

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Rudolph at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Dave Brunner from the Springfield Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Layden.

COMMENDATION

Commissioner Sage was honored to present five Springfield Fire Department volunteers and five Springfield Ambulance Corps volunteers with Certificates of Appreciation for serving the most hours and the most runs. We are truly blessed to have such amazing volunteers like this in our community. President Rudolph thanked the Ambulance Corps and the Fire Department for their service and for keeping our community safe.

Commissioner Lanciano presented the Springfield High School Boys & Girls Lacrosse Teams, Coach Tom Lemieux, Ryan Adolph, Coach Sarah Damato with Certificates of Appreciation for volunteerism during the snowstorm that occurred on January 31, 2022. Coach Tom Lemieux said ninety-one houses were shoveled. Ryan O'Connor from the lacrosse team stated how good it made them feel to help people in need and their motto is FTC which stands for Family Trust and Character. President Rudolph said what a wonderful way to help out in the community, it says a lot about your Character. Congratulations!

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, the minutes of January 11, 2022, were approved as submitted. Second by Mr. Layden and carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly reported that Bob Artese stated the Springfield Ice Rink recorded its biggest weekend of this season for public Skating, this past weekend, as over 450 skaters enjoyed getting on the ice. Public Skating has been picking up since the first of the year. The rink is planning for a busy final three months as the in-house league playoffs are being scheduled along with the men’s league finals with the Haverford Hawks annual tournament. A new tournament for the girls has been scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information on any of the rink activities, visit [www.springfieldicerink.com](http://www.springfieldicerink.com).

ICE RINK

Mrs. Sage gave a Community Events report about the wonderful happenings in Springfield. Mrs. Sage is happy to report there will be a St. Patrick’s Day parade this year, it will be held on March 12, 2022, and start at 12:00pm. at Britton & Springfield Roads.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr. Dion reported the Library will be having the following special programs coming up this month and early March as well as our usual Children’s and adult programs. Unicorn Night – February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for ages 3+, Teen Creative Writing Workshop – Saturday, February 12, 19, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for Middle School and High School students, History of the Battleship New Jersey, and its Crew –

LIBRARY

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Virtual event, Kitchen Wizards presents Joanne Fluke's Hannah Swenson Cooking Lesson, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm via ZOOM. Quizzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Youth Programs – Weekly Winter 1 session – from January 3 through February 11<sup>th</sup>. **Registration is required for all programs both in person and virtual.** A complete schedule of activities can be found at: [www.springfieldtwplib.org](http://www.springfieldtwplib.org). Visit or call the Library at 610-543-2113.

ZONING

Mr. Kennedy reported there were no hearings scheduled for January. The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on February 24, 2022, at 7:30pm at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render a decision on the following zoning hearing applications: ZH-22-01: The Application of Kimley-Horn and Associates, on behalf of Target Corporation, are seeking several variances from the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the Shopping Center – 1 and Traditional Neighborhood Development – 3 Overlay Zoning Districts and is known as 857 Baltimore Pike. ZH-22-02: The Application of Kieran and Lori Travers, owners are seeking a variance from §143-21.A(5) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a corner lot front setback to be 15 feet, wherein 30 feet is required for the construction of a building addition. The property is located in the “B” Residence District and is known as 250 Sunnybrook Road. ZH-22-03: The Application of Eric and Kristen Shanabarger, owners, are seeking a variance from §143-21.A(4) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the impervious surface coverage of the lot to be 57.4 percent, wherein 40 percent is the maximum permitted, for the construction of a front porch. The property is located in the “B” Residence District and is known as 969 Providence Road.

PARKS

Mr. Kennedy reported the Parks Department has completed leaf removal and cleanup of all Parks and Township owned properties, made renovations to picnic

tables that required it including new boards, sanding, and water sealing. Completed all Parks department snow removal responsibilities during the recent snow. Started winter equipment maintenance and continuing with weekly trash removal in all Parks and Township owned properties.

Mr. Layden thanked Burt Lawley and the Highway/ Public Works Department on a great job plowing the Springfield Township streets during the snowstorm on January 31, 2022.

Mr. Lanciano echoed Mr. Layden’s comments and thanked the Public Works Department for a great job plowing the Springfield Township streets during the snowstorm on January 31, 2022.

Mr. Rudolph gave a Fire report, according to the National Fire Association most fires occur in the winter season. Be fire smart by doing the following: Keep anything that can burn 3 feet from any heat source. Fireplace: Store cooled ashes in a tight covered metal container and store outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings. Plug only one heat producing appliance such as a space heater into an electrical outlet at a time. Install carbon monoxide alarms and test at least once a month. Keep portable generators outside away from windows and as far away as possible from your home.

Mr. Layden made a motion to pay the bills approved and submitted by the department heads, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PRESIDENT  
RUDOLPHS  
ANNOUNCEMENT

BILLS SUBMITTED

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UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

RELEASE OF  
ESCROW  
31 S. Shelburne Rd.  
Reverse Subdivision

Mr. Kennedy made a motion for the release of Escrow for the remaining Engineering Review Fees in the amount of two thousand four hundred forty-four dollars and fifty cents to John J. Wechsler, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
Charge User Fees-  
Deployment Public  
Safety Services

Mr. Dion read a proposed ordinance establishing and implementing a program to charge user fees for the deployment of public safety services rendered by the Springfield Fire Company for incidents other than Medical and Hazardous Materials, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

RESOLUTION #2-22  
Dom and Mia's

Mr. Kelly read Resolution #2-22 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, the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners hereby Conditionally adopt, pending approval and receipt of sanitary sewer capacity availability determination by the Philadelphia Water Department, and submit to DEP for its approval as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" of the Municipality, the above referenced Sewage Facilities Planning Module, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

NEW BUSINESS  
Police Appointments

Mr. Layden made a motion to accept the recommendation from Chief Joseph Daly and Township Manager J. Lee Fulton and in accordance with the provisions

of the Civil Service, Rules and Regulations, to appoint Richard O'Brien and Randall Kennedy to the rank of Probationary Officer effective February 14, 2022, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Sage made a motion to appoint Mrs. Regina Sheerer 34 Old State Road, to the Library Board for a three-year term which will expire on 2/8/2025, second by Mr. Kelly and carried.

Mr. Lanciano made a motion to appoint Mr. Timothy DiBernardino, 653 Cheyney Road, to the Golf Advisory Board for a four-year term which will expire on 2/8/2026, second by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Margaret Wagner, 230 Sunnybrook Road, to the Library Board for another three-year term which will expire on 2/8/2025, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mrs. Sage made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Cynthia Silberstein, 929 Stoneybrook Drive, to the Library Board for another three-year term which will expire on 2/8/2025, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Samuel Adolph, 257 W. Leamy Avenue, to the Golf Advisory Board for another four-year term which will expire on 2/8/2026, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Layden made a motion to reappoint Mr. Thomas McKeon , 132 N. Highland Road, to the Park Board for another five-year term which will expire on 2/8/2027, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Library Board

Golf Advisory Board

RE-APPOINTMENTS

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REAPPOINTMENTS  
CONTD.

Police Pension

Mr. Layden made a motion to reappoint Mr. Andy Graff, 56 Powell Road, to the Police Pension Committee for another two-year term which will expire on 2/8/2024, second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Layden and carried. (8:41p.m.)