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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mahoney at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in the Township Building.

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

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

Chief Joseph Daly introduced recently appointed Police Chaplain, Reverend Wylie Johnson to the Board and audience. Chief Daly presented commendations to the Police Department's Investigation Unit for the serial burglar arrest and to Officer Daniel Boyd for assisting an elderly man that had walked away from his home and was disoriented and was determined he was suffering from hypothermia.

On motion of Mr. Lanciano, the minutes of February 8, 2011 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 announced the Township and insurance carrier came to an agreement to rebuild the Ice Rink, bringing back into operation. No estimates on the cost have been established. However, there will be no cost to taxpayers.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

COMMENDATIONS

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ice Rink

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MS4 Update

Dr. Janiczek read an update on the Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems. Year 8 of the MS4 permit ends March 9, 2011 and PaDEP has extended the Township's permit until June 11, 2012. The Township's 119 stormwater outfalls are required to be screened twice before the permit expires. Springfield Township's testing is nearly complete. They were tested for chorine, phenol, copper, detergents and fecal coliform. The Township has partnered with the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association to educate various audiences in the Township including restaurants, automotive facilities, and schools to raise awareness about responsible stormwater management. Stormwater information is also available on the Township's website and Comcast Cable Channel 10 or Verizon Cable Channel 30. Public participation opportunities include: Darby Creek Valley Association Annual Stream Clean-up on April 30, and Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association Stream Clean-up on May 7.

Township Notification System

Dr. Janiczek announced the Township will begin utilizing Global Connects Emergency System providing us the ability to call thousands of residents, staff members, volunteers and businesses within minutes with warnings, information and updates. Instructions on signing up for the notification system will be in an upcoming edition of the Springfield Press.

Code Enforcement

Dr. Janiczek announced the Public Works Department collects tree trimmings and clipping materials cut in lengths not to exceed 3 feet and tied into bundles along with the normal trash collection. Leaves can be bagged and also placed out for regular collection. Residents interested in having tree trimmings and hedge clippings recycled are to contact the Public Works department to schedule a free collection. Collections will be made the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Public Works

Mr. Rudolph read the monthly public works report. He reported the Highway Department is in the process of filling potholes. Total tons of paper collected for recycling

during the month of February 2011 was 98.2 tons. Total tons of commingled collected for the same period was 70.1 tons. Total tons of trash collected during the month of February was 643.2 tons. He reminded residents not to pour grease down the drain. During cold weather the grease accumulates and blocks Township sewer lines.

Due to the number of winter events during our 2010/11 season, the salt line item is over 50% higher than budgeted. This amount of \$40,000 has been deducted from the resurfacing budget. At this point, the Public Works Director is finalizing the streets that will be milled and resurfaced.

Mr. Rudolph reported the Signals/Street Lighting Department responded to 26 street light outages during the month of February, with 23 being repairs and 3 being reported to PECO. One street light pole and fixture was replaced at Rambling Way due to a knockdown. Three traffic signals and three school flashing problems were corrected in February.

Signals/Street Lighting

Mr. Layden reported the Library reopened after being closed for a week for renovations. He read list of children and adult programs being held at the Library. He reminded residents of the ongoing hardback and paperback book sale. The selection is continually updated and includes many best sellers. Donations of gently used books are accepted at the lower level of the library.

Library

Mr. Lanciano read the Parks Department maintenance report for February. Ten picnic tables were cleaned and painted. Renovations were to the basketball backboards in Meadowgreen Park and spring baseball field maintenance has begun. Weather permitting, the fields will be open March 15th for the season.

Parks

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Free Trees

Mr. Lanciano reported the second phase of the bare root tree planting program is underway. Trees will be planted on April 9th. Any resident interested in a free tree is to call Frank Pappa. Deadline to order a tree is March 29th. Volunteers are needed to assist in the planting. There will be a training session on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Building.

Golf Course

Mr. Lanciano read the Golf Course maintenance report for the month of February. Winter equipment maintenance and repair program is 90% completed. The 2011 seasonal permits are now available at the Pro Shop for purchasing. Off-season golf rates are still in effect.

