

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, October 13, 2010 at 8:00 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 honoring the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to preserve our safety.

Mr. Harbison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Gillies-Peirce) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approving same as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Harbison noted that Mr. Dailey was not in attendance at the meeting as he had a business obligation.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Internal Affairs and Environmental Resources Committees, reported:

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to approve the September check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,126,284.52 and the October bill listing in the amount of \$1,389,708.47.

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of September, Springfield Township residents recycled 248 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 72.7%. The net cost for the month was \$1,467.96.

Mr. Harbison also announced that effective immediately all plastics labeled #1 through #7 will now be collected by the Township as a part of the curbside household recycling program. Unfortunately, the expanded recycling market does not include PVC materials, Styrofoam and plastic bags, although the Township will search for viable markets to handle these products. Residents were also reminded to activate their RecycleBank accounts and information was provided on how residents might activate their accounts.

Mr. Harbison announced the following schedule of meetings through 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, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1236, a resolution distributing State aid to the three Township pension plans for the year 2010. The total State allocation was \$329,953.92.

Mr. Harbison announced that there was currently a vacancy on the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Mr. Harbison provided details on the meeting schedule of the EAC as well as the mission of the EAC to promote environmental education within the community. Various activities undertaken by the EAC during the past year were also reviewed. Residents interested in serving as a member of the EAC were asked to send a letter of interest or a Resume to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1237, a resolution appointing Berkheimer Tax Administrator as the earned income and net profit tax collector for Springfield Township effective January 1, 2011, with a compensation rate of 1.39% of the taxes collected.

Mr. Harbison reviewed the recent process by which Berkheimer was selected as the earned income tax collector for Montgomery County beginning January 1, 2012, and that there is an option for municipalities to utilize the County-wide tax collector for earlier collection, and by doing so, the Board of Commissioners will save approximately \$15,000.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) carried unanimously to authorize the office of the Township Solicitor to bring legal action to secure a confession of judgment against Abington Glen Inc. and its two owners, and to bring suit against Madison Bank to recover all damages permitted by a Developer's Agreement, including engineering, legal and inspection services, related to the Susan Circle/Truscott Woods development.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Safety Committee, had no report.

Mr. E. Gillies, Chairman of Library Committee, had no report.

Mr. Standish, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (Standish-Peirce) carried unanimously to award a contract to supply and install a specified roof top cooling unit for the Township Police Wing to Innovative Construction Solutions of Moorestown, NJ, for their low bid of \$12,310. It was noted that seven bids were received for this project on October 4, 2010.

Ms. Peirce, Chairwoman of Communications and Cultural Resources Committee, had no report.

Mr. Gillies reported on behalf of Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee:

Mr. Gillies announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Gillies summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

Mr. Heller, Chairman of Community Development Committee, reported:

Motion (Heller-Peirce) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated October 5, 2010 from Craig Robert Lewis, legal counsel for Federal Realty Investment Trust, owners of the Flourtown Shopping Center, extending the 90 day land development review period until November 30, 2010. The extension related to an amended final land development plan proposed by Federal Realty which includes the renovation of several existing retail areas within the in-line portion of the Shopping Center, the construction of a 5,400 sq. ft. retail building within the existing parking lot, and the renovation of a portion of the old K-Mart store.

Motion (Heller-Gillies) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated September 29, 2010 from Mark S. Cappuccio, legal counsel for Oreland Presbyterian Church, extending the 90 day subdivision review period until December 23, 2010. The extension is related to a subdivision plan involving a church property located at 1119 Church Road. The proposal is to subdivide the existing single family dwelling from the existing off-street parking facilities for Oreland Presbyterian Church.

Motion (Heller-Gillies) vote 5-1, Peirce opposed, to approve the final land development plan for 9425 Stenton Avenue as prepared by Momenee and Associates Inc., dated March 6, 2008, last revised August 5, 2010. The subject of the land development is the demolition of the existing multi-use building at 9425 Stenton Avenue and the reconstruction of 30 condominium living units. In

conjunction with the final plan approval, the Board of Commissioners also reaffirmed the following waivers to the Springfield Township Code:

1. Section 95-7.I – the Board of Commissioners will accept the submitted traffic study as satisfying the traffic impact study requirement.
2. Section 95-10.A – A waiver was granted from the requirement to widen both Stenton Avenue and Whitemarsh Avenue to a 30 foot cartway width.
3. Section 95-11.E(2)(a) – the Commissioners will accept the payment of a fee in lieu of offering land to be dedicated for park and recreation areas.
4. Section 95-11.I(11)(c) – the manner in which the tree replacement was proposed by the applicant has been accepted.

Motion (Schaum-Heller) carried unanimously to open a public hearing to consider three amendments to the Springfield Township Zoning Code. The Board of Commissioners then conducted a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Springfield Township zoning code map through the rezoning of the northwest side of the 100 block of Orlemann Avenue, Oreland, from Industrial zoning to “C” residential zoning, and the zoning code text amendments by (1) amending the definitions of “family” and “group home” and (2) creating regulations to manage electronic message sign boards.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.  
Secretary

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10/20/10