

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 9, 2009 in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the preliminary 2010 budget. All members of the Board were present. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison announced that the public hearing was being held in compliance with Section 1701 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code as last amended. The sole purpose of the budget hearing was for the Board of Commissioners to receive public comment on the 2010 preliminary budget. Mr. Harbison noted that the legal requirements associated with the budget hearing had been met by publishing a budget notice in the Springfield Sun issues of November 12 and 19, 2009 and making the budget available for public review in the Township Building and library building.

Mr. Harbison reviewed the 2010 preliminary budget of Springfield Township which is set at \$17,322,147. The proposed real estate rate is 3.37 mills with an earned income tax rate of 1.0%. The annual refuse service fee is proposed at \$195.53, and \$4.41 per 1000 gallons of wastewater treated for the sanitary sewer rental service.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony from the general public. No comments were received.

Mr. Gillies thanked fellow Board members and Township staff for the work necessary to maintain a zero increase in the real estate taxes. He did however suggest that the Board consider deferring approximately \$40 of the proposed increase for sanitary sewer rental to each household.

Mr. Dailey stated his ongoing interest for stormwater management projects, the replacement of the East Mill Road bridge, and additional engineering time to review flooding issues along Hemlock Road. He was pleased that the Board plans to review general stormwater issues as a part of the January workshop meeting.

Ms. Peirce requested a clarification on salary increases for Township staff and commented that the increases seem high compared to the private sector.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) for the Board to allocate an offset of 50% of the projected increase in the 2010 sanitary sewer rental from the sanitary sewer reserve fund. Mr. Harbison provided a brief history of costs incurred through charges assessed to the Township from the City of Philadelphia related to their conveyance and treatment costs. He further explained that the increased costs are due to the City of Philadelphia closely monitoring the wastewaters being conveyed to the City. A vote on the motion was 6-1; Mr. Harbison opposed.

Mr. Harbison stated that any testimony taken at the budget hearing will be considered by the Board of Commissioners. A special meeting is scheduled to close the business of 2009 and adopt the 2010 budget on December 16, 2009 at 8:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary