

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in special meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 8:00 PM for the purpose of closing the business of 2008 and adopting the 2009 budget.

The 2009 budget is \$17,283,611 with a real estate tax rate of 3.370 mills, and an earned income tax rate of 1.0%. The average household with a real estate tax assessment of \$175,400 will realize no net change in the combined real estate tax levy and service fees. The refuse service fee will be reduced by \$22.07 from the 2008 rate, while the sanitary sewer rate will be increased by an average of \$22.07 per household from the 2008 rate.

Mr. Harbison opened the meeting to public comment. No public comments were received.

Motion (Dailey-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1188, a resolution transferring net sanitary sewer rental receipts of 2008 to the General Fund from the Sanitary Sewer Fund. Mr. Dailey read into the record Resolution No. 1188.

Motion (Peirce-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1187, a resolution reconciling the lease rental receipts from the Flourtown Country Club and transferring the net proceeds of \$64,151.28 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenses at the Flourtown Country Club. Ms. Peirce read into the record Resolution No. 1187.

Motion (Standish-Dailey) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1189, a resolution amending the 2008 budget appropriations. The 2008 general fund budget amendments were reconciled within the general fund expenses without the use of excess revenues. Mr. Standish read into the record Resolution No. 1189.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to enact ordinance No. 895, an ordinance adopting the 2009 tax levy at 3.370 mills on each dollar of assessed real estate valuation, and 1.0% one each dollar of earned income and net profits of residents and non-residents. The subject ordinance provides a 2% discount on the payment of real estate taxes if paid within 2 months and 10% penalty if the real estate taxes are not paid within 4 months of receipt of the tax invoice. The 2009 budget was set at \$17,283,611. Mr. Gillies read into the record Ordinance No. 895.

Motion (Heller-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1190, a resolution setting the annual refuse fee for the year 2009 at \$187.20 for each residential dwelling unit. Mr. Heller read into the record Resolution No. 1190.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) vote 6-1, Harbison opposed, to adopt Resolution No. 1191, a resolution establishing the sanitary sewer rental rate for the year 2009 at \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons of net water usage. Mr. Schaum read into the record Resolution No. 1191. Mr. Harbison reviewed the conditions surrounding the establishment of the sanitary sewer rental rate. He stated the Township would be charged an additional \$68 per household from the City of Philadelphia, and while he was in favor of softening the increase by \$34 per household, he was not in favor of reducing those costs any further. He noted that the cost increases from the City of Philadelphia will eventually be passed on to the residents and in the year 2010, the residents will feel a much greater shock if the 2009 costs are offset any further. Messrs. Dailey, Gillies and Heller acknowledged Mr. Harbison's position, but suggested that, to the extent the Township could provide additional assistance to the residents in the year 2009, they wanted to do so.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1192, a resolution authorizing the sale of a \$500,000 tax and revenue anticipation note series 2009 to TD Bank at a rate of 3.25%. Mr. Harbison noted that there is no pre-payment penalty associated with the proposal from TD Bank.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary