

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, January 12, 2011 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. Standish. 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 help preserve our safety.

Mr. Harbison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) 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 announced that Mr. Standish was unable to attend the meeting due to personal business.

Mr. Harbison announced that the Board of Commissioners would like to thank the members of the Springfield Community Foundation who organized and hosted the First Night Springfield 2011. The Committee was chaired by Colleen Robinson. The individual committee members and those who provided ancillary support for the event were identified and thanked.

Laurie Jenkins, 29 West Mill Road, addressed the Board of Commissioners and stated that it was her understanding that the Board of Commissioners was considering the enactment of an anti-discrimination ordinance. Ms. Jenkins stated her belief that it is important for our community to have such an ordinance available for the residents. She relayed an experience when moving to Flourtown wherein acquaintances suggested she and her partner may have problems with their lifestyle in Flourtown. She wished to assure all that she did not experience any discrimination, but still believes it is a good idea to have an anti discrimination ordinance to assure fair treatment of all.

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

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to approve the December check reconciliation in the amount of \$2,037,686.15 and the January bill listing in the amount of \$689,364.70.

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of December, Springfield Township residents recycled 271.9 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 73.1%. The net cost for the month was \$2,995.30. Mr. Harbison also noted that residents recycled 30% of the residential wastes which includes household items and yard waste.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Safety Committee, reported:

Motion (Schaum-Heller) carried unanimously to amend the Springfield Township Code Section 107-32, Schedule IX, Parking Prohibited, by prohibiting parking on Haws Lane as follows: (1) north side of Haws Lane, between Greenhill and Wedgewood Roads, and (2) south side of Haws Lane from the center line of Springfield Way to a point 200 feet easterly thereof.

Mr. Schaum reported on behalf of Mr. Standish, Chairman of the Public Works and Facilities Committee:

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to engage Michael C. Gross of the Manko, Gold, Katcher and Fox law firm, of Bala Cynwyd, PA, in order for Mr. Gross to assist the Township related to activities at the Tank Car Corporation of America. The engagement is subject to the terms set forth in a letter from Mr. Gross dated December 30, 2010 and that the terms of engagement are in a form satisfactory to the office of the Township Solicitor.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Motion (Gillies-Heller) carried unanimously to appoint Marianne Sunderland, of College Avenue, Flourtown, to fill an unexpired term of service as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Free Library of Springfield Township. The unexpired term of service shall expire December 31, 2012.

Ms. Peirce, Chairwoman, Communications and Human Resources Committees, had no report.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would not meet during the month of January 2011. The hearing of MC Outdoor LLC challenging the substantive validity of the Township Zoning Ordinance as it relates to off-premises signs (billboards) has been continued until February 28, 2011. MC Outdoor would like to construct billboards at 601 Bethlehem Pike, Erdenheim, and 1020 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown.

Motion (Dailey-Gillies) vote 5-1, (Heller opposed) to reappoint Ed Fox to a new three year term of service as a member of the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board. The new three year term of service shall expire December 31, 2013.

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

Motion (Heller-Gillies) carried unanimously to accept a letter dated January 5, 2011 from Craig Robert Lewis, legal counsel for Federal Realty Investment Trust, owners of the Flourtown Shopping Center, extending the 90 day land development plan review period until February 28, 2011. The extension is related to an amended final land development plan proposed by Federal Realty.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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