

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

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, October 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Springfield Middle School Library for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mr. Dailey. Mr. Harbison presided.

Mr. Harbison 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. Harbison 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. Harbison announced that the Board of Commissioners held an executive session with the Township Solicitor earlier in the evening to discuss a matter of litigation.

Mr. Harbison acknowledged Mr. Dailey's absence from the meeting due to a family matter.

Public Comment Period - No comments were received.

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

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) vote 6-0, to approve the September check reconciliation in the amount of \$1,115,515.37 and the October bill listing in the amount of \$2,278,405.41.

Mr. Harbison made an announcement with regard to meetings through to the adoption of the 2017 budget as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Budget Workshop Meeting	10/19/16	7:00 PM
Budget Presentation	11/9/16	7:30 PM
Budget Hearing & Adoption	12/14/16	7:30 PM

All meetings will be held in the Springfield Township Middle School Library, 1901 Paper Mill Road, Oreland.

Motion (Harbison-Schaum) vote 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1379, a resolution distributing the annual State allocation to the Springfield Township municipal pension plans. For 2016, Springfield Township received \$411,216.74 for distribution. Mr. Harbison summarized the distribution to be made to each of the three pension plans.

Mr. Schaum, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Mr. Schaum announced that on October 3, 2016 Upper Dublin Township opened bids for rock salt on behalf of the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities. The Consortium received bids from Morton Salt, Oceanport LLC, American Rock Salt Co. LLC, and Cargill Deicing Technology. The low bid was from Morton Salt for a fee of \$59.73 per ton delivered.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) vote 6-0, to accept the low bid from Morton Salt to supply and deliver rock salt for their low bid price of \$59.73 per ton delivered.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) vote 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1380, a resolution authorizing participation in the Regional Street Light Procurement Program and execution of the Program Agreement with the Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment, and Johnson Controls Inc. and accepting the Guaranteed Savings Agreement with Johnson Controls Inc. at such time as both documents are in a form satisfactory to the office of the Township Solicitor. Mr. Schaum provided an overview of the project which includes the upgrading of 1,119 street lights to new LED fixtures and the rewiring of up to 841 aerial fixtures. In addition to the infrastructure improvements, the program provides technical evaluation of the lighting needs, a computerized program to track installation and maintenance requirements of the system, measurement and verification of lighting and energy efficiencies for three years, improved lighting performance, maintenance cost savings, and guaranteed energy savings. The cost of the program is valued at \$496,729 and has a guaranteed payback period of 11 years through the utility and operational cost savings to the Township. Mr. Schaum noted that the life expectancy of the new infrastructure is between 20 and 25 years, and in years 12 - 20, there is an additional cost benefit to the Township of \$534,323. Mr. Harbison added that the program would call for the replacement of most of the Township street lights and the Township expects to save electrical and maintenance costs to such an extent that within an 11 year period the cost of the project will be paid back to the Township.

Motion (Schaum-Graham) vote 6-0 to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance to update Chapter 81, Sewers, of the Springfield Township Code, to provide a general update and to reflect the sale of the sanitary sewer system to the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. Schaum provided a summary of the Chapter 81 code updates. Mr. Harbison stated that the sanitary sewer system was recently sold to the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority and the thrust of the Ordinance is to reflect the new ownership of the sewer system. Mr. Schaum indicated that it was the intention of the Board of Commissioners to consider enactment of the Ordinance at its November 9, 2016 meeting.

Motion (Schaum-Wilson) vote 6-0, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the sale of a 2008 Leach refuse body at a public auction to be held on November 5, 2016 by JJ Kane Auctioneers, 1402 Conshohocken Road, Conshohocken. Mr. Schaum explained that the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code requires municipalities to sell property valued at \$1,000 or more by way of sealed bids or at public auction.

Motion (Schaum-Standish) vote 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 1381, a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a traffic signal permit approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to update the traffic signal at the intersection of Paper Mill Road and Hawthorne Lane, Wyndmoor, PA.

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

Motion (Standish-Schaum) vote 6-0, to accept a letter dated October 10, 2016 from Christen Pionzio, legal counsel for Skip DiMarco, owner of the proposed Wyndmoor Court subdivision plan on Pine Road, extending the 90 day subdivision/land development plan review period until November 30, 2016.

Motion (Standish-Schaum) vote 6-0, to approve the land development plan of MEH Investments, located at 821 Bethlehem Pike, Erdenheim. The property consists of approximately 1.2 acres of land, with a proposal to raze the existing office/retail building and reconstruct a one story professional office building of 14,000 sq. ft. and 70 off-street parking spaces. The land development plan is a 23 sheet plan set entitled "Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Set for 821 Bethlehem Pike" prepared by Landcore Engineering Consultants dated June 24, 2016, last revised September 14, 2016, and a "Post Construction Stormwater Management Report for 821 Bethlehem Pike" prepared by Landcore Engineering Consultants dated June 24, 2016, last revised September 14, 2016. The approval was subject to the applicant resolving all matters identified in a letter dated October 3, 2016 from the Township Engineer to the Code Enforcement Officer to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer. In conjunction with the approval, the Board waived provisions of the Springfield Township Code as follows: (1) Section 95-10.A - requiring the dedication of additional right of way width along Bethlehem Pike, (2) Section 95-11.E(2) (b) - requiring land be offered for dedication for park and recreation use as well as the payment of a fee in lieu of the land dedication, (3) a partial waiver of Section 95-11.I(1)(c) - by accepting the landscape plan designed in conjunction with the Springfield Township Planning Commission, (4) Section 95-11.I(8)(a) and (b) prohibiting construction activity or the storage of construction materials within the drip line of existing trees, (5) Section 95-11.I(11)(c) and (14) - a partial waiver through the placement of replacement trees required by the redevelopment of the property at the Township-owned Flourtown Country Club, and payment of a fee in lieu of the required replacement trees in excess of the trees not placed at the Country Club.

Mr. Harbison reported on behalf of Mr. Dailey, Chairman of Zoning Committee:

Mr. Harbison announced that the next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board would be held on Monday evening, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Middle School Library, 1901 Paper Mill Road, Oreland. Mr. Harbison summarized the Zoning Hearing Board Agenda.

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

Mr. Wilson announced that during the month of September 2016, Springfield Township residents recycled 182.9 tons of materials with a householder participation rate of 75.4%. The net cost for the month was \$17,159.91.

Mr. Wilson also announced that to date 93% of all wastes from the municipal campus renovation project has been recycled.

Mr. Graham, Chairman of Human Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. Graham announced that the Springfield Township Community Day Festival and 5K run/1 mile walk was held on Sunday, October 9, 2016. For the first time since the beginning of Community Day, the weather did not cooperate, but the rain and cool weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants. The 5K run and 1 mile walk went off without a hitch, and given the good turn-out and joy seen in the faces of the participants, the weather apparently had very little effect on the event. Mr. Graham also stated that the community day festival began at 10:00 AM and ran through 1:00 PM. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the Springfield Community, Mr. Graham thanked the members of the Township business community and civic organizations of the Township who persevered through the rain, greeting their friends, families and neighbors of the Township. Activities, entertainment and music had been expanded this year but unfortunately the weather precluded some of that enjoyment. Mr. Graham opined that all in all, it was still a fantastic day. Mr. Harbison thanked the Township staff, police, fire companies and the committee of the Community Day and 5K run for their efforts.

Mr. Maxwell, Co-Chairman of Public Safety Committee, reported:

Mr. Maxwell announced that Springfield Township will participate in the National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Members of the Springfield Township Police Department will accept unused and unwanted drugs at the Flourtown Fire Station, 1526 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The disposal program provides a safe way for Township residents to dispose of unwanted, unneeded and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. In addition to decreasing the circulating drug supply, the program also helps keep our water supply safe. Specific questions can be addressed to the Springfield Township Police Department at 215-836-1601.

Mr. Maxwell stated that the Springfield community is invited to come out to meet with police officers from the Springfield Township Police Department to discuss community issues and build relationships over a cup of coffee. The "coffee with a cop" event will be held on Saturday, October 15, beginning at 11:00 AM, at the Flourtown Acme Supermarket, 1640

Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown. It was noted that the majority of contacts with law enforcement occurs during emergencies or emotional situations which are not the most effective times for building relationships between the police and community. "Coffee with a cop" breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed one-on-one interaction. Mr. Schaum noted that the "coffee with a cop" activity is a part of the Flourtown Acme community outreach effort. The Township fire, ambulance and other community organizations will also be on-site on the same day.

Mr. Graham urged all to vote this upcoming election day stating that the ability to vote has a special meaning to his family.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Berger, Jr.
Secretary

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10/19/16