

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, October 8, 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. 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. He also asked that everyone keep the family of Gloria Thompson, a Springfield Township School Board member and member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, in their thoughts and prayers. Ms. Thompson recently passed away after a long career in education and community service.

Mr. Dailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Dailey asked Mr. Schaum to join him at the front of the room. Mr. Dailey then presented Mr. Schaum a Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honoring Mr. Schaum for his years of service as a Township Commissioner and firefighter.

Special Reports

During the month, the Township has continued to work with the owner of the Cheltenham Transportation bus depot on Oreland Mill Road, Oreland, in order to help curtail the bleeding of light from the property onto adjacent residential properties. Upon receipt of the notice of violation, the operator immediately ordered light shields for the light fixtures and upon receipt of the shields, they were installed. Unfortunately, the shielding did not resolve the issue. The operator met with the Board of Commissioners at the October 6 workshop meeting, and on that same evening, his electrical contractor working with the Township Engineer adjusted the mounting of several light fixtures. The neighbors reported a significant improvement in the condition, and the Township looks forward to further adjustments of the lighting to rectify similar complaints on other properties.

In late summer, several residents from Erdenheim asked the Board of Commissioners to request that PECO review the conditions surrounding periodic power interruptions to their homes. PECO recently reported back that the storm damage to the electrical distribution lines were as a result of falling vegetation on primary lines. PECO

has a comprehensive vegetation maintenance program scheduled for portions of Springfield Township in 2015, however, by the end of November 2014, PECO will be performing emergency vegetation maintenance in portions of Erdenheim and Flourtown to help reduce the interruption of power.

Genie McClintock, 17 Brookside Road, addressed the Board of Commissioners to thank them for their work to date on the storm drainage project on Montgomery Avenue and Terminal Avenue. She also noted that she reported back to the area residents that the maintenance of the creek in their rear yards is their responsibility.

Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee, reported:

Mr. Dailey announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would next meet on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Dailey summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

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

Motion (Schaum-Gillies) carried unanimously to authorize the execution of an agreement with Public Financial Management Inc. for PFM to provide financial advisory services to assist in implementing a strategic plan to enter into a public-private, or a public-public partnership related to the possible sale or concession lease of the Springfield Township sanitary sewer system.

Motion (Schaum-Samtman) carried unanimously to authorize, pursuant to Section 1501 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, the sale of specified used vehicles or equipment at a public auction sponsored by the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities to be held on November 8, 2014, managed by the professional auctioneer, JJ Kane Absolute Auction, Conshohocken Road, Plymouth Meeting. Mr. Schaum summarized the equipment and vehicles to be sold.

Mr. Schaum noted that Commissioner Standish received several requests for the Township to consider upgrading the street lights on Pleasant Avenue from Beech Lane to Flourtown Avenue. Both the Township Police Department and Public Works Department reviewed the conditions and recommended that the two sodium vapor and two LED street lights be retained on Pleasant Avenue, and the eight existing mercury vapor street lights be upgraded with LED street lights. Based upon the results of the upgrade, the Public Works Department may consider adding a street light in the vicinity of 1019 Pleasant Avenue.

Motion (Schaum-Harbison) carried unanimously that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution No. 1337, a resolution honoring a lifetime of service of Joseph

E. Donofry to the Springfield Township community as a member of the Wyndmoor Hose Company No.1. Mr. Schaum read into the record Resolution No. 1337.

Mr. Gillies, Chairman of Internal Affairs Committee, reported:

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously approving the September check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,074,069.21 and the October bill listing in the amount of \$1,448,300.59.

Motion (Gillies-Standish) carried unanimously authorizing the execution of an agreement with Public Financial Management Inc. to engage the services of PFM as a financial advisor to develop and assist in implementing strategies for Springfield Township to meet its current and long term operations and capital funding needs as well as rendering assistance with respect to debt transactions. This agreement is being considered in conjunction with the consideration of renovations to the Springfield Township municipal campus.

Mr. Gillies announced the tentative schedule through the adoption of the 2015 budget:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Budget Workshop Meeting	10/22/14	7:00 PM
Budget Presentation	11/12/14	8:00 PM
Budget Hearing	12/10/14	8:00 PM
Budget Adoption	12/17/14	8:00 PM

All meetings will be held in the Springfield Township Building.

Motion (Gillies-Schaum) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1338, a resolution setting forth the distribution of the annual State aid to the Springfield Township municipal pension plans based on a formula provided by the Township actuary. The total amount of funds received from the Commonwealth was \$352,413.88.

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

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

Mr. Harbison announced that during the month of September 2014, Springfield Township residents recycled 183.3 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 78.9%. The net cost for the month was \$10,272.32.

Mr. Harbison announced that there are currently two vacancies on the Shade Tree Commission. Residents interested in serving on the Shade Tree Commission were encouraged to send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Springfield Township mailing address, or via the Township website. Mr. Harbison summarized the activities of the Shade Tree Commission and provided information on the meeting dates and times of the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of Library Committee, reported:

Mr. Wilson announced that there is one vacancy on the Township Environmental Advisory Commission. Residents interested in serving as a member of the Environmental Advisory Commission were encouraged to send a letter of interest or resume to the Board of Commissioners at the Springfield Township mailing address, or via the Township website. Mr. Wilson summarized the activities of the EAC and provided information on the meeting schedule of the EAC.

Ms. Samtmann, Chairwoman of Human Resources Committee, reported:

Ms. Samtmann announced that the Board of Commissioners had the privilege of meeting with two residents who expressed interest in serving on the Township Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. The Commissioners will postpone any decision on filling the current vacancy until such time as the School Board of Directors weighs in on a recommendation to fill a vacancy created through the passing of Board Member Gloria Thompson.

Ms. Samtmann announced that the Board of Commissioners granted permission to the Erdenheim Civic Association to hold a Halloween costume dog-pet parade at Cisco Park on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 3:00 PM. The organizers hope to provide prizes for various categories of pets. There will be no fee to enter the parade, but to the extent the organization receives donations of money or pet supplies, the donations will be given to either the Pennsylvania SPCA or a local animal shelter. For more information, residents can email info@erdenheimcivic.org.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

