July 13, 2010 were approved as transcribed. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

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

Mr. Mahoney called for Committee Reports.

Mrs. Sage reported year-to-date total membership fees were \$215,844, admission, swim lessons and misc. fees totaled \$15,977. Year-to-date snack shop sales totaled \$39,433. Regular daily maintenance and clean of the pool continues.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PROCLAMATIONS

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE RPORTS

Pool

Library

Mrs. Sage reported more than 680 children participated in the Summer Reading Club, which ends on August 13th. In connection with the Solar Energy Initiative Program, a weather station has been installed on the roof of the library. It records the ambient temperature, relative humidity and wind speed and direction. For up to the minute weather information, click on the Solar Program at www.springfieldtwplib.org. She also read a list of activities being held at the Library during the month of September.

Building Regulations

Dr. Janiczek reported the Code Enforcement Department recently completed a tree survey. Out of approximately 7,711 residential properties evaluated, 1,313 properties are without a tree in the front yard. Last month it was reported PECO awarded the Township in a Growing Greener Grant for the purchase of native bare root trees to be offered to residents. The Code Department also reminds residents to keep public walk areas safe, sidewalk blocks leveled with adjoining blocks, bushes cutback 6" from the sidewalk, tree branches trimmed allowing a 9' clearance above the sidewalk and a 13' clearance about the street.

Public Safety

Mr. Wechsler commented in regard to the Suicide Awareness Proclamation, the Springfield Police Department has an officer trained in crisis intervention. He thanked the Police Department, Fire Company and Ambulance Corps and those responsible for putting on National Night Out held on August 3rd at the Country Club.

Health

Mr. Wechsler reminded residents that many municipalities have seen an increase in rodent activity in residential neighborhoods this summer. He read a list of steps to control rodents around the home.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph read the Public Works report for the month of August. The highway department is still performing base repair and sealing street opening throughout the Township. He read a list of upcoming projects being completed by the

highway crew. Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 6th, trash and recycling will not be collected. Total tons of paper collected for recycling for the month of July was 112.4 tons. Total tons of commingled for the same period was 72.3. Total tons of trash collection for July was 974 tons.

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for the month of July. The Parks crew installed new dugouts and prepared the baseball fields for the Youth 12 Baseball tournaments at Netherwood Park.

Parks

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report. Due to the continuation of high heat and humidity throughout the month of July, intensive hand watering of the Greens and tees continue. The greens were vented twice during the month, repairs were made to the bridges on holes 1 and 8. For the month of July, total rounds were 4,856, bring the year-to-date total to 19,944 rounds. Total revenue was \$179,734 bringing the year to date revenue to \$788,804.

Golf Course

Mr. Mahoney read the Police Department report for the month of August. The Police Department hosted the annual "National Night Out" celebration at the Springfield Country Club on August 3rd. A large crowd gathered for the festivities which included free admission to the pool, complimentary food and beverages from local merchants, as well as equipment displays by the Police Department and Fire Company.

Police

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of July the Fire Company responded to 25 fires, 39 non-fires, 20 mutual aid and held 13 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$37,500.00.

Fire Company

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

BILLS SUBMITTED

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TREASURER'S
REPORT

On motion of Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Lanciano the Treasurer's Report for July 2010 was accepted and ordered filed.

ORDINANCE #1507
Towing Rates

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1507 increasing towing rates from \$95 to \$130 for a passenger car or other vehicles weighing less than 10,000 lbs., storage costs for an impounded vehicle from \$40 to \$50, cost for a vehicle weighing more than 10,000 lbs. from \$165 per hour to \$175 per hour and the storage of vehicles other than a passenger car from \$40 per day to \$50 per day. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

ORDINANCE #1508
15 Minute Parking

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1508 creating a 15 minute parking zone on the westerly side of Surrey Lane, extending northeasterly from the Springfield Road, approximately 90 feet to a private driveway. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

BIDS: Demolition
320 Maple Street

Dr. Janiczek reported four years ago home at 320 Maple Street had a fire leaving the home structurally uninhabitable. The Township went through the court system with the owners and the judge agreed with the Township that the home should be demolished. Demolition bids were opened and two of the six bids received were exactly the same at \$9,200. As a result coin toss done prior to the meeting, he moved to award the bid to Garguile & Sons. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

BIDS: Road Salt

Mr. Rudolph stated the Township, along with eleven other municipalities in Delaware County, once again joined a cooperative bid for the 2010-2011 Road Salt Contract, at which time five bids were received. He moved to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Eastern Salt Industries, in the amount of \$60.29/ton. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.

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Mr. Lanciano summarized a proposed ordinance replacing Chapter 120, Article III, "Excavations", with a new Chapter 120, Article III, entitled "Excavations and Openings". The new ordinance updates requirements for the excavation or opening of any public street, road, sidewalk or areas within the right-of-way. A full copy of the ordinance is available for public viewing. He moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted for its first reading and advertised. Seconded by Mr. Rudolph and carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Excavations & Openings

Dr. Janiczek moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 17-10 offering members of the Civilian Pension Plan the opportunity to select an early retirement benefit, without an offset, for vested full-time employees at least 55 year old before the end of this year, but not yet 65, provided they make their decision before October 15, 2010 and retire on or before December 31, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Sage – aye, Dr. Janiczek – aye, Mr. Wechsler – nay, Mr. Mahoney – aye, Mr. Rudolph – aye, Mr. Lanciano – aye. The Resolution passed with a 5-1 vote.

RESOLUTION #17-10
Early Retirement Option

Mr. Wechsler moved for the adoption of Resolution #18-10 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 Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #18-10
PennDOT – Winter
Traffic Serv. Agreement

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of Resolution #19-10 authorizing the disposal of surplus vehicles/equipment to be offered for sale on MuniBid to the highest bidder. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RESOLUTION #19-10
Sale of Surplus
Equipment

Mr. Mahoney announced on August 5, 2010, the Board Commissioners received the resignation letter of Commissioner James Devenney. The Board accepted his resignation, as of August 6, 2010.

RESIGNATION OF
6th WARD COMMISSIONER

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RESOLUTION #20-10
Appointment – 6th
Ward Commissioner

Mr. Rudolph moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 20-10 appointing Robert Layden, Jr. 213 Welsh Drive, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Devenney. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Regina Scheerer, 34 Old State Road, commented on township taxes and asked the Board to make every attempt to “hold the line” on taxes for 2011.

Mr. George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, commented on the tree program being funded by PECO. He asked where in the ordinance is the requirement for a tree in the front yard. Mr. Lanciano stated in regard to the PECO’s grant, he is working with the tree tenders, shade tree commission and garden club on the tree planting program. The motivation is to work with these civic organizations and beautify the Township. Dr. Janiczek noted 17 % of our residential properties do not have a tree in the front yard.

Mr. Miller questioned the percentage of liability for the pension plans and how it is funded. Mr. Lanciano replied the Civilian pension is 2% underfunded and the police pension is about 50% underfunded. Mr. Wechsler noted the Township amended the civilian pension plan several months ago. Any new employee is no longer going to be covered under the defined benefit plans, where the investment risk falls on the employer. Non-union employees will now be covered under a defined contribution plan.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:05 p.m.)

Dr. Janiczek moved that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wechsler and carried.