Fire Company

Mr. Mahoney reported during the month of February, the Fire Company responded to 27 fires, 51 non-fires, 19 mutual aid and held 8 drills/work sessions. Total fire loss was \$7,000.00.

Police

Mr. Mahoney announced on Saturday, April 30th the Police Department will collaborate with the DEA and conduct the 2nd nationwide Medication Take-Back Event. He also announced the 33rd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12 at noon. Police officers will be assisting along the route.

BILLS SUBMITTED

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

BIDS: Patching
Materials

Mr. Rudolph reported no bids were received for the second time for Roadway Patching Materials. Under the First Class Township Code, the Township is now permitted to purchase patching materials where available. He moved to authorize Jeff Bickel, Public Works Superintendent, to purchase the patching material on an as-needed basis. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

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Mr. Lanciano reported two bids were received for a five-year lease of 70 electric golf carts and 2 electric utility cars. He moved to award the 5-year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Golf Car Specialties at the cost of \$925/car per year for five years and \$64,750/year for 70 cars and 2 utility cars. Seconded by Mr. Layden and carried.

BIDS: Golf Car Lease

Mr. Layden moved for the adoption of Resolution #6-11 authorizing the Township Manager to submit an application to Delaware County for the FY 2011 Municipal Energy Efficiency Grant Program. He asked if there was anyone present wishing to comment of the application. Hearing none, Mr. Lanciano seconded the motion and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION #6-11
DCPD Energy
Efficiency Grant

Mrs. Sage moved authorizing the Township Engineer release \$65,000 in the escrow account for the Springfield Knoll development. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

RELEASE OF
ESCROW FUNDS

Mrs. Sage moved for the adoption of the Country Club
The new rates for 2011 are as follows: Adult - \$190;
1st Child - \$95; additional children - \$65 each; Senior
Rate - \$150; Guest Fees - \$12 weekdays; \$15 week-ends;
after 5 pm - \$6; Coupon Book - \$80/8. Seconded by
Dr. Janiczek and carried.

2011 POOL RATES

Donald Petrosa, Esq, representing the applicant, T-Mobile, LLC, described the application requesting permission fir T-Mobile to install a mobile telephone antenna on an existing utility pole at the northeast corner of Baltimore Pike & West Avenue.

CONDITIONAL USE
HEARING

Lori DiFabio, Court Reporter, took verbatim testimony.

Mrs. Sage moved to approve the Conditional Use Application of T. Mobile, LLC, to erect telecommunications equipment on an existing utility pole, subject to the conditions set forth by the Township Solicitor. Dr. Janiczek seconded the motion, with the understanding the motion would also include the comments from the Township Engineer. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

Mr. Lanciano moved to appoint Mr. Pat Steuber, 45 Paper Mill Road, to a vacancy on the Environmental Committee. Seconded by Dr. Janiczek and carried.

AUDIENCE

Brendan Dunn, 271 N. Norwinden Drive, requested police presence in the area of N. Norwinden Drive and Claremont Road. He stated motorists are speeding along N. Norwinden Drive, as well as cruising through the stop sign at the intersection with Claremont Road. Mr. Mahoney noted the issue will be discussed with the Police Chief at the next public safety committee meeting. Mr. Layden added that he has met with Chief Daly and police presence has been increased in the area.

Ed Hitchens, 508 Briarhill Road, stated he was happy to hear the news about the ice rink being repaired. He questioned if the Rink will be ready to open in the fall. Mrs. Sage requested he keep in contact with the Ice Rink Manager, Bob Artese, on its status.

George Miller, 311 Alliston Road, complained about the bad condition of the American flags along Powell Road. He commented these flags need better respect. He also noted of certain flags that are not illuminated at night. He gave a monetary donation in order to provide electricity near former Commissioner Russell Gramiak's plaque. This will enable flags that are placed in this area to be lit at night. He also extended the offer to the Board for donations. Mr. Mahoney replied he would match Mr. Miller's donation.

Betsy Mason, 753 Parker Lane, requested paper recycling bins be placed out at the polls on election day so that residents can recycled the elections flyers which are handled out.

ADJOURNMENT
(9:20 p.m.)

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