

NOVEMBER 15, 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, November 15, 2022, in the Township Building.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Dion, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Lanciano.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rudolph asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on any of the agenda items.

None

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

President Rudolph called for Reports of Committees.

COMMUNITY  
SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Sage gave a report and stated the holidays are fast approaching and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. The Springfield Fire Company will be hosting their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2022, on Saxer Avenue from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, festivities will take place on Saxer Avenue, and there will be a special guest appearance. Come out and enjoy. The Giving Tree is back at the Springfield Township Building lobby and we are accepting donations Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to

4:30pm through December 15, 2022. All donations will go to the Blessed Virgin Mary School and Mothers Home both located in Darby.

Mr. Dion gave the monthly Health Report for October and reported there were nine restaurant inspections, six retail establishment inspections, with three re-inspections, two sanitation issues and the SLC was also inspected. There were three dog bites, the rabies clinic was held on October 22, 2022. There were three rodent complaints. The Department of Environmental Protection mandates all 1<sup>st</sup> Class Townships, such as Springfield to recycle. Therefore, every year, Springfield submits DEP’s Act 101-904 Recycling Grant. The funds received are based solely on the total annual tonnages recycled by our residents, businesses, schools, churches, etc., the Township received over \$79,000 from the 904 Performance Grant from our 2021 recyclables. Springfield Residents already do a terrific job of recycling, if we conscientiously increase our efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle- we will do even better in 2023!

HEALTH

Mr. Dion gave the Library Report for October and reported the fall Friends of Springfield Library Book Sale was a great success. Thanks also for the use of Bornman Hall and the Township crew who move all the books for us as well as our faithful workers who spent part of their weekend with us. Donation boxes are at the Library in the upper and lower level lobbies. Please remember donations are to be **unwrapped New Toys**. The last date to donate will be Saturday, December 12, 2022. The Annual Direct Mail Fund Drive envelopes have been mailed out to residents of Springfield. Send yours in today and take advantage of an income tax deduction. The Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you for your continued support. For a complete list of adult and youth programs, visit our website at [www.springfieldtwplib.org](http://www.springfieldtwplib.org) or call 610-543-2113.

LIBRARY

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PARKS

Mr. Kennedy read the Parks report for the month of October and reported the Parks Department cleared woods line, graded, and seeded area along North Avenue in Crowell Park, cleared, graded, and seeded along fence line in the municipal lot on Powell Road, started construction of the Pickle Ball courts in Church Rd. Park. The courts will be paved, and a fence installed prior to winter. They will be seal coated and lined in the spring and then opened. Installed new swing sets in Pennsdale, and Church Rd. Parks. Put wood Carpet under new swing sets, and playground equipment in Lehigh and Church Rd. Parks. Started leaf removal in all Parks and Township owned properties. This will take up the majority of our time until winter. Continued cutting areas on an as needed basis. Continuing with weekly trash removal in all Parks and Township owned properties.

ZONING

Mr. Kennedy reported the Zoning Hearing Board convened a Public Meeting on October 27, 2022, at 7:30PM in the Springfield Township Building, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064, for the purpose of persons who care to be heard for or against the following application(s):

ZH-22-11: The Board denied the application of Amar Realty Company, owner, 400 Baltimore Pike, seeking a special exception and/or Amendment to Zoning Decree #ZH-184-83 to permit detailing and waxing of automobiles in conjunction with the use of the premises as a self-service gasoline station, convenience store and car wash to an individual owner. The Property is located in the "E" Business and TND-3 Overlay Zoning Districts and is known as 400 Baltimore Pike.

The Zoning Hearing Board will convene a Public Meeting on November 17, 2022, at 7:30pm at the Township Building, 50 Powell Road, to hear and render decisions on the following zoning hearing application:

ZH-22-10: The application of Floor and Décor, by their attorney, are seeking sign variances from the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the “E” Business District, as depicted on the Zoning Map, and is known as: **750 W. Sproul Road.**

At the time and place noted, the applicant and all interested parties may attend and have an opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Lanciano gave the Ambulance Report for the month of October. During the month of October, Springfield Ambulance Corp. responded to 196 emergencies, the emergencies are broken down as follows:

- 142 Springfield Township
- 17 Marple Township
- 8 Morton
- 8 Swarthmore
- 6 Upper Darby
- 5 Clifton Heights
- 4 Nether Providence
- 2 Upper Providence
- 1 Haverford, Lansdowne, Ridley Twp. & Rutledge

We have a mutual agreement where we respond to emergencies when another municipality is not available so that is why there are other townships listed. The total number of volunteer hours given by our members was 1,998 hours, for the past 12 months they have given 24,204 volunteer hours. Beginning the month of November residents can make payments, donations, etc. online by going to [www.springfieldems.com/](http://www.springfieldems.com/) subscriptions.

AMBULANCE  
REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE

President Rudolph gave the fire report and said as we prepare to celebrate the upcoming holidays with family and friends, be sure to keep fire safety in mind. Especially with all the cooking and baking being performed. According to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving Day is the number one day for US home fires. Follow these brief tips to avoid a fire:

- 1.If you have a fire call 911.
- 2.Never leave the kitchen unattended when cooking.
- 3.Set a timer to keep track of cooking times.
- 4.Keep oven mitts, etc. away from the fire.
- 5.For an oven fire turn off heat and keep the door closed until you feel it is safe to open the door.

President Rudolph gave the Budget report. This was an extremely challenging year, we started the budget early this year because we knew we faced a lot of challenges as you all know. All of us have had to tighten our belt this year. Thanks to Steve Cafferty, Finance Director, Lee Fulton, Township Manager and Steve Lucas, Assistant Township Manager, and all the Department Heads, I am happy to say that we are not going to increase real estate tax millage this year. A lot of hard work went into this, and our hats are off to everyone involved, we needed to get to where we are to try to help everyone.

BILLS SUBMITTED

Mr. Lanciano made a motion to approve the bills as submitted by the department heads, second by Mr. Dion and carried.

None

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kelly read the first reading of the 2023 Proposed Budget Ordinance #1626. The budget calls for expenditures of \$19,623,518. The total millage is 3.63 mills. Seconded by Mrs. Sage and carried.

First Reading  
Budget Ordinance #1626

First Reading  
Ordinance #1627

Mrs. Sage read the Proposed Ordinance #1627, Act 57 Amending the Local Tax Collection Law, regarding whether or not you received your tax bill and it explains what you have to do if you are in that situation. Mrs. Sage stated Ordinance #1627 will be available online and you can get a hard copy at the Township Building. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

Mr. Lanciano moved that the appropriate officers of the Township be authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., December 9, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried.

AUTHORIZE RECEIPT  
OF BIDS

Mr. Dion read the request for Release of Escrow for Conicelli Toyota, 860 Baltimore Pike, #2 (FINAL). Who has made significant improvements to that company in the past couple of years. A sum of \$165,882.65, will be released to Conicelli Toyota, leaving a zero balance in escrow. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

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ESCROW

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NEW BUSINESS  
CONTD.

RELEASE OF  
ESCROW

Mr. Kennedy read the request for Release of Escrow for Springfield High School Redevelopment Escrow Release #5. Mr. Kennedy explained part of the construction process is that Escrow is released in stages and that is what this is about. A sum of \$274,413.72, will be released with a remaining balance of \$243,793.73. Second by Mr. Lanciano and carried.

MOTION

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to reappoint the following Commissioners to the Civilian Pension Plan Committee, Jeffrey Rudolph, Gina Sage and Ed Kelly for another two-year term which will expire on June 14, 2024. Second by Mr. Dion and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rudolph moved to adjourn the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.