

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, September 8, 2010 at 8:30 PM in the Springfield Township building for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. All members of the Board were present with the exception of Mr. Dailey. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison asked everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silence to honor the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety. Mr. Harbison then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and accepting same as written and recorded in the official Minute Book of the Township.

Mr. Harbison noted that Mr. Dailey was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Correspondence

Mr. Gillies asked if the Board of Commissioners was going to read into the record a recently received letter from the office of the Township Treasurer. Mr. Harbison indicated that he sought counsel from Mr. Kilkenny as to what constitutes correspondence that should be read into the record. Mr. Kilkenny suggested that if the Board receives a letter from a resident who wished to attend a meeting, but could not, and wished the content of the letter to be accepted as a part of the public comment period of the meeting, that particular letter should be read into the record.

Special Reports – None.

Mr. Harbison noted that due to the Labor Day holiday, which fell on Monday, September 6, 2010, the date of the regularly scheduled workshop meeting, the Board conducted its workshop meeting beginning at 6:30 PM this evening just prior to the business meeting. Mr. Harbison announced that without the ability to prepare the requisite motions for the business meeting, the Township Manager will suggest how a motion might read on a particular topic and members of the Board would choose to accept the motion as presented and others may second the motion prior to voting on same.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to accept the August check reconciliation in the amount of \$418,040.02 and the September bill listing in the amount of \$1,047,566.17.

Mr. Harbison noted that during the month, Springfield Township residents recycled 184.8 tons of materials with a net cost of \$6,222.50 for the month.

Motion (Gillies-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1235, a resolution setting forth the 2011 minimum municipal obligations for the three pension plans of Springfield Township. As a part of adopting Resolution No. 1235 the Board of Commissioners agrees to make appropriations in its 2011 proposed budget to cover the costs associated with funding the police, salaried and hourly pension plans for the year 2011. The total cost of the minimum municipal obligations is \$1,242,502.

Mr. Harbison announced the following schedule through to the adoption of the 2011 Budget:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Budget Workshop	10/20/10	7:00 PM
Budget Presentation	11/10/10	8:00 PM
Budget Hearing	12/8/10	8:00 PM
Budget Adoption	12/22/10	8:00 PM

All meetings will be held in the Springfield Township Building.

Motion (Schaum-Heller) carried unanimously to accept two letters of engagement from the office of the Township Auditor, Bee Bergvall & Co., to prepare the 2010 audited financial statements for the general fund, as well as the 2010 pension fund activities consistent with their proposal dated August 19, 2010. The cost for the two engagements is \$16,750 for the general fund and \$3,475 for the pension fund.

Mr. Harbison announced that Kathy Wilde of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission recently tendered her resignation as a member of the Advisory Commission. Mr. Harbison thanked Ms. Wilde for lending her time and talents to Springfield Township. Mr. Harbison announced the vacancy on the Commission and encouraged any resident interested in becoming member of the Environmental Advisory Commission to inform the Board of their interest.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously enacting Ordinance No. 902, an ordinance authorizing the appropriate officers of Springfield Township to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with municipalities participating in the Pennsylvania Stormwater Coalition. The Coalition wishes to continue to work with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection, as well as local municipalities, to help meet the goals of the Federal Clean Streams Act, and not to place a heavy financial burden on the local governments.

Motion (Heller-Gillies) to engage Dan Helwig Inc. to be the leasing and property management agent for Springfield Township as it relates to the management of the Black Horse Inn. The engagement is subject to the provisions of the Helwig proposal dated August 2, 2010. Vote 5-1; Peirce opposed.

Mr. Berger announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Berger reviewed the five applications before the Zoning Hearing Board in September.

An announcement was made that on Wednesday evening, October 13, 2010 at 8:30 PM in the Springfield Township Building, the Board of Commissioners will be conducting a public hearing to receive public input on three draft amendments to the Springfield Township Zoning Code. The amendments are: (1) to rezone the northwesterly side of the 100 block of Orlemann Avenue, Oreland, from Industrial to C Residential, (2) to amend the definitions of “family” and “group home”, and (3) to create regulations to manage electronic message sign boards. It was noted that the draft zoning legislation will be placed on the Township website within a few days.

Motion (Gillies-Heller) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated September 7, 2010 from Craig Robert Lewis, legal counsel for Federal Realty Investment Trust, owners of the Flourtown Shopping Center, extending the 90 land development review period until October 15, 2010 as it relates to the current application to amend the final land development approval for the redevelopment of the Flourtown Shopping Center.

Mr. Harbison noted that prior to the business meeting, the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session related to potential litigation related to an appeal of a decision of the Zoning Hearing Board. Related, motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to authorize the office of the Township Solicitor to intervene in the Iadonisi case, 511 Enfield Road, Oreland, vs. the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board as well as to meet with counsel for both the Iadonisis and the Township Zoning Hearing Board to seek a compromise settlement to the zoning appeal.

Ms. Peirce asked if the Board of Commissioners might consider authorizing sending a letter to the proper State officials urging stronger regulations with regard to the Marcellus Shale mining. Mr. Harbison said that the Board of Commissioners could consider doing same, but would like to discuss the matter further at the next Board meeting.

An announcement was made that the 2010 Springfield Township Community Day would be held on October 10, 2010. Due to the difficult financial climate for businesses, the Board of Commissioners is sponsoring this year’s event. The day will include the 5K walk and run which will begin at approximately 9:00 AM, followed by the usual festivities of the Community Day at 11:00 AM. The event will take place at Cisco Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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9/17/10

