

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in special meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 8:00 PM for the purpose of closing out the business of 2009, adopting the 2010 budget and to conduct other business that came before the Board of Commissioners. All members of the Board were present. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison reviewed the purpose of the meeting and presented a summary of the 2010 budget. Mr. Harbison also noted the inclusion of a land development for the Erdenheim Elementary School that the Commissioners may consider as a part of the meeting.

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

Mr. Harbison invited Roy Johnson, Director of Facilities for the School District of Springfield Township, to discuss the land development of the Erdenheim Elementary School. Mr. Johnson indicated that the request for a waiver to the formal land development review process related to the need to add six additional classrooms at Erdenheim Elementary School, which is currently under construction. The additional classrooms are needed as a result of the reconfiguration of the School District's elementary schools and middle school. The additional classrooms are a second floor addition of approximately 10,000 sq. ft., the footprint will be modified by only 300 sq. ft. to accommodate a stairwell. Mr. Johnson noted that during meetings with the Planning Commission, the School District agreed to reserve 15 parking spaces at the elementary school. The School District agreed to manage parking during large events. It was noted that the proposed parking for the elementary school has greatly increased from the off-street parking for the old school and arrangements can easily be made to utilize existing parking at the high school and middle school. Mr. Johnson also remarked on the need to be more vigilant with erosion and sedimentation control at the construction site, and acknowledged receipt of a notice from the Township in that regard. The new elementary school previously received formal land development review and the only change is the second floor addition. If the school district is required to go through the formal land development for the second floor addition, occupancy of the building for the 2010 school year will be delayed.

Motion (Heller-Standish) carried unanimously to waive the formal land development review process related to the expansion of the second floor of the Erdenheim Elementary School. The subject of the land development is to provide additional classroom space of approximately 10,319 sq. ft. to accommodate additional classrooms due to the realignment of the school district elementary school system. The only expansion of the building footprint is approximately 300 sq. ft. to accommodate an additional stairwell to service the second floor addition. The plans are entitled Erdenheim Elementary School, 500 Haws Lane, Flourtown, dated August 5, 2008, last revised October 12, 2009.

Mr. Harbison introduced Malcolm Gran, President of the Board of Directors of the School District of Springfield Township, and School Superintendent Wendy Royer.

Motion (Heller-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1216, a resolution reconciling the lease rental receipts from the Flourtown Country Club to the general fund and capital fund expenditures. The reconciliation included the transfer of \$48,080.61 to the capital reserve fund for the Flourtown Country Club.

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1217, a resolution transferring the net sanitary sewer rental receipts of 2009 to the general fund from the sanitary sewer reserve fund. The sanitary sewer reserve fund reimbursed the general fund \$388,900.84.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1218, a resolution amending the 2009 budget appropriations. The 2009 general fund budget amendments were reconciled with the general fund without the use of other fund balances.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 899, an ordinance adopting the 2010 tax levy at 3.37 mills on each dollar of assessed real estate valuation, and 1% on each dollar of earned income and net profits of residents and non-residents. Ordinance No. 899 provides a 2% discount on the payment of real estate taxes if paid within two months, and 10% penalty if the real estate taxes are not paid within four months of receipt. The 2010 budget is a balanced budget set at \$17,094,466.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1219, a resolution setting the annual refuse service fee for the year 2010 at \$195.53 for each residential unit.

Motion (Standish-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1220, a resolution setting the sanitary sewer rental rate for the year 2010 at \$3.74 per 1000 gallons of net water usage.

Motion (Dailey-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1221, a resolution authorizing the sale of a \$500,000 tax and revenue anticipation note, series 2010, to TD Bank, NA, at a rate of 1.30%, costing \$6,445.83 in interest.

Mr. Harbison welcomed Mary Ellen Alviti to the meeting, who is currently serving as the Chair of the Township Vacancy Board.

Ms. Peirce asked that the Township consider placing "stormwater issues" as a new category for which residents might receive e-mail blasts if the topic were to be discussed at a future Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary