

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in a special meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 8:00 PM for the purpose of closing the business of 2011 and adopting the 2012 budget.

Mr. Harbison welcomed Commissioner-elect Tom Bell, who was in attendance at the meeting and also noted that Commissioner Heller was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Harbison opened the meeting by stating that the 2012 budget is \$16,725,111 with a real estate tax rate of 3.370 mills and an earned income tax rate of 1.0%. The average household with a real estate tax assessment of \$175,400 will realize no net change in the real estate tax, but will experience an increase in the refuse service fee and sanitary sewer rental fees. The refuse service fee will be increased by \$1.11 from the 2011 rate, while the sanitary sewer rate will be increased by an average of \$2.45 per household from the 2011 fee.

Mr. Harbison opened the meeting to public comments. No public comments were received.

Motion (Peirce-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1265, a resolution reconciling the lease rental receipts from the Flourtown Country Club and transferring the net proceeds of \$31,591.39 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenses at the Flourtown Country Club. Ms. Peirce read into the record Resolution No. 1265.

Motion (Standish-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1266, a resolution transferring the net sanitary sewer rental receipts from the General Fund to the Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund. The amount of the transfer was \$384,687.50. Mr. Standish read into the record Resolution No. 1266.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1267, a resolution amending the 2011 budget appropriations. The 2011 general fund budget amendments were reconciled within the general fund expenses without the need to utilize any excess revenues collected in 2011. Mr. Gillies read into the record Resolution No. 1267.

Motion (Schaum-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1268, a resolution delegating authority to manage the "assigned" fund balance to the Township Manager as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54. Mr. Schaum read into the record Resolution No. 1268.

Motion (Harbison-Peirce) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 916, an ordinance to adopt the 2012 tax levy and to set the 2012 budget appropriations. Ordinance No. 916 establishes a 2012 tax levy of 3.370 mills on each dollar of assessed real estate valuation, and one percent (1%) earned income tax on each dollar of earned income and net profits of residents and non-residents. The subject ordinance also provided a 2% discount on payment of the real estate taxes if paid within 2 months, and a 10% penalty if the real estate taxes are not paid within 4 months of receipt of the tax invoice. The 2012 budget was set at \$16,725,111. Mr. Harbison read into the record Ordinance No. 916. Mr. Harbison made comment that he understood that some communities were considering the elimination of the 2% discount period for payment of real estate taxes in order to generate additional tax revenue.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1269, a resolution setting the annual refuse service fee for the year 2012 at \$198.84 for each residential dwelling. Mr. Schaum read into the record Resolution No. 1269.

Motion (Dailey-Peirce) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1270, a resolution establishing the sanitary sewer rental rate for the year 2012 at \$4.92 per 1000 gallons of water, net. Mr. Dailey read into the record Resolution No. 1270.

Mr. Dailey asked for an opportunity to discuss with the Board of Commissioners the reconfiguration of a fence at 1201 Bergan Road in relation to a Township project at this location to stabilize the stream bank. Mr. Harbison indicated that given the nature of this evening's meeting, the Board of Commissioners should not deliberate the topic but asked Mr. Dailey to outline his concern. At the conclusion of Mr. Dailey's presentation, it was the consensus of the Board that staff attempt to mediate a resolution for the reconfiguration of the fence between the contractor and the property owner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary