

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 12, 2014, 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 Messrs. Gillies and Standish. Mr. Dailey presided.

Mr. Dailey asked everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silent reflection honoring the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety.

Mr. Dailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Schaum-Wilson) 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. Dailey acknowledged that Messrs. Gillies and Standish were unable to attend the meeting due to personal obligations. Mr. Dailey also recognized Bonny Davis, the Township Tax Collector, in the audience.

Special Announcement

On May 14, 2014, as a part of the regular business meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board will conduct a public hearing to discuss the possible placement of an off-premises advertising sign along State Route 309, north of Willow Grove Avenue, in Springfield Township. The sign or billboard will be in lieu of two off-premises advertising signs that have been proposed for placement by MC Outdoor LLC at 601 and 1020 Bethlehem Pike pursuant to a zoning code validity challenge filed in November 2010. As a part of the meeting, the Board will provide an opportunity for the general public to receive information on the validity challenge and to offer public comment.

It was also noted that State Rep. Steve McCarter plans to attend the April business meeting of the Board of Commissioners to present the Board members with commendations from the Commonwealth in recognition of their service to the community.

Genie McClintock, 17 Brookside Road, addressed the Board of Commissioners and inquired as to the status of the Montgomery Avenue/Terminal Avenue drainage project, and asked for a clarification of phase 1, 2 and 3 of the project. Mr. Berger outlined that the current bid was for phase 1, and phase 2 and 3 are extensions of the storm drainage pipes and inlets in the same neighborhood.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the regular monthly Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2014, has been cancelled as no petitions were received during the month. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board will be Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building.

Mr. Dailey stated that in 2012 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amended the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code in order to separate the duties of the Township Tax Collector from the Township Treasurer. Mr. Dailey outlined the duties of the elected Tax Collector and those of the appointed Treasurer. He noted that in separating the duties of the two positions, the Commonwealth has also permitted, but not required, municipalities to compensate the appointed Township Treasurer separately for services rendered. When the Board of Commissioners organized on January 6, 2014, the Board deferred the appointment of a Township Treasurer until such time as it had a better understanding of the compensation being paid by other local First Class Townships. The Board has had the opportunity to review compensation set by other First Class Townships in Montgomery County and is ready to move forward with setting the compensation in Springfield Township.

Motion (Dailey-Bell) that in accordance with Section 801-A, Subsection (b) of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, as amended, the compensation level for the office of the Township Treasurer is at \$0.

Mr. Wilson wished to discuss the results of the survey of the compensation rate for other appointed Township Treasurers. Mr. Wilson noted that in some communities the appointed Treasurer was compensated, and others, there was no additional compensation provided. He stated his understanding that it was the intent of the State legislature to provide municipalities an opportunity to compensate the Township Treasurer separate from the Tax Collector. He believed it was wrong to ask an individual to perform other functions without compensating that person. Mr. Bell indicated his initial thought that some form of stipend might be made available to the position, but re-thought that consideration and expressed his hope that Ms. Davis would stay on as Township Treasurer as a public service opportunity. He does not believe it is unfair that there is no compensation for the position as there is no additional work required of the position than before the State legislation was passed. Mr. Schaum agreed with the thought that no compensation be assigned to the position of Township Treasurer. He remarked that there has been discussion with regard to legislative intent of providing compensation. He questions why the legislators didn't simply adjust the salary instead of taking the action they did if, in fact, it was their intent to provide compensation to the position of Township treasurer. Mr. Dailey expressed his hope that the Board would build a consensus agreement on this matter. He reviewed the survey of compensation

being paid to other Township treasurers and noted that seven out of ten communities did not provide additional compensation. Ms. Davis requested a \$5,000 salary in conjunction with the appointment, which would equate to a 50% increase in the current salary for the position. Mr. Dailey also reviewed other sources of income paid to Ms. Davis, from the Township and other governmental agencies, as well as sources of income for services rendered within the office. Mr. Harbison agreed that the State legislation could have been addressed differently, but pointed to the salary increase as an approximately 12% pay increase over 69 years.

The vote on the motion: 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Harbison and Wilson opposed.

