

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

In compliance with provisions of Section 701 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, as amended, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met for the purpose of organization on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:15 PM. Messrs. Heller, Schaum, Standish and Gillies, duly elected representatives of the first, third, fifth, and seventh districts of the Township, respectively, having been sworn into office immediately prior to the organization meeting by Montgomery County Common Pleas Judge William Carpenter, took their seats with Mr. Harbison, Ms. Peirce, and Mr. Dailey, representing the second, fourth and sixth districts of the Township, respectively.

Mr. Standish opened the meeting announcing that the purpose of the meeting was solely to organize the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township through the election of officers and designating the financial institution of the Township. No other business will be conducted. Mr. Standish asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Standish-Peirce) carried unanimously to elect Mr. Harbison as the President of the Board of Commissioners. No other nominations were received from the Board.

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) to elect Mr. Standish as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) to elect Mr. Gillies as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to close the nominations for the office of Vice President. Vote 4-3, Messrs. Dailey, Gillies and Schaum opposed, to elect Mr. Standish as Vice President.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to appoint Donald E. Berger, Jr. as the Township Secretary-Manager.

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) to appoint Sean P. Kilkenny, of the law offices of Freidman Schuman, as Township Solicitor. Mr. Gillies inquired whether Mr. Kilkenny's new appointment at Whitemarsh Township might be a conflict as it relates to issues that need to be resolved between Whitemarsh and Springfield Townships. Mr. Gillies also expressed concern with scheduling conflicts between Hatfield Township, a newly acquired account, and Springfield Township. Mr. Dailey asked who would be appointed as the full time solicitor as well as the occasional substitute Solicitor. Jeff Hoffman, of the Freidman Schuman law offices, indicated that he would be attending all meetings of the Board of Commissioners, and that Mr. Kilkenny also planned to attend the Monday workshop meeting, but that Mr. Hoffman would take the lead at the business meetings.

Mr. Hoffman also stated that with regard to any potential conflicts, the Solicitor's office would recuse itself from both Springfield and Whitmarsh Township, and that special counsel could be appointed for the Township on the specific issue that would require the recusal. Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously to table the appointment of the Township Solicitor until such time as the Solicitor's office has an opportunity to clarify their future representation.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to appoint Amy Montgomery, PE, of Boucher & James Inc., as the Township Engineer.

Motion (Harbison-Heller) carried unanimously to appoint Maryellen Alviti, of Grove Avenue, as Chairperson of the Vacancy Board.

Mr. Harbison announced that the committee chair assignments for the Board of Commissioners will be announced as a part of the business meeting in January.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to designate Commerce Bank as the depository for Township funds and the daily investment program.

Ms. Peirce inquired as to the last time the fees and services of Commerce Bank had been evaluated. Mr. Berger indicated that it had been a couple of years. It was suggested that the Township might wish to re-evaluate the fees and services provided by Commerce Bank and their competitors.

Mr. Harbison thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support by electing him as President of the Board of Commissioners. He indicated he respected the position and will conduct the position of the President in a non-partisan manner. Mr. Harbison stated his interest in all being respectful during the meetings for the benefit of everyone involved. He expects to instill public confidence in the Board, knowing that the Board will make the best decision for the Township. He plans to listen to everyone's opinion and with the collective wisdom of all seven commissioners, decisions will be made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary