

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 8, 2010 in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of receiving public comment related to the preliminary 2011 budget. All members of the Board were present. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison noted that the 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 2011 preliminary budget.

Mr. Harbison stated that the legal requirements associated with the budget hearing had been met by publishing the budget notice in the Springfield Sun issues of November 11 and 18, 2010, and making the budget available for public review in the Township Building and Library building.

Mr. Harbison indicated the 2011 preliminary budget is \$16,802,785. The proposed real estate rate is 3.370 mills and the earned income tax rate is 1.0%. The annual refuse service fee is \$197.70, and the sanitary sewer rental rate is \$4.92 per 1000 gallons of wastewater treated.

Mr. Harbison called for comments from those in the audience. No such comments were received.

Mr. Gillies suggested that the following revenues were under estimated as follows: mercantile tax \$25,000, business tax \$175,000, and cable TV \$50,000. He suggested that those fees be put aside in the capital reserve to cover litigation and to offset a 2012 tax increase. Mr. Gillies also suggested that the 2010 merit pay raises be eliminated. Lastly, Mr. Gillies suggested that the Board of Commissioners continue to offset the additional costs for sanitary sewer service from the sanitary sewer reserve fund.

Mr. Harbison then explained the process of the conduct of the regular business meeting and the special public hearing for the budget as it related to Board action on the suggestions made to amend the proposed budget.

Motion (Harbison-Gillies) carried unanimously to close the budget hearing and reconvene the December business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