Motion (Bell-Harbison) carried unanimously that in accordance with Section 801-A, Subsection (a) of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, as amended, the Board of Commissioners appoint Bonny S. Davis, of Oreland, to serve as the appointed Township Treasurer for Springfield Township.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Public Safety Committees, reported:

Mr. Schaum noted that last month the Board of Commissioners amended the parking limitations on Lorraine Avenue near Oreland Mill Road. In preparation of installing the new signage, it was noted that the original parking limitations existed on only one side of Lorraine Avenue and, therefore, only those limitations need to be modified.

Motion (Schaum-Harbison) carried unanimously to amend the Springfield Township Code, Section 107-32, Schedule X, Parking Time Limited, to rescind the parking limitations as follows:

1. East side of Lorraine Avenue from its intersection of Oreland Mill Road to a point 348 feet northerly thereof, and
2. West side of Lorraine Avenue from its intersection with Oreland Mill Road to a point 331 feet southerly thereof.

The above parking restrictions are from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Sundays.

Motion (Schaum-Bell) carried unanimously to waive the provisions of Section 3301.1(12) of the Springfield Township Fire Prevention Code in order that a fireworks display may be conducted at the Flourtown Country Club on Saturday, April 5, 2014. The waiver is conditioned upon the following:

1. That the pyrotechnical firm and sponsoring party add Springfield Township as an additional insured on their certificates of insurance for the event; and

2. That the pyrotechnical firm and Flourtown Country Club work closely with the Township Fire Marshal to help prevent an accident and to create a plan of action in the event an accident does occur during the activity; and
3. That the pyrotechnical firm and/or sponsoring party provide notice of the fireworks display to all property owners adjoining the Flourtown Country Club prior to April 5, 2014.

Motion (Schaum-Dailey) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1324 authorizing the execution of an agreement of sale to acquire the property located at 506 Hemlock Road, Flourtown, through the use of funds from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Motion (Schaum-Harbison) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1325 amending the Springfield Township Sewage Facilities Plan to incorporate the Wyndmoor neighborhood that will be served via the extension of the public sanitary sewer system in the area of Caroline Drive. It is the intention of Springfield Township to construct approximately 980 linear feet of 8" PVC sewer pipe with associated structures to serve the neighborhood. Mr. Wilson inquired whether the 980 ft. of pipe would service all the residents in that neighborhood. Mr. Wilson was informed that it would not as two of the properties were specifically omitted from the project, although the township is attempting to secure the required land easements to service these two properties in the future.

Motion (Schaum-Harbison) carried unanimously to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute a project letter with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in order to adjust the elevation of up to twelve (12) sanitary sewer manhole covers located on E. Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor. The manhole adjustments are required as part of the resurfacing of E. Willow Grove Avenue by PennDOT later this year. If all twelve manholes are adjusted, the total cost is \$5,568.

Mr. Schaum announced that 18 individuals recently completed 22 hours of classroom and instructional training to be a part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program educates individuals about disaster preparedness in order that the individuals can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace during and following an emergency event. The Oreland Fire Company and Montgomery County Department of Public Safety sponsored the training. Mr. Bell inquired whether any additional training programs have been scheduled. Mr. Schaum indicated that additional training programs have not been scheduled.

Mr. Dailey announced that residents interested in serving on the Municipal Campus Advisory Committee should send letters of interest or resumes to the Board of Commissioners via the office of the Township Manager.

Mr. Harbison, Chairman of Cultural Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of February 2014, Springfield Township residents recycled 183.2 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 67.7%. The net cost for the month was \$10,280.04.

Mr. Harbison announced that Montgomery County and Springfield Township have organized a number of special recycling events to allow residents to safely and responsibly dispose of various household materials. Mr. Harbison reviewed a lengthy list of collection events, times and locations most convenient to Springfield Township residents. The types of recycling programs included electronics and household hazardous waste drop off sites, paper shredding and tire drop-off sites, and sales of rain barrels and compost bins.

Mr. Bell, Chairman of Community Development Committee, had no report.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Library Committee, had no report.

Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Internal Affairs Committee:

Motion (Wilson-Bell) carried unanimously to approve the February check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,299,036.15 and the March bill listing in the amount of \$627,350.47.

Mr. Supplee, 105 Orlemann Avenue, addressed the Board of Commissioners and asked for assistance in having the security lights turned off or adjusted at the Cheltenham Transportation facility off Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Garrity volunteered to follow up on this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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