

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 14, 2011 in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the preliminary 2012 budget. All members of the Board were present with the exception of Ms. Peirce and Messrs. Schaum and Heller. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison announced that the public hearing was being held in compliance with Section 701 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code as last amended. The sole purpose of the budget hearing is for the Board of Commissioners to receive public comment on the 2012 preliminary budget.

Mr. Harbison noted that the legal requirements associated with the public hearing have been met by publishing a budget notice in the Springfield Sun issues of November 11 and 18, 2011 and making the budget available for public review in the Township Building and library building.

Mr. Harbison reviewed the 2012 preliminary budget of Springfield Township, which is set at \$16,725,111. The proposed real estate rate is 3.370 mills and an earned income tax rate of 1.0%. The annual refuse fee is proposed at \$198.84, and the sanitary sewer rental rate is set at \$4.92 per 1000 gallons of wastewater treated.

The public hearing was then opened to receive testimony from the general public. No comments were received.

Mr. Harbison stated that testimony, if any, taken at the public hearing would be considered by the Board of Commissioners. A special meeting is scheduled to close the business of 2011 and adopt the 2012 budget on December 21, 2011 at 8:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Gillies extended his thanks to the Township staff and Board of Commissioners for maintaining a zero dollar increase in the real estate taxes for the year 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